

March 1, 2, 2014
Sunday of the Entrance into Lent
Miracle at Cana in Galilee



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 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

10:30am

For all who will be Married this Year

Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

(Daily Liturgy – 8:00 am except Wednesday)

Monday- **Ash Monday** 8 am Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes; Noon-Prayer and Distribution of Ashes; 7 pm Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes

Tuesday- Norman Azar req. by Bruce and Brenda Connell; Marie Sharbel (9 day) req. by the Family

Wednesday- **10 am** Ladies Altar Society Liturgy

Thursday- Saidie Egeland req. by Hixie and Karen Stephens

Friday – **1st Friday** Robert Oliver req. by Father Richard; Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45-1:00p

Saturday, March 8, 2014

5:00 pm

Charles Boackle (anniv) req. by the Family

Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:00 am

Peggy Antoun req. by Norman and Lisa Bolus

10:30 am

For All Parishioners

Today at St. Elias

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

10:10 am Rosary

2nd Collection this week for Caritas Lebanon

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. 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.

There will be no cooking session, Saturday

March 8 as we are done with spinach pies and will take a week off. **Our next cooking session will be Saturday, March 15** and we will be making meat pies. Thanks for all of the help!

This week at St. Elias:

Monday – 5-7pm- **MYA Lenten Dinner**

Wednesday – **Ladies Lenten Day** beginning at 9:00 am with confessions; 10:00 am Liturgy with Spiritual Talk and Lunch following

Bishop Elias to visit us! Bishop Elias will make his first visit to St. Elias on the weekend of March 28-30, 2014. Full schedule of events coming next week.!

Lenten Observances 2014

- All Maronites ages 14 and over who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (March 3, 2014) and all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites ages 18- 59 who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

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 those who came Sunday.

MYO: Thanks to the chaperones for laser tag. Breakfast & 5-7pm this Sunday.

MYA: MYA Lenten dinner this Monday 5-7pm.

STEWARDSHIP

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

February 23, 2014: \$2,375.50

Eparchial Appeal \$257.00

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 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 8, 2014

5:00 pm Frank Money and Daniel Bolus

Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:00 am Tommy Butrus and Daniel Boackle

10:30 am William Chbeir and Andrew Spray

Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am

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!

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.

A prayer for the glorious beginning of Lent with the Feast of

The Return of Christ

At the end of time, when the combat will end,
You will come in glory for the final gathering of the **bridal party**;

You will revive the dead who are sleeping, the scattered and the corrupt;

You will judge your servants with love—this is the happiness of paradise.

What has not occurred to the human heart and what the ear has not heard,

You have prepared as a reward for the combatants, at the fullness of time. (Maronite Saftro)

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| 2 Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | | | 3 Ash Monday Fast and Abstinence Liturgies at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Noon – Ashes only MYA dinner 5-7pm | | | 4 | | | 5 Ladies' Altar Society Lenten Day of Recollection 9:00am Confessions 10:00am Liturgy 11:00 am Spiritual Talk Noon Lunch | | | 6 | | | 7 1st Friday- Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:45 am-4:00pm; Men's Hour 11:45am – 1 pm 7pm-Stations/Cross Abstinence from meat | | | 8 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions | | |
| 9 Healing of the Leper 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary 1:00 Leave for Mobile for Mass at 6:00 pm | | | 10 | | | 11 4:00 pm Stewardship Committee | | | 12 Pope St. Gregory the Great, Confessor 5:30 pm Pastoral Council | | | 13 | | | 14 Abstinence from meat 7pm-Stations/Cross | | | 15 9:00 Festival Cooking 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions | | |
| 16 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | | | 17 St. Patrick | | | 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Confessor, Doctor of the Church | | | 19 St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, Confessor | | | 20 | | | 21 Abstinence from meat 7pm-Stations/Cross | | | 22 9:00 Festival Cooking 10:00 Altar Servers 4:00 Confessions | | |
| 23 Parable of the Prodigal Son 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | | | 24 9:00 Festival Cooking | | | 25 The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary | | | 26 | | | 27 | | | 28 Bishop Elias Zaidan visits St. Elias this weekend Abstinence from meat 6pm(today only)- Stations/Cross | | | 29 St. Cyril of Baalbek, Martyr 5:00pm Ordinations of Subdeacons | | |
| 30 Healing of the Paralytic 9:00 MYO Breakfast 9:15 MCF Classes 10:10 Rosary | | | 31 | | | Daily Liturgy at 8 am unless noted in bulletin. Rosary prayed at 10:10 am on Sundays for peace and for the sick. MYO Breakfasts at 9:00 am on Sundays. Maronite Christian Formation Classes at 9:15 am on Sundays. Consult the weekly bulletin for the most current information. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |