

August 24, 25, 2013  
**15th Sunday of Pentecost**



# 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, August 24, 2013**

**5:00 pm**

John Michael (anniv.) req. by the Family

### **Sunday, August 25, 2013**

**8:00 am**

Louis Milton (anniv.) req. by the Family

**10:30am**

Richard and Jean Boackle and Albert Albert (anniv.) req. by the Family

### **Liturgy Schedule & Intentions**

(Daily Liturgy at 8:00 am)

Monday – Richard Boackle (anniv.) req. by the Family

Tuesday-Doris Mansour req. by Mary Milton

Wednesday-Rev. Peter Boulous req. by Father Richard and Parish

Thursday-Shukry Bostany req. by the Family

Friday- Paul Butrus req. by the Family

**August 31, 2013**

**5:00 pm**

Annette Miller req. by Nadia and Saliba Shunnara

**Sunday, September 1, 2013**

**8:00 am**

Norman Habshey (40<sup>th</sup> day) req. by the Family

**10:30 am**

Saidie Egeland req. by Norma Shamy

Sue Habeishi (anniv.) req. by the Family

**Today at St. Elias**

**10:10am Rosary for the sick and for peace**

**SICK CORNER**

**Please pray for our parish sick:** Carol & Cyril Bergeron, Stephen Dabney, George & June Gray, Eddie & Joyce Mizerany, Joe Mizerany, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!**

**Big news, St. Elias!** 1. Our new bishop-elect has chosen "Elias" as his first name – Bishop Elias Zaidan. Let us keep him in our prayers and look forward to his first visit to St. Elias – Birmingham.

2. MYO Breakfasts and MCF classes for all begin Sunday, September 8 2013. Teachers' Commissioning on September 15.

### **Kitchen Project Moving Forward!**

We have prepared the Kitchen for its transformation. We are going forward with the expanded project- the project to close in and air condition the two areas next to the kitchen, giving us much space on the left side and a new preparation room with doors and windows to serve meals on the right side.

Some parishioners have been very generous, and we are very grateful! I am calling on all parishioners, as we start this job, to give any contributions that they can so that we can complete this project soon and without a loan. Any parishioner, any friend, anyone who has worked in our upper kitchen and anyone who has eaten anything from this kitchen.....is asked to help. We need Y-O-U !!

**New Qurbono books** We are getting used to the new books which contain all of the liturgical seasons. **Remember, please do not stuff them into the wooden racks, leave them on the pews.**

The **bulletin and calendar** are back on the web in color! Go to [www.stelias.org](http://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.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY BINGO LUNCHEON- Sept. 18**

The annual Bingo Luncheon sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society to benefit Lebanese orphans will be Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 11am-2pm in our church hall. Food will be served until 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 and include a delicious Lebanese lunch and one bingo card for a chance to win many nice prizes. Bring a friend and come enjoy this mid-day gathering. Everyone is invited!

Tickets may be purchased from any Altar Society member or call Lorraine Dabney at 978-4511.

Altar Society members are asked to make a special effort to turn in luncheon ticket money or unsold tickets by Sunday, Sept. 15. Also, members are reminded to prepare a homemade sweet for the sweets booth. Homemade Lebanese sweets or your favorite goodie recipe are always in demand! An **Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat** will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman **September 13-15**. Private rooms and the ability to maintain silence are required.

The cost for the weekend is \$210/person; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information and other details, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).

## Announcements

Next class Thursday, August 29 at 6:00pm for those who are interested in the Catholic faith. Call the Church 251-5057.

**YOUTH CORNER:** Check out our web site at

[www.maroniteyouth.com](http://www.maroniteyouth.com)

Check out the Pope's website: [Pope2you.net](http://Pope2you.net).

**Jr. MYO:** Thanks to Carlo & Dianne Joseph for the farewell party for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, please e-mail Mr. Bouton at [mikebouton@aol.com](mailto:mikebouton@aol.com).

**MYO:** Meeting Sun. Aug. 25 -All 9<sup>th</sup> graders can join.

**MYA:** Meeting Tuesday at 7:30 pm-Hiking trip to Little River Canyon- September 7

### STEWARDSHIP

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

### CONTRIBUTIONS:

**August 11: (additional) \$2,056.00**

**August 18: \$4,974.00**

**Assumption: \$867.00**

Capital Campaign update: Pledges: \$2,953,638;

Received: \$2,568,279; Outstanding: \$385,359

**School Subsidy** Parents are reminded to finish their commitment for every child whose tuition has been subsidized by St. Elias for 2012-2013 school year.

**You are now overdue because we are now paying for 2013-2014 year.**

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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** flowers may be donated by calling LaVonne Williamson.

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS** may pick up their Bingo Luncheon ticket envelopes in the back of the church this weekend, Aug. 24-25. Please help to distribute these and help us to avoid the high cost of postage. The Bingo Luncheon is September 18, 2013.

## Altar Servers' Schedule

### Saturday, August 31, 2013

5:00 pm Anthony Bostany and Daniel Bolus

### Sunday, September 1, 2013

8:00 am J.T. Self and Justin Rice

10:30 am William Chbeir and Anthony Somers

**Altar Servers' practice Saturday at 10:00 am.**

### Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention:

**General:** Parents and Teachers. That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life.

**Check out our library:** August: Blessed Mother

### This week at St. Elias:

There will be a meeting of **all MCF Teachers** on **Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6:00 pm** in the St. Elias Hall. Dinner will be provided. All are asked to attend.

### Pastor's Corner

#### "We need people, not money."

This is my new motto. We have had much success in 4 building projects in 3 years thanks to your generosity. We are now approaching my fifth construction event - renovating St. Elias' original 800 square foot kitchen.

The purpose of my priesthood is not to collect money, but to care for the souls of my parishioners.

Soooo, getting back to my new motto, we need people, not money (in case you missed it.)

If we have more people in the pews we will have no reason to beg for money for any project.

Our church needs to reach out to those who don't come every week. Reach out to those who come here only when it is convenient.

Money is nothing. Your souls are more important to me.

For those who went to the Maronite Convention in July, please remember and say a prayer for the repose of the Soul of the the 47- year old pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Tampa, who died this past week.

# 2013 Fifteenth Annual St. Elias Food and Cultural Festival

## Charitable Distributions

We are grateful to God for the success of our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Elias Food and Cultural Festival. We are pleased to announce the following national, international, and local charities which will receive donations as a result of the profits earned.

<b>5%</b>	<b><u>National &amp; International Charities:</u></b>	
	<b>Patriarchal Charities</b>	<b>5,000</b>
	<b>Tele-Lumiere</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b><u>Local Charities:</u></b>	
	<b>SUKI Foundation</b>	<b>10,000</b>
	<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>2,000</b>
	<b>Birmingham Catholic Center of Concern</b>	<b>2,000</b>
	<b>St. Andrew Episcopal Church “The Red Door”</b>	<b>2,000</b>
	<b>Her Choice</b>	<b>2,000</b>
	<b>Holy Family Cristo Rey School</b>	<b>2,000</b>
	<b>Birmingham YMCA Strong Kids Campaign</b>	<b>1,000</b>
	<b>Saint Jude</b>	<b>750</b>
	<b>Big Oak Ranch</b>	<b>1,000</b>
	<b>Jimmie Hale Mission</b>	<b>1,000</b>
	<b>Firehouse Shelter</b>	<b>750</b>

