

January 25, 26, 2014
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

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Rev. Mr. Samuel J. Wehby, Deacon

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, January 25, 2014

5:00 pm

Stephen Joseph (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, January 26, 2014

8:00 am

Nezha B. Gurganus (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30am

Mishell and Louise Milton (anniv.) req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am)

Monday- Mary Daniel Wech (9th day) req. by Fr. Richard

Tuesday- Barbara Terch req. by Fr. Richard-Feast of St. Ephrem

Wednesday- Louis H. Saad req. by the Family

Thursday- Carol McLane req. by Omra Kassouf

Friday – Lillian P. Harrison req. by Raymond and Sonia Garnem

Saturday, February 1, 2014

5:00 pm

Stephen Joseph (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, February 2, 2014

8:00 am

Alex and Lucille Shaia and S.G. and Bedie Shaia

10:30 am

Joseph Garnem (anniv.) req. by the Garnem

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.

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. 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. JohnsonKreis is the construction company. We will keep you updated as work continues. Thank you for your cooperation....sorry for any inconvenience.

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:

Tuesday, 10:00 am – Memorial Service for Barbara Terch

Wednesday following Liturgy – Coffee and Donuts in the church hall for Chorbishop's Ordination Anniv.

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.

Congratulations to new Pastoral Council

members Emily Issa, Carlo Joseph and Phillip Wehby and new Chairperson Mary Milton. Thanks to Joey Chbeir, Mike Gray and Wanda Elkourie for their service. Thanks to Isabelle Mathis and her workers for the delicious zlaibeh (long awaited!).

Congratulations to new Ladies Altar Society

Officers President Sonia Garnem, Vice-President Polly Rookis, Secretary Kim Tombrello and Treasurer Theresa Bolus. Thanks to outgoing Secretary Jeanette Wyrick.

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

Attention: We are preparing a tribute for the deceased of our parish in 2013 for our St. Maron Banquet. Please send THIS WEEK one picture of your loved one on the internet to Daniel Bolus, or send it to the church office. Saturday is the deadline.

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm. First class: January 30. Call church office if interested....251-5057.

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

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

Jr. MYO: Today 3-5pm with Mr. Bouton

MYO: 4-6 pm today

MYA: Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 28 Pizza & Movie

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

January 19, 2014: \$2,914.25

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,997,382;

Received: \$2,643,707; 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.

St. Francis Xavier School will hold Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year from January 21-February 3rd, and will begin registration for 1st-8th graders on February 3rd.

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

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, February 1, 2014

5:00 pm Frank Money and Daniel Bolus

Sunday, February 2, 2014

8:00 am Daniel Boackle and Tommy Butrus

10:30 am Andrew Spray and William Chbeir

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

Pope's Prayer Intention for January:

For Evangelization: Christian Unity That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward unity desired by Christ

Library Exhibit....The Epiphany (January 6) and St. Ephrem (Feast Day January 28, 2014)

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 Feb. 9.

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!

Baptized and confirmed at St. Elias...

Nicholas Michael Boackle, son of Michael and Stacie Boackle. Best wishes for a long and blessed life in the Lord at St. Elias.



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. More information will follow about what a vicar general does. I humbly accepted the responsibility and will work to the best of my ability.

The Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despondency, lust of power, and idle talk; But grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen



**TICKETS TO THE 3RD ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 635 SUPER BOWL PARTY ARE
NOW AVAILABLE!**

BENEFITING THE MARONITE SEMINARY AND THE PRIESTHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

THE TICKETS ARE ONLY \$50 FOR YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE/GUEST(and children)

Sunday February 2nd at 6:00pm in the Church Hall

**WATCH THE GAME ON A BIG SCREEN, ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND DRINKS, CELEBRATE WITH
FAMILY, AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN CASH PRIZES (DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT
TO WIN).**

**CALL OR EMAIL MARK BOACKLE WITH YOUR QUESTIONS or RESERVATIONS -
BOACKLE@OUTLOOK.COM OR 205-253-9182**

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St. Maron Feast Day Celebration

**Sunday, February 9, 2014
12 Noon**

A special luncheon meal

**Menu: Beef Tenderloin, Salad, Baked Potato, Green Vegetable, Dessert
Coffee, Tea**

60th Annual St. Maron Banquet \$15

**Nothing is like the St. Maron Banquet!
All are invited!**

Tickets sold at church and church hall on Sunday.

No tickets sold on February 9.