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OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 4th SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Matthew 24:45-46

فمن تراه الخادم الأمين العاقل، الذي أقامه سيده على أهل بيته، ليعطيهم الطعام في وقته؟ طوبى لذلك الخادم الذي إذا جاء سيده وجده منصرفا إلى عمله هذا! مت ٢٤/٤٥-٤٦

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Date	Divine Liturgy Intention	Saint of the Day
Sat. 10/10 5:00 PM	For the repose of Bob Wyrick requested by Joseph & Lilian Harrison	St. Eulampius, St. Eulampia, & their companions
Sun 10/11 8:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	4th Sunday of the Holy Cross & St. Philip, the Deacon Pope St. John XXIII
Sun 10/11 10:30 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	
Mon 10/12 10:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	St. Edno
Tues 10/13 10:00 AM	For the repose of Paul Kassouf requested by the Family	Sts. Carpus, Papylus, and their companions
Wed 10/14 8:10 AM	School Liturgy at Prince of Peace No Divine Liturgy at St. Elias	St. Isaiah, the Monk
Thurs 10/15 8:30 AM	School Liturgy at Our Lady of Sorrows No Divine Liturgy at St. Elias	St. Teresa of Avila
Fri 10/16 10:00 AM	For the repose of Alfred Bahakel requested by Izas & Renee Bahakel	St. Longinus, the Centurion
Sat. 10/17 5:00 PM	For the repose of Salma Ghossein on the anniversary of her death requested by Maggie Boohaker	Sts. Cosmas and Damian
Sun 10/18 8:00 AM	For the repose of the Louis Joseph Family requested by Anthony Joseph & Family	5th Sunday of the Holy Cross & St. Luke, the Evangelist
Sun 10/18 10:30 AM	For the repose of Salma Ghossein on the anniversary of her death requested by Maggie Boohaker	

Deacon Mark Ferris & Deacon James Wehby
Subdeacon Danny Bostany
Chorbishop Richard D. Saad, Pastor Emeritus

SUNDAY READINGS

Gen 41: 38-44 1 Thes 5: 1-11 Mt 24: 45-51

Liturgy	Lectors	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	John Bolus	Anthony Mezrano Joseph Mezrano Michael Mezrano
8:00 AM	Beverly Kimes	Collins Dunnavant Robert Dean Mona Adams
10:30 AM	Angie Lazurus	Nicholas Boackle Peter Bassil Raymond Josof

ST. ELIAS ORGANIZATIONS

MCF

- **Classes** – Sunday, Oct. 11th

Jr. MYO

- **Bowling** – Sunday, Oct. 18th – 12:30 PM

MYO

- **Breakfast** – Sunday, Oct. 11th
- **Fall Social** – Sunday, Oct. 25th

MYA

- **MYA Retreat** – Oct. 9th-11th

SEMA

- **Halloween Party** – Sunday, Oct. 18th

LAS

- **Monthly Meeting** – Wednesday, Nov. 4th

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Concert: Dec. 13th
St. Maron Hafli & Grand Banquet: Feb. 6th
Ash Monday 2027: Feb. 8th
29th Annual Food Festival: Apr. 16th-17th
2027 NAM Convention: Jul. 15th-18th

CONTRIBUTIONS – Week Ending October 4, 2026
General Fund: $ 5,080
To set up your Online Giving, CLICK HERE.
A link is also available at the Saint Elias website: www.stelias.org.
You can schedule it once, and you are done.

Prayer Requests

Cathey David Abi Khaled, Nevrik Bahakel, Jeff Bishop, Agnes Boackle Carneal, Joe Ferris Deep, Sherry McFarland, Mary Milton, Leo Shaia, Hafil Showoul, Zachary Stewart, Donald Taccone, David Tanory, Elette Tanory, Sydney Warsaw, Adam Wehby, & Chorbishop Richard Saad
Call the church office or email info@stelias.org to be added to our list.

Order of St. Sharbel

Please consider joining the Order of St. Sharbel. St. Elias has the largest chapter in our Eparchy. All of the money goes towards educating the Seminarians to become priests and helping the retired priests. We have been so fortunate to have so many priests, deacons, and subdeacons ordained at our altar.

You can join as a Perpetual member for a one-time fee of $5,000, or you can join annually for a fee of $500. Any donation to the Order is tax-deductible. Please contact Mary Milton at 205-276-2022 if you would like to join the Order of St. Sharbel or if you have any questions.

No Divine Liturgy at St. Elias

Due to school masses on Wednesday & Thursday of this week, there will not be a Divine Liturgy at St. Elias on October 14th & 15th.

Remain Vigilant Against Scammers

Parishioners, please beware of scammers. They are relentless in attempting to take advantage of good people's intentions. They often impersonate clergy, so know that Abouna Elias will never solicit money or gift cards from anyone via text message or email.

Be especially aware of the address or phone number being used. Abouna will only use his official email address: pastor@stelias.org. Not any other.

Who Should I Contact?

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OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	2 Sts. Cyprian & Justina	3 St. Dionysius, the Areopagite St. Mother Théodore Guérin
MCF Classes - 9:20 AM St. Theresa Novena 11:30 AM SEMA - Good People Brewery - 5 PM	6 PM Divine Liturgy St. Theresa Novena following Liturgy	6 PM Divine Liturgy St. Theresa Novena following Liturgy	6 PM Divine Liturgy St. Theresa Novena following Liturgy	Annual Diaconate Retreat 6 PM Divine Liturgy St. Theresa Novena following Liturgy	Annual Diaconate Retreat 10 AM Divine Liturgy First Friday Adoration 10 AM-4 PM	
4 St. Francis of Assisi Annual Diaconate Retreat	5 St. Paul, the Simple Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos 10 AM Divine Liturgy	6 St. Thomas, the Apostle 10 AM Divine Liturgy	7 Sts. Sarkis & Bacchus 10 AM Divine Liturgy Ladies Altar Society Monthly Meeting following the 10 AM Liturgy	8 St. Pelagia of Antioch 10 AM Divine Liturgy	9 St. James, Brother of the Lord Our Lady of Lebanon - MYA National Conference 10 AM Divine Liturgy Community Food Bank Volunteering 1-3 PM	10 St. Eulampius, St. Eulampia, and Their Companions
11 St. Philip, the Deacon Pope St. John XXIII Order of St. Sharbel Sunday MYA National Conference MCF Classes - 9:20 AM	12 St. Edno 10 AM Divine Liturgy	13 Sts. Carpus & Papylus, and Their Companions 10 AM Divine Liturgy	14 St. Isaiah, the Monk Liturgy at Prince of Peace 8:30 AM No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias	15 St. Teresa of Avila Liturgy at Our Lady of Sorrows - 8:30 AM No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias	16 St. Longinus, the Centurion 10 AM Divine Liturgy	17 Sts. Cosmas & Damian 2nd Collection World Mission Sunday
18 St. Luke, the Evangelist 2nd Collection World Mission Sunday MCF Classes - 9:20 AM Child Protection Class LAS - Alzheimer's Walk at Sloss Jr. MYO - Bowling - 12:30 PM SEMA - Halloween Party 6 PM	19 St. Aaron of Antioch and Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac 10 AM Divine Liturgy	20 St. Shallita 10 AM Divine Liturgy	21 St. Helarion of Tabatha 10 AM Divine Liturgy	22 Pope St. John Paul II 10 AM Divine Liturgy	23 St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople Liturgy at St. Rose Academy 9:30 AM No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias	24 St. Arethas & His Companions
25 St. Chrysanthus and His Wife, MCF Classes - 9:20 AM MYO - Child Protection Class MYA Fall Social 6 PM	26 St. Demetrius 10 AM Divine Liturgy	27 Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis of Cappadocia 10 AM Divine Liturgy	28 St. Terence and His Companions 10 AM Divine Liturgy	29 St. Anastasia of Rome 10 AM Divine Liturgy	30 St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem 10 AM Divine Liturgy	31 St. Epimachus MYA Trunk or Treat 2:00-4:00 PM

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 8:00 AM
Sunday - 10:30 AM
Monday through Friday - 10:00 AM

READINGS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	GOSPEL
4-Oct	Dan 7: 9-14	Phil 3:17 - 4:1	Mt 24: 23-31
11-Oct	Gen 41: 38-44	1 Thes 5: 1-11	Mt 24: 45-51
18-Oct	Song 5: 2-8	Phil 2: 12-18	Mt 25: 1-13
25-Oct	Job 29: 1-3, 12-16	Rom 12: 9-21	Mt 25: 31-46

Charity Committee

Many thanks to all those who joined us at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama.
Your efforts made 604 boxed meals for those in need.

Please use the link below to sign up for the next volunteer session.

- Sign-Up Link

- The next date will be November 13th, 2026

- Contact Diane Wehby if you wish to participate:
- **Phone:** (205)-612-2234
- **E-mail:** diane.wehby@gmail.com

Important Notice to Parents About Safe Environment Training

On Sunday, October 18th, all children in our MCF classes will participate in the Safe Environment Program during their regular class time; the topic this year is Internet Safety. High School grades will participate on Sunday, October 25th. This is annually required by the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon for our children; parents are welcome to join the classes. If you would like your child(ren) to opt out of the program, there is a form from the Eparchy to fill out. If you need additional information, or would like to preview the materials we will use, or to have your child(ren) opt out, please contact Father Paul by email:

fatherpaul@stelias.org

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

2026 Walk Team

St. Elias Ladies' Altar Society

Sunday, Oct. 18 @ Sloss Furnaces

1 PM: Doors Open
3 PM: Walk Ceremony
3:15 PM: Walk begins

**The Walk is open to all ages; registration is free and required*

CLICK HERE!

We walk in memory of the parishioners we have lost, in honor of their families and caregivers, and in support of all those living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Together, as a parish family, we remember, pray, support, and bring hope to all those touched by Alzheimer's and dementia.

Please contact Team Captain, Beverly Kimes, to contribute by check or have questions

IF YOU NEED HELP OR SUPPORT, PLEASE VISIT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE, WWW.ALZ.ORG, OR USE THEIR FREE 24/7 HELPLINE AT (800) 272-3900.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for this week were lovingly donated in honor of Abouna Elias for his birthday last week.

MYA National Convention

Keep our MYA members in your prayers who are attending this year's MYA National Convention in Detroit, MI. This year's conference is on Faith & Technology: In the Age of AI. We pray it will be spiritually fruitful.

The Banns of Marriage

between

Sophia Saab &
Marcus Woodard

of St. Elias are thus published.

If anyone should know of cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in the Mystery of Crowning, you are to declare it before the date of their nuptial union on

October 17, 2026.

Saint Spotlight: Teresa of Ávila

Oct. 15th

One of only 4 female Doctors of the Church, St. Teresa is the renowned Spanish nun who was an active voice of the church and the Carmelite Order during the years of Counter-Reformation. She is remembered for her mysticism and her deep spiritual writings. She is patron of the sick, chess, lace makers, and those ridiculed for piety.

IMPORTANT

DO YOU SEE AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS REPAIR AROUND THE CHURCH?

MAINTENANCE

Our parish is now using an **online form** to communicate all maintenance needs.

PLEASE HELP US BE MORE RESPONSIