

March 15, 16, 2014
Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



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, March 15, 2014

5:00 pm

Mike and Penny Boackle (anniv.) req by the Family

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8:00 am

Suzan Marinelli (anniv.) req. by the Family

10:30am

For All Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy –look below for schedule this week)

Monday- **5:00 am** For recently Deceased Priests of Birmingham Diocese

Tuesday- No liturgy here

Wednesday- **5:30 pm** In Honor of St. Joseph req. by Joseph and Maggie Boohaker

Thursday- **8:30am** Maronite Liturgy at **OLS**

Friday – Norman Azar req. by Kay and Sheila Boackle

Saturday, March 22, 2014

5:00 pm

Bedora Butrus; Helen and Tofe Bolus (anniv.) req. by the Family

Sunday, March 23, 2014

8:00 am

Milton and Becky Domit (anniv.) req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

10:30 am

For All Parishioners

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:

Madison Alford 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!**

The **bulletin and calendar** are back on the web in color! Go to www.stelias.org to see the new website.

Congratulations to St. Elias this week:

-Named number 4 of the **10 most amazing churches** in Birmingham by Greg Garrison at al.com
-Festival named #34 of the **top 50 things to do in Birmingham** by Buzzfeed.com

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. The cement for the new lower steps from the parking lot has been poured. The new limestone steps are coming.

This was another good week as we saw the structure of the covered walkway from the Rectory to the south of the Church 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!

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.

We will be making grape leaves on Saturday, March 22 and Monday, March 24. On both days we will provide lunch. We will start cooking around 9 and try to be done by 2. Come and help, even if you can only come for an hour or two.

Monday, March 24 is the beginning of Spring Break and the **MYO and Junior MYO** will be helping out with signs, mailers, cooking, etc. Please come and bring your kids for a big day of cooking and preparing for the Festival.

Gift Certificates in denominations of \$20.00 are now available in the church office or during a cooking session.

Bishop Elias to visit us! Bishop Elias will make his first visit to St. Elias on the weekend of March 28-30, 2014. See schedule on back page. **Tickets** will be required for some events and **will be on sale this weekend**. Tickets are \$50 for both Saturday night and Sunday lunch. Separate price is \$30 for each event. Let us have a great turnout!

This week at St. Elias:

Tuesday, March 18-9:30pm Men's Softball at Spain Park Field #3

Friday, March 21- Stations and Procession of Cross
"Repent, sinners, repent while there is yet time. On the day of judgment, you will enter with the just into the paradise of light."

(Friday Lenten Saftro-Mazmooro)

Announcements

Catholic Information classes will be held on Thursdays. Next class: March 20. 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 those who came Sunday.

MYO: Thanks for the great Breakfast that you make for the parish on Sundays.

MYA: Tuesday, March 25 Feed the hungry with St. George 4:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 9, 2014: \$5,789.60

Eparchial Appeal \$372.00

Caritas Lebanon \$621.00

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,998,204;
Received: \$2,645,054; Outstanding: \$353,150

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. There will be no more flower donations until Holy Thursday and Easter.

Sister Madeline Contorno will be the speaker at the **March 29 Magnificat Breakfast** at St. Peter's. Tickets are available at Alpha Church Supply or by calling Catherine Patton at 680-6007.

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, March 22, 2014

5:00 pm Anthony Wehby and Joe Wehby

Sunday, March 23, 2014

8:00 am Daniel Boackle and Justin Rice

10:30 am Ben Ferris and Harris Bolus

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am for all who want to serve for the bishop next weekend

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

Respect for Women. That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Vocations. That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel

Library Exhibit....Lent and Blessed Mother Feast

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...Mia Maria Maalouf, daughter of Nadine and Samer Maalouf...Best wishes for a long and blessed life in the Lord.



Pastor's Corner

Top Lenten Resolutions

1. 8am Daily Liturgy at St. Elias
2. Confession to start the season
3. Friday Lenten Devotions at 7 pm
4. Friday abstinence from meat
5. Fast from sin
6. Charity giving (Eparchial Appeal)
7. Give from your heart, without any mention
8. Personal reconciliation
9. Pray for peace
10. Sunday Classes at 9:15 am
11. Contact, speak to or visit a fallen away

Maronite family; Invite a new family to attend 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."



Lenten Eparchial Appeal

The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A copy of a letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan will be sent to every family in the mail. The Eparchy relies upon you to keep open our Maronite parishes, like this one, and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them and to be generous. This year you also have the option to make a pledge payable over 10 months and to donate using your credit card. You will find a special envelope in your parish contribution envelopes for the Appeal. There are also envelopes available in the back of the church. Please be generous and support the Eparchy. Thank you.

Schedule for Bishop Elias Zaidan's visit to St. Elias Birmingham

We are thrilled to welcome Bishop Elias to Birmingham for his first visit as bishop. We have planned a full schedule of events so that all will have a chance to meet and visit with the bishop. Please participate as much as you can in this historic event for our parish.

Friday, March 28, 2014

Welcome

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross; Procession and Blessing with the Cross

7:00 pm Dinner at The Club with Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, Parish Organization Presidents

Saturday, March 29, 2014

10:00 am Ordination Practice

11:00 am Visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and Bishop

12:00 pm Lenten Prayer at St. Elias

12:10 pm Lunch with Bishops and Diocesan Priests (eat, meet and greet)

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Liturgy and Ordination of Subdeacons Mark Ferris and Jimmy Wehby

7:30 pm Catered Banquet in church hall; Blessing of kitchen (**ticket required**)

Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:30 am Breakfast with MYO in the rectory

9:15 am Visit with MCF Classes

9:45 am MCF presentation of Life of St. Elias in new hall

10:30 am Pontifical Liturgy; Installation of 6 Order of St. Sharbel members

12:00 Noon Family Lebanese Luncheon in church hall (**ticket required**)

