

November 2, 3, 2013
Consecration of the Church Sunday



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, November 2, 2013

5:00 pm

For All Souls

Sunday, November 3, 2013

8:00 am

Herbert Bolus (anniv.) req. by Martha Bolus Family

10:30am

Peggy Antoun req. by Anthony Solomon

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am except Wed. and Thur.)

Monday-Carol Edwards McLane req. by Fr.

Richard & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday-Idell Scarpulla req. by Fr. Richard

Wednesday**10:00 am Ladies' Altar**

**Society Liturgy followed by
meeting and lunch**

Thursday 8:30 am Liturgy at OLS School

Friday- In Thanksgiving 50th Anniversary of
Lou and Kathy Saad

Saturday, November 9, 2013

5:00 pm

Joe Tanory and Jackson Wall (anniv.) req.
by the Family

Sunday, November 10, 2013

8:00 am

Edward Terch (anniv.) req. by Barbara
Terch

10:30 am

Deacon Joe Stephens (1st anniv.) req. by
the Family

Today at St. Elias

9:00 MYO Breakfast; 9:15 MCF Classes

10:10am 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!**

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.

Holiday Memorial Service and Program A Holiday Memorial Service for all of our loved ones who have died will be held on **Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm** in the church. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the classrooms. A discussion will be held with helpful tips on handling the holidays following the death of a loved one. All are welcome.

NAM Vocations Awareness Winners

Congratulations to Elizabeth Mezrano who won in the poster contest for Grades K-1 on the topic of "Guardian Angels Keep Me Safe" and Daniel Bolus and the MYO who won in the Multimedia area for Grades 7-9 on the topic of interviewing a priest or religious about their choice to serve God. We are proud of all those who entered the contest.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord....deepest sympathy to the family of Marguerite Panopoulos who was buried from St. Elias this past week... and let perpetual light shine upon her and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Kitchen Renovation Update

1. Painting of the ceiling has been done. It is 9 inches higher than the previous ceiling.
2. The whole kitchen has been clad with beautiful ceramic tile and it has multiple electrical outlets.
3. Both side porches have been completely protected for water resistance and to protect people from slipping.
4. Matching bricks have been installed on the Southside, and the Northside is covered with cement that matches the wall. The 2 sides are enclosed and ready for use.
5. Proper lighting and air conditioning with 2 new units has been installed in both areas.
6. We are waiting for the WIFI to be replaced in the hall and kitchen.
7. The roofs over the kitchen have been repaired with new downspouts.
8. We are waiting for the flooring to be installed.

Details will be forthcoming about the donations graciously given and the time for completion.

Announcements.

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

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

Jr. MYO: Sunday MCF class 9:15am

MYO: Breakfast & Class; 5 -7pm meeting & pictures

MYA: Thanks for the special breakfast; Prayers for all who went to Atlanta MYA Conference

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

October 27: \$6,499.50

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,944,435;

Received: \$2,580,802; Outstanding: \$363,633

School Subsidy Parents are reminded to finish their commitment for every child whose tuition has been subsidized by St. Elias for 2012-2013 school year.

You are now overdue because we are now paying for 2013-2014 year.

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 with 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 here! You may purchase them from the church office. Inserts only are \$5. A new binder with an insert is \$10. Please be sure to check all of your information to see if it is correct. Please call Mary Milton at 823-2022 for any changes or corrections. A big thanks to Mary for coordinating this project!

Parish Thanksgiving Luncheon.....

Sunday, November 17, 2013

sponsored by the Ladies' Altar Society.

Mark your calendar for a simple

Thanksgiving Church Luncheon without a kitchen. All are invited!



Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, November 9, 2013

5:00 pm Joe Wehby and Anthony Wehby

Sunday, November 10, 2013

8:00 am Tommy Butrus and John Paul Butrus

10:30 am Harris Bolus and Ben Farris

Altar Servers' practice at 10:00 am Saturday

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention:

Suffering Priests. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Check out our library: November: New Bishop's display and Alzheimer's Disease Month

There is a new **Maronite Online Radio Station** located at Our Lady Star of the East Maronite Mission in Pleasantville, NJ. Listen on your computer at www.staroftheeast.org or download application on Iphone or Ipad "Star of the East Radio App".

