

April 12, 13, 2014
Hosanna 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, April 5, 2014

5:00 pm

Abie and Juliet Milton (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:00 am

Nassif and Mary Milton (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30am

Children of St. Elias

Elizabeth A. Boohaker (anniv.) req. by Joseph and Paulette

Boohaker and Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy –8 am Monday- Wednesday; see schedule below)

Monday- For a Blessed Holy Week

Tuesday- Betty Mizerany req. by Mildred Stephens

Wednesday- Marguerite Panopoulos req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

Thursday- 8am Safro; 7pm Liturgy for All Parishioners followed by Exposition and Adoration until Midnight

Friday – 8am Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts; 1:30 Stations; 7pm Burial of Our Lord

Saturday, April 19, 2014

No 5:00 pm Liturgy

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Midnight Liturgy

For All Parishioners

Easter Coffee Hour following Midnight Liturgy

(No 8:00 am Liturgy)

10:30 am

For All Parishioners

Today at St. Elias

No MYO Breakfast; No MCF Classes

10:10 am Rosary

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday

SICK CORNER

Please pray for our parish sick:

Frances David ... 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.

New policy: Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks.

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!**

This week at St. Elias:

Tues. April 15- 7:30pm Men's Softball Spain Park #3

See full schedule of Holy Week on back page.

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

Updated progress on the Deacon Joe Stephens Memorial on the rectory side of the church....

The cement foundation of the porch has been formed and the limestone steps will be placed on the rectory and the south church entrance. The copper roof is being placed.

The covered walkway from the Rectory is being filled in this week with the electricity and forms are being made for the new walkway. We do not have any details about the time of completion. I am sure the weather will be a factor. Thank you for your cooperation....sorry for any inconvenience.

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 Kindergarten-Saturdays 2:00pm; Grades 1-4 Sundays 10:30 am; Grades 5-8 Saturdays 2:00pm; High School Sundays 11:30am

St. Elias 16th Annual Food and Cultural Festival is set for **April 25-26, 2014**. Mark your calendar!

Festival News

Saturday, April 19th we will be working at the Church for the Festival. We will be packaging dessert samplers, picking parsley and continuing with set up. We will start around 9 and finish by 2. Lunch will be provided. Please come and help if you can.

Sign Up to Work the Festival: We are looking for you. If you can volunteer to work the Festival please call or email Paul Bolus. He will put you to work! Phone: 205 967 0776 or email: pbolus@babc.com. You can also sign up online this year by going to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0948ADAC29A31-saint3

Gift certificates, in \$20.00 denominations, are now available in the church office or at a cooking session.

Also, be sure to sign up to run in the Cedar run 5k or the Cedar Shake Fun Run. Forms will be available in the back of the church or you may go online at www.cedarrun5k.com and sign up.

Baptized and confirmed at

St. Elias...Asher Vance Pace, son of Jeffery and Lorne (Stephens) Pace and Steven Michael Mezrano, Jr., son of Steven and Ashley Mezrano....Best wishes for a long and blessed life in the Lord.



Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays. Next class: April 24. 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: Prep meeting TBA for Festival

MYO: Good Friday prep for Catfish dinner and serving at church and Saturday 2pm Egg Hunt.

MYA: We encourage the MYA to help on Good Friday, 10am-3pm, with break-fast at 12:00 noon.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

April 6, 2014: \$5,789.00

Eparchial Appeal \$3,162.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$3,000.912;

Received: \$2,648,492; Outstanding: \$352,420

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 by 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, who created the **Legacy Society**, and Bishop Elias now, would like 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.

The St. Elias Foundation funds will ensure that money will be available in the future for major improvements or repairs to church property

Altar flowers may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson. **Donations for Easter flowers are welcomed!**

MYA is requesting items for their **Silent Auction** during the Festival. Any item is welcome – should be in good condition. Deliver to the church hall marked for MYA Auction. Contact Anthony Bolus 901-4856.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, April 19, 2014

Easter Midnight Liturgy- All who have practiced

Sunday, April 20, 2014

10:30 am All who have practiced

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

Library Exhibit.... Don't forget the library exhibit while Bishop Elias is here...it is in his honor!

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

Resolutions for Passion Week

1. Confession - Tuesday night; 3-5 pm Saturday; Call for any other time this week.
2. Attend all evening services....7:00 pm
3. Pray with us Ramsho every night at 6:30 pm (6pm Sunday); Safro 7:30 am M-F; (8:00am on Thursday; 8:30 am on Saturday)
4. Great Friday – Fast and Abstinence
5. Make peace with your brother or sister, etc.

Chorbishop Richard's Mottos for the Sundays of Great Lent....

1. "Do what he tells you"
2. "I do will it...be cured"
3. "Someone touched me...Daughter, your faith has made you well...go in peace."
4. "...he was lost and has been found."
5. "your sins are forgiven."
6. "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
7. "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."
8. Great Friday "May the death of Your Son be life for those who seek it."
9. "Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!"

2014 Passion Week Schedule

Hosanna Sunday

6:00pm – Ramsho (all are asked to bring their blue “Prayer of the Faithful” book)

Passion Monday

7:30am – Safo (Morning Prayers)

8:00am – Liturgy Intention – For a Blessed Holy Week

6:30pm – Ramsho (Evening Prayers)

7:00pm – Coming to the Harbor Service “...**Light the Lamps of Our Souls**”

8:00pm – Tomb-builder* volunteers are asked to come to the Church

Passion Tuesday

7:30am – Safo

8:00am – Liturgy Intention – Betty Mizerany req. by Mildred Stephens

6:30pm – Ramsho

7:00pm – Service of Forgiveness “**Come, You Who Are Angry and Make Peace with Your Enemies**” – (St. James) Confessions

Passion Wednesday

7:30am – Safo

8:00am – Liturgy Intention- Marguerite Panopoulos req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

6:30pm – Ramsho

7:00pm – Service of the Rite of the Lamp “...**for the Healing of Your Body and Soul**”

8:00pm – High School Altar Server Practice for Good Friday

Thursday of the Mysteries

8:00am – Safo (**No Morning Liturgy**)

7:00pm – Liturgy for All Parishioners & Washing of Feet Ceremony*

8:30pm – Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until Midnight; Ramsho

Great Friday of the Crucifixion – (fast & abstinence)

7:30am – Safo

8:00am – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

1:30pm – Stations of the Cross

5-7pm – MYO Catfish & Mjadra Dinner – \$8

Special Collection: Holy Land

7:00pm – Burial of Our Lord (bring fresh-cut flowers) 4 Bier-bearers*

8:30pm – Ramsho (in Church office)

Saturday of the Awaited Light

8:30am – Safo

9:00am – Awaited Light Service – Confessions

10:00 am – Altar Server Practice

2:00pm – Easter Egg Hunt (bring one dozen eggs per child)

3-5pm – Confessions

No 5pm Liturgy Today!

Sunday, April 8, The Glorious Resurrection

12 Midnight Liturgy & Ceremony of Peace – For All Parishioners Continental breakfast by MYO afterwards

No 8am Liturgy!

10:30am – Easter Morning Liturgy and Ceremony of Peace For All Parishioners

Easter Egg Breaking on the Church porch at 12 noon

***Volunteers Needed:** Tomb-builders – Mon.; Apostles – Thurs.; Bier-bearers – Fri.