

November 30, December 1, 2013
Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth



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 30, 2013

5:00 pm

Kowkeb Mizerany (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:00 am

Louis Milton req. by the Family

10:30am

Louis A. Boohaker req. by Joseph and Maggie Boohaker

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – No 8:00 am liturgy except Thursday- schedule below)

Monday- Tuesday- No morning Liturgy

Wednesday-**5:30 pm Ladies Altar Society**

Liturgy followed by Christmas party

Thursday- Saloie Wehby req. by the Family

Friday –**8:30 am Communion Service** Special

Intention- **1st Friday-Exposition and**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9am-1:00 pm; Men's Hour 11:45-1:00pm

Saturday, December 7, 2013

5:00 pm

Y. Howie, Jr. req. by the Family

Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:00 am

For All Parishioners

10:30 am

Darine Dagher (anniv.) req. by the Garnem 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!**

Thanks to the **Ladies' Altar Society** for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for the parish. Without a kitchen!

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.

It's time for the Angel Tree!

You still have the opportunity to provide Christmas for someone who is very deserving. It's simple- take an Angel and follow the directions bringing your gift or donation NO LATER THAN 10:30 Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 15. Here's who you can help:

- Orphans in Lebanon with a donation
- At-Risk children here in town
- Mary's House – Catholic Worker House of Hospitality in Ensley
- Catholic Center of Concern

There will be 100 Angels on the tree. The St. Elias family has always given graciously. Thanks in advance for your kind support. The Jr. MYO

Kitchen Renovation Update

1. Painters are finishing up the kitchen interior and all of the outdoor painting on doors and porches.
2. The granite in the kitchen and in the serving windows of the south extension has been installed by George Aboujouade.
3. The new floor covering has been put in place this week in the kitchen.
4. Very soon all of our new and old kitchen equipment will be placed by Bresco.
5. The final step to use the new kitchen will be a punch list that the contractor and architect (Joe Aboujouade) will review.
6. The dedication of the new kitchen will follow. The date is not certain yet.

Received the Mystery of Crowning at St.

Elias....Raymond Josof, III of St. Elias and Jennifer Herron of Eastside Baptist Church. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and blessed married life.



The only (and last) loan that St. Elias ever had was for the beginning of the capital campaign constructions. We have the good news that, with the generosity of the parish and advice of the Stewardship Committee, the entire loan has been paid. Look for a future way to celebrate the "burning of the mortgage".

John Carroll Placement Test will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 7:45 am – 12:15pm. Interested students need to register by completing an online Application for Admission at www.jcchs.org. For more info call 940-2400 ext. 233.

Announcements

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

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

Jr. MYO: Giving Tree is now up!!

MYO: Breakfast & Class; Thanks to Anthony Joseph for a great hayride! Christmas Program lunch tba.

MYA: Preparations for winter retreat. Where & time?

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

November 17: \$4,541.85

**Second Collection this weekend for Eparchial
Christmas Appeal**

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,970,992;
Received: \$2,610,384; Outstanding: \$360,608

School Subsidy Reminder to parents of children who are subsidized to pay at least ½ of subsidy for your children before December. **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 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!

Pew book racks finished! Many thanks to Nasri Akl and helpers for completing the job of expanding the pew book racks. Now the Book of Offering should not be on the floor or on the end of your pew.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, December 7, 2013

5:00 pm Daniel Bolus and Frank Money

Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:00 am John Resha and John Paul Butrus

10:30 am George Chamoun and William
Chamoun

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

The **Ladies' Altar Society Christmas Party** will be **this Wednesday, December 4** beginning with 5:30 pm Liturgy, followed by hors d'oeuvres at 6:30, then the meal and a special program. **Each lady is asked to bring an appetizer for the table.**

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

Pastor's Corner

Three Announcements have been made already as we prepare ourselves for Christmas... 1.) Announcement to Zechariah 2.) Announcement to the Virgin Mary 3.) Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth. Remember these are God's joyful announcements that lead us to His Son. Here are some spiritual ideas for the first three Announcements:

- Go to confession now....any time....any place.
Call 251-5057 24/7 for confession.

-Read the Bible. The beautiful narratives of Jesus' birth in Matthew, Mark and Luke and the beautiful beginning of John's Gospel. Read them personally or as a family.

-Get in the spirit of the season. Come to the Children's Program at 12 Noon on December 15.

-Come to the Christmas Novena – nine days starting December 15 at 7:00 pm through December 23 at 7:00 pm.

-Year-end giving. Don't forget your church!

Welcome to the Season of Announcements that will lead us to the Birth of Our Lord.

"O hidden and exalted Lord Jesus Christ, you came down from heaven and dwelt in the womb of the Virgin Mary for our salvation. You visited John, your forerunner, while he was still in his mother's womb. In your mercy, visit our souls and bodies, that we may praise you with purity and glorify you, your Father, and your Holy Spirit, now and forever."

(Opening prayer from Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Liturgy)

Make this season count for your spiritual life.

December

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | 2 | 3 St. Francis Xavier, Confessor | 4 St. Barbara, Martyr 5:30 pm Ladies' Altar Society Christmas Liturgy and Dinner Men's Bowling | 5 St. Saba the Hermit, Confessor | 6 St. Nicholas, Conf. 8:30 am Communion Service 1st Friday-Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am-1:00 pm; Men's Hour 11:45-1:00pm | 7 St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions |
| 8 Birth of John Baptist The Immaculate Conception 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | 9 | 10 5:30 pm Stewardship Committee | 11 5:30 pm Pastoral Council Men's Bowling | 12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, C Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA) | 13 | 14 St. Nemtallah El-Hardini, Confessor 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions |
| 15 Revelation to Joseph Noon- Children's Christmas Program and Lunch 7:00 pm Christmas Novena Begins | 16 7pm Christmas Novena | 17 7pm Christmas Novena | 18 Daniel the Prophet and 3 Companions, Conf. 7pm Christmas Novena Men's Bowling | 19 7pm Christmas Novena | 20 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr 7pm Christmas Novena MYO/MYA Retreat | 21 10:00 am Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions 6pm Christmas Novena |
| 22 Genealogy Sunday 7pm Christmas Novena | 23 7pm Christmas Novena Ends | 24 Vigil of the Glorious Birth (Holyday) 5 pm Liturgy Midnight Liturgy | 25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holyday) 10:30 am Liturgy | 26 Felicitations to the Virgin Mary | 27 St. Stephen, the First Martyr | 28 The Adoration of the Magi No Altar Servers 4:00 pm Confessions |
| 29 Sunday after Christmas | 30 The Return from Egypt to Nazareth | 31 | Merry Christmas ! | | | |

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