Pastor's Corner

After Bishop Zaidan's installation and first liturgy at St. Raymond's Cathedral last week, our new bishop visits his 'old' parish for the first time with a Sunday liturgy at our co-cathedral in Los Angeles.

We don't have the date for Bishop Elias' visit to Birmingham, but I know it will be as soon as possible according to his schedule.

We have begun our preparation for the Bishop's visit even without a firm date. I would hope in the following weeks we will finish the kitchen project and move on to a special project, to be announced, in honor of Deacon Joe Stephens.

The original loan of St. Elias' first construction project was the first loan that the church ever had and will be finished in December, 2013. Thanks for all who responded to their pledges of the Capital Campaign that ends next year. When Bishop Elias comes we will have much to celebrate with him.

We will continue with the Thanksgiving meal as reported in the bulletin. We hope everyone will come at this special time of the year even though we don't have a front kitchen. The Ladies' Altar Society always does a fine job and we hope all families will come and make it a parish event in anticipation of Thanksgiving and our new kitchen.

**The Coat of Arms of
His Excellency Elias Abdallah Zaidan
Third Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles**



Crosier

The crosier is a staff topped by a globe surmounted by the Cross. The cross is an Antiochian cross used in the Maronite Liturgical books. The cross is surmounting the world. The crosier holds the shield as the bishop is the shepherd who leads his flock in fulfilling God's will on earth.

Shield

The shield is divided into two sides. The Eparchial side on the left depicts many different symbols of the Maronite faith and the name of the Eparchy. The M with the blue background stands for the Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven and Queen of the Apostles. The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles is named in honor of her. The twelve stars symbolize the twelve apostles as the bishop is the successor to the apostles. The cedar, in the Maronite faith, is a representation of the Blessed Mother and it is also the symbol for Lebanon that is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Hence, the name of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is given. The mountains reflect the solid faith of the Maronite people. Lebanon is the birthplace of Bishop Zaidan and where the cedars grow. The angels reflect the city of Los Angeles where the proto-cathedral is and where Bishop Zaidan spent 19 years of his priestly ministry. The white background is a symbol of Lebanon and the snow on its mountains.

The personal side on the right side of the shield holds many different images that reflect Bishop Zaidan's ministry and the Maronite people's journey. The ocean is a sign of immigration, the early founders, the pioneers who left Lebanon and the Middle East looking for better opportunities. They came by ship settling in the new land of the U.S.A. They brought with them their faith and traditions which moved them to establish Churches in different cities. The ship sail has the motto "Thy will be done" written in Syriac as the Maronite people have trusted in God's providence in their journey. The ship also represents the Church bringing the faithful to the safe harbor, the harbor of peace in the Lord. The arch is a biblical image of the covenant between God and Noah. It also reflects the city of St. Louis where the eparchial offices are located and where the bishop will reside to exercise his ministry.

In the upper right side, there is a depiction of three essential symbols of the ministry of the Bishop. The image of the Church reflects the office of "governing" the Church well and vigilance to make Her prosper. The Bible is a reflection of the obligation to "teach" the Word of God at all times. The Chalice and the host are a reminder of the responsibility to "minister" the sacraments, a sure way for the holiness of the faithful. The yellow background is a reflection of God as the light of all nations. It is also the duty of the missionary to spread the love and life of God to all the people around.

Finally, the Coat of Arms is bordered in red and gold. The red is the readiness of the bishop to witness and to even sacrifice his life to do God's will, and the gold is the color of honor and fullness of the priesthood in the order of Bishop. The white background color on the left and the yellow color on the right are the colors of the flag of the Vatican, to emphasize the union of the Maronite Church to the See of Rome and the adherence and obedience of Bishop Zaidan to His Holiness, the Pope.

Motto

"**Thy will be done**" comes from the Lord's Prayer and is written in the coat of arms in the three languages of the Maronite Liturgy: Syriac, English and Arabic. On a personal basis, Bishop Zaidan's given name is Abdallah which means "servant of God." Thus, even though this motto is prayed daily by the faithful, Bishop Zaidan wishes to implement it in his own life of Episcopal ministry as well as in the life of his people. The motto, in particular, embodies the vow of obedience to God, to the Church, and to the ecclesiastical superiors, and reflects the membership of Bishop Zaidan to the Congregation of Maronite Lebanese Missionaries which formed him and where he exercised his priestly ministry. The motto also mirrors a personal spiritual surrender to God that was ingrained in him along his spiritual formation.