



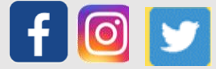
# ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

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## October 1, 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>30</sup> And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

*Matthew 24:29-31*

| Day/Date     | Time     | Intentions († indicates memorial intention)  | Lector        | Servers   |
|--------------|----------|--|---------------|---|
| Sat, 9/30/23 | 5:00 PM  | † Mike Gray – 1 Year Anniversary (by Phillip and Diane Wehby)                          | Phillip Wehby | Nicholas Boackle<br>Lena Kassouf<br>Aliyah Toner      |
| Sun, 10/1/23 | 8:00 AM  | † Repose of the souls of Ronald and Cleo Ferris (by Izas and Renee Bahakel and family) | Gary Boackle  | Robert Dean<br>Elias Marinelli<br>Peter Bassil        |
| Sun, 10/1/23 | 10:30 AM | Thanksgiving to St. Therese (by the Harika family)                                     | Matthew Bolus | Ariana Tombrello<br>Mona Adams                        |
| Mon, 10/2/23 | 12:00 PM | † Chuck Owen (by Joe and Lil Harrison and family)                                      | *****         | *****   |
| Tue, 10/3/23 | 8:00 AM  | Special Intention  | *****         | *****   |
| Wed, 10/4/23 | 12:00 PM | The parishioners of St. Elias  | *****         | *****   |
| Thu, 10/5/23 | 12:00 PM | Special Intention  | *****         | *****   |
| Fri, 10/6/23 | 12:00 PM | † Alfred Bahakel (by Izas and Renee Bahakel and family)                                | *****         | *****   |
| Sat, 10/7/23 | 5:00 PM  | † Anna Boackle Smith (by Joe and Angela Boackle and family)                            | John Henley   | Hudson Slovensky<br>Jackson Travis                    |
| Sun, 10/8/23 | 8:00 AM  | † Rita Wehby – 1 Year Anniversary (by the family)                                      | Danny Bostany | Mona Adams<br>Anthony Mezrano<br>Michael Mezrano      |
| Sun, 10/8/23 | 10:30 AM | † Thelma Hannon (by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hannon)  | John Parker   | Elias Bouakar<br>Nevaeh Tombrello<br>Armani Tombrello |

# WEEKLY READINGS & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| <u>Day/Date</u>               | <u>Old Testament</u> | <u>New Testament</u>   | <u>Gospel</u>                                   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| Weekend:<br>9/30/23 – 10/1/23 | Daniel 7:9-14        | Philippians 3:17-4:1   | Matthew 24:23-31                                |
| Mon, 10/2/23                  | *****                | <i>Saints Cyprian &amp; Justina</i><br>Hebrews 10:32-39<br>Revelation 7:9-17 | OR<br>Matthew 14:3-14<br>Matthew 24:32-44<br>OR |
| Tue, 10/3/23                  | *****                | Revelation 10:1-11   | Luke 6:20-26                                    |
| Wed, 10/4/23                  | *****                | <i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i><br>Galatians 6:11-18<br>Revelation 11:1-12    | OR<br>Matthew 11:25-30<br>Luke 5:33-39<br>OR    |
| Thu, 10/5/23                  | *****                | Revelation 12:1-12   | Luke 21:34-38                                   |
| Fri, 10/6/23                  | *****                | Revelation 13:1,2b-4,6-7,<br>11-12,15-18                                     | John 5:17-23                                    |

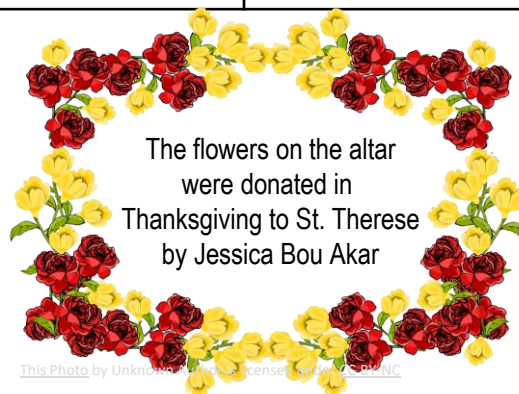
### CONTRIBUTIONS – September 24, 2023

**General Fund: \$3,946.00**

To set up your Online Giving, [CLICK HERE](#).

A link is also available at the Saint Elias website: [www.stelias.org](http://www.stelias.org).

You can schedule it once and you are done.



The flowers on the altar  
were donated in  
Thanksgiving to St. Therese  
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## *Prayer Requests*

Nevrik Bahakel, Jeff Bishop, Banks Thomas Davidson, Mike Kassouf, Naomi Kassouf, Isabelle Mathis, Mary Milton, Jonny Pharo, Sr., Helen Phipps, Jerry Renno, Don Stewart, Zachary Stewart, Elizabeth Rookis Sudano, Donald Taccone

Call the church office or email [rosamarie@stelias.org](mailto:rosamarie@stelias.org) to be added to our list.



Our Deacons, Subdeacon and candidate will be on retreat the weekend of October 7-8, 2023. We ask you to pray that they have a successful retreat.

*They must first be tested,  
and then if there is nothing against them,  
let them serve as deacons.  
1 Timothy 3:10*

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION HOURS

Abouna Peter would like to change the First Friday Adoration hours back to the Pre-COVID times of 9:00AM-4:00 PM, with Liturgy at 12:00 PM. In order to do that, we must have **at least two people** signed up to sit with the Blessed Sacrament for every adoration hour. You can, of course, come without signing up if you want, but we cannot leave the Blessed Sacrament alone during the adoration period.

We have created a sign-up form for your use. You can access the form by [CLICKING HERE](#), or you may call Rosa-Marie at the church office to let her know the hour(s) you desire. If we don't have at least two people per hour signed up before October 6<sup>th</sup> (the next First Friday), we will only have one hour of adoration before the noon liturgy that day, as we've done since COVID.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church, for those of you who don't use the online version.



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# ORGANIZATIONAL HAPPENINGS

## ST. ELIAS ORGANIZATIONS

### CHARITY COMMITTEE

- No events planned this week

### CHOIR

- If you are interested in joining the Choir, please contact Michael Harrison ([m2harrison@icloud.com](mailto:m2harrison@icloud.com)).

### JR. MYO (Junior Maronite Youth Organization)

- No events planned this week.

### Ladies' Altar Society

- No events planned this week
- Monthly Meeting has been rescheduled to, Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, liturgy at 10:00 AM, meeting and lunch to follow.

### Maronite Christian Formation (MCF)

- MCF Classes, 9:20 AM (Child Protection Safety class October 1<sup>st</sup>).

### MMSE (Maronite Men of St. Elias)

- Adult Catechism Class, 7:00 PM Wednesday

### MYA (Maronite Young Adults)

- Bible Study, Thursday, 7:00 PM

### MYO (Maronite Youth Organization)

- Breakfast, Sunday at 9:00 AM – please come and help!

### SEMA (St. Elias Maronite Adults)

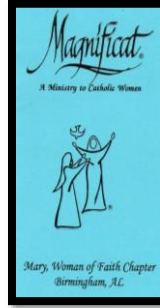
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### Pastoral Council

- No events planned this week

### Confessions

- 4-5 PM Saturday or by appointment.



The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 28th from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Come hear Adrienne Price, a cantor/soloist of sacred music who has experienced a miraculous healing. Tickets are \$20 and include a catered breakfast. Tickets are available:

- Online at [BirminghamMagnificat.org](http://BirminghamMagnificat.org)
- By contacting Lucy at (205) 529-0259, or
- From Alpha Church Supply.

**No tickets are sold at the door or after October 22nd.**

## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE

We are coming into the home stretch for the Administration Building and working on finishes and furnishing it. The committee has put together a list of items to completely furnish the Administration building and is asking for monetary donations to cover the items. This is your chance to help us furnish the offices, the reception/bridal suite area, the library downstairs, the breakroom, the media room and the corridors. We want to buy furniture that is all coordinated so we are not asking for donated items at this time but for money so that we can buy everything together. If you are willing to make a contribution, please contact Rosa-Marie in the office. This is your chance to donate specifically to this exciting project. Thanks so much for all of your support.



Thank you to all who were able to attend the "Awake, Not Woke" speaker event last Thursday. The Church has purchased a complete set of books by the speakers and they are available for check-out in the library. Please let Rosa-Marie know if you want to check out one of the books and read them.

The St. Therese Novena will conclude on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

*"O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick a rose for me from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love."*

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Carlo Joseph, Executive Vice-President



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having a good time. If you're interested, contact  
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