

February 22, 23, 2014
Sunday of the Faithful Departed



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 22, 2014

5:00 pm

Louis Deep Joseph Family

Sunday, February 23, 2014

8:00 am

Jacob and Ida Butrus

10:30am

Salim and Maheba and Matthew Wehby (anniv.) req. by the Family

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am except Thursday and Friday)

Monday- Norman Habshey req. by Elaine and Omra Kassouf and Janice Toner

Tuesday- Betty Mizerany (9 day) req. by the Family

Wednesday- Leo Joseph req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

Thursday- No Morning Liturgy here

Friday – 12:00 Noon

Saturday, March 1, 2014

5:00 pm

Bob and Gloria Stephens (anniv.) req. by the Stephens Family

Sunday, March 2, 2014

8:00 am

Norman Azar req. by the Marinelli Family

10:30 am

For all who will be Married this Year

Today at St. Elias

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

10:10 am Rosary

2nd Collection next week for Caritas Lebanon

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, Madison Alford, 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. **New policy:** Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks. These names will be taken off next week unless requested to be put back on.

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!**

Marriage Workshop from 9:00-10:30 am on Saturday, March 1, 2014 for all who will be getting married this year. Topic: Wedding ceremony

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

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

The cement has been laid for the foundations of the rectory steps, the south church steps and the lower steps from the parking lot. The outline of the new steps from the parking lot is visible. 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 continues on Fridays at 4:30 pm for all grades except college students. Call Theresa Garnem at 967-9299.

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

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

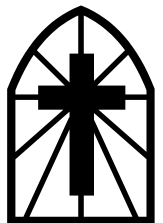
Father Richard is looking for the person who borrowed the **film of St. Rita** to return it.

Festival Third Cooking Session: We need you. Please come **Saturday, March 1** and help us cook spinach pies. This will be our last session of spinach pies for the Festival this year. We will start around 9 and will try to finish by two. Do not feel like you have to come the whole time. We could use your help even for an hour or two. No experience needed. Lunch will be provided for workers. Please come and help if you can. Thanks much.

Eternal rest grant unto them....

parish sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Mizerany who was buried from St. Elias this week and the family of Tony Zaidan whose mother, Marie Sharbel, died in Lebanon....

may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Bishop Elias to visit us! Bishop Elias will make his first visit to St. Elias on the weekend of March 28-30, 2014. **There will be a planning meeting** for the weekend of Bishop Zaidan's visit on **Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 5:30pm** for those who want to be involved in planning the events such as tickets, food, decorations, reception, rectory meals, etc.

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm. Next class: March 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: Thanks for the chaperone for ice skating. Meeting and fun TODAY(Sunday) afternoon 3-5pm.

MYO: 5-7 pm today at church. Laser tag.

MYA: Next meeting Feb. 25. Prep for Lenten Dinner.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

February 16, 2014: \$2,372.25

Feast of St. Maron \$315.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,998,204;

Received: \$2,645,054; Outstanding: \$353,

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, 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 Maronite Catholic Church Capital Improvement Foundation is the official name for what we have been calling the Endowment Fund. It will be referred to in the future as **The St. Elias Foundation**. Memorials and pledge fulfillments that go into this fund 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.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, March 1, 2014

5:00 pm Jack Dahle and Frank Money

Sunday, March 2, 2014

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

10:30 am William Chbeir and Ben Farris

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

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 at St. Elias....

Christopher Nasaif Madonia,
son of Phillip and Kristin Madonia..
Best wishes for a long and
blessed life in the Lord.



Pastor's Corner

I will be going to Mobile on Sunday March 9 to celebrate the Maronite Liturgy at Corpus Christi Church. I will welcome whoever would like to come with me, or meet me there. The Liturgy will be at 6:00pm. Call me this week if you would like to go, and if you would need transportation or a hotel room. We will leave on Sunday March 9 at 1 pm.

I would like to thank the Butrus Family for placing the two new Nelle Stephens' Holly trees on the sides of the front of our Church. They match the smaller trees that are on the front of the Rectory.

In honor of these last three weeks of Commemorations for the Deceased Priests, the Righteous and the Just and for our Faithful Departed we pray:

**Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let your perpetual
light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen**

Ash Monday Dinner



hosted by the MYA

Meal Includes:

Tilapia
Rice Pilaf
Salad
Garlic bread
Dessert

Kids Corner:

Macaroni and cheese
Salad
Garlic bread
Dessert

*March 3rd @ 5-7 pm

*\$8.00 per plate

We hope to see you there!