

February 1, 2, 2014
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Presentation of Christ in the Temple



ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily 8:00 am Holy Days 7:00 pm (eve) and 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm or anytime upon request.

Saturday, February 1, 2014

5:00 pm

The Mickwee Family req. by Sadie Joseph and Family

Sunday, February 2, 2014

8:00 am

Alex and Lucille Shaia and S.G. and Bedia Shaia

10:30am

Joseph Garnem (anniv.) req. by the Garnem Family

Raheel Ghossein Shaia (9th day) req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am except Wednesday)

Monday- Cecilia Campbell req. by Father Richard

Tuesday- Peggy Antoun req. by Elaine and Omra
Kassouf and Janice Toner

Wednesday- Liturgy **10 am**

Ladies' Altar Society Liturgy, meeting, luncheon.

Thursday- Special intention

Friday – Carol McLane & Barbara Terch,

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Celebrating the Feast of St. Maron

5:00 pm

A.A. Mathis (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:00 am

Hikel Boohaker (anniv.) req. by Mrs. Hikel
Boohaker and Family

10:30 am

For All Parishioners

Today at St. Elias

9:00 am MYO Breakfast- 9:15 am MCF Classes

10:10 am Rosary

SICK CORNER

Please pray for our parish sick: Carol & Cyril Bergeron, Stephen Dabney, George & June Gray, Eddie & Joyce Mizerany, Sierre Zaidan, Georgia Shalhoop, George & Ann Stephen, Hixie Stephens, Sheila Wadsworth, Ron Matthews, Leslie Smith, Zyne Family. St. Elias will NOT list the name of our parish sick unless it is specifically requested to be on the Sick List. Call 251-5057 to be on our list.

Join the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** group for knitting, crocheting, and praying. Planned meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month after the Altar Society luncheon. Call Pat Numnum (408-7411) or Renee Ritchey (942-2202) for more info.

The Saint Elias Columbarium: The Niches in the Columbarium are for sale. If interested, please come to the Church Office or contact Louis Josof or Mary Milton. Trappist Monks urns are now for sale here.

The St. Elias Centennial Brick Walkway extends from the Northside parking lot to the Grotto. Purchase your brick today to be a lasting part of your Church. You can pick up your form in the church office. **See new Bricks that have been installed!**

Bishop Elias to visit us! Bishop Elias will make his first visit to St. Elias on the weekend of March 29-30, 2014. Details of the weekend will be announced later.

Father Richard is looking for the person who borrowed the **film of St. Rita** to return it.

The **bulletin and calendar** are back on the web in color! Go to www.stelias.org to see the new website. It is still a work in progress, but we think you will be pleased to see our new webpage.

New Construction has begun on the Deacon Joe Stephens Memorial on the rectory side of the church. **The rectory and church steps on that side are down-WOW!**

During this time there will be limited access to parking in the small lot by the rectory. All are encouraged to park on the north side of the church and enter the hall and/or church from that direction. Johnson Kreis is the construction company. We will keep you updated as work continues. Thank you for your cooperation....sorry for any inconvenience. It's another construction job!!! It will be beautiful!

Endowment Fund The only loan the church has ever had (for the capital campaign construction projects) has been paid off. Fulfillment of your pledge commitments and future contributions made, including memorials, will now go toward funding the endowment. The Endowment Fund will ensure that money will be available in the future for major improvements or repairs to the church property. Thank you for your generosity and we will look forward to the "burning of the mortgage!"

Parish contribution envelopes are available in the church office now.

This week at St. Elias:

Today: 6pm K of C Superbowl Party benefitting the Maronite Seminary and Priesthood Scholarship Fund....tickets \$50 per couple

Wednesday 10 am Ladies' Altar Society Liturgy followed by meeting and lunch.

We are looking for more people to help with **Project Roots**. People wanting to work can call Michel Wehby or Chorbishop Richard. Workers will be paid by the Project Roots program for each family.

Festival Dance Practice begins Friday, February 7, 2014 at 4:30 pm for 4 year old kindergarteners - high schoolers. Call Theresa Garnem at 967-9299.

The St. Maron Feastday Banquet will be held on **Sunday, February 9th at Noon**. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale after all liturgies.

No tickets sold after Feb. 6th. Menu: Beef tenderloin, salad, baked potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea.

There is no other banquet like St. Maron's banquet!

St. Maron, Pray for US !

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm. Next class: February 6. Call the church office if you are interested 251-5057.

YOUTH CORNER: Check out our web site at www.maroniteyouth.com

Check out the Pope's website: Pope2you.net.

Jr. MYO: 8th graders will help at the banquet.

MYO: Breakfast; Plan to serve at the banquet.

MYA: Workday Feb. 8 at 11 am for banquet; Next meeting: February 12 movie & dinner

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

CONTRIBUTIONS:

January 26, 2014: \$2,436.50

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,997,482;

Received: \$2,643,807; Outstanding: \$353,675

School Subsidy Reminder to parents of children who are subsidized to pay subsidy for your children as soon as possible. **Don't forget!** Your church, St. Elias, is paying for your child every month. All subsidies must be in my April, 2014.

Remember your Church in your gift giving.

St. Elias already has an account set up to receive stock donations at Wells Fargo. Gifts of other appreciated assets such as land, antiques, and homes can be utilized as potential gifts with tax benefits. Consult your accountant to pursue these options.

St. Elias is still looking to obtain any property on 9th Avenue South that would benefit us in the future.

Bishop Shaheen created the **Legacy Society** to recognize individuals who name the Eparchy or a parish in the Eparchy as a beneficiary in a will or estate plan. Please remember your Eparchy and parish.

Altar flowers may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson.

The new St. Elias parish directories are available in the church office! Inserts only are \$5. A new binder with an insert is \$10. Please call Mary Milton at 823-2022 for any changes or corrections in your information.

St. Elias 16th Annual Food and Cultural Festival is set for April 25-26, 2014. Mark your calendars now. Cooking dates will be announced soon.

NAM Scholarship applications are now available online. The deadline is May 15, 2014.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, February 8, 2014

5:00 pm Anthony Bostany and Jack Dahle

Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:00 am J.P. Self and John Resha

10:30 am Griffin Green and William Chamoum

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Universal: That the church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

Library Exhibit....In honor of the saints

Natural Family Planning classes will begin on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale. Registration is online www.ccli.org.

The St. Elias Sixteenth Annual Food and Cultural Festival silent auction committee needs the help of all parishioners in obtaining items for our silent auction. All donations are appreciated. The rectory is our collection area for the donations. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Wanda Elkourie (987-7567, welkourie@charter.net) or Paul Bolus (967-0776, pbolus@babco.com). Please use your network to help us out. Thank you!

Pastor's Corner

Many thanks to the young and old who helped at the Annual Parish Meeting. I returned from our diocesan retreat. During the retreat it was announced that I would be the Vicar General for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon.

Education: What is a "Vicar General"?

From the Eastern Canon Law

Vicar General or Protosyncellus

When in the East the custom evolved that the bishops were taken from among the monks, the bishops would continue to maintain their monastic life by taking a companion with them.

This companion, who shared a cell or apartment with the bishop, would naturally acquire a great deal of influence in the local church because of his proximity to the bishop and because he often represented the bishop in ecclesiastical affairs.

Canon 245

In each eparchy a protosyncellus (vicar general) is to be appointed who, endowed with ordinary vicarious power to the norm of canon law, assists the eparchial bishop in governing the whole eparchy....TBC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daily Liturgy at 8 am unless noted in bulletin. Rosary prayed at 10:10 am on Sundays for peace and for the sick. MYO Breakfasts at 9:00 am on Sundays. Maronite Christian Formation Classes at 9:15 am on Sundays. Consult the weekly bulletin for the most current information.						1 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
2 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 NAM Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary	3 Sts. Simeon the Venerable and Anna the Prophetess, Confessors	4	5 St. Agatha, Martyr Ladies' Altar Society 10:00 am Liturgy followed by meeting and lunch Men's bowling every Wed. 7pm at Vestavia	6	7 1st Friday- Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45 am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45am – 1 pm 4:30pm Dance Practice	8 9:00 Banquet Workday 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
9 St. Maron, Confessor Sunday of the Priests 9:00 am Continental Breakfast; 9:15 MCF 10:10 Rosary 12 Noon Feastday Banquet	10	11 Our Lady of Lourdes SERP Valentine's movie and luncheon Stewardship Committee	12 St. Meletius of Antioch, Confessor 5:30 pm Pastoral Council MYA: pizza & movie I	13	14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Confessors	15 9:00 Festival Cooking Begins 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
16 Sunday of the Righteous and Just 9:00 NAM Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary	17	18 Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church	19 The 500 Martyrs of Tyre	20 St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus, Confessor	21 St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch, Confessor	22 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch 9:00 Festival Cooking 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions
23 Sunday of the Faithful Departed 9:00 NAM Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary	24	25	26	27 St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron, Confessor	28 Sts. Koura and Marana, Disciples of St. Maron, Confessors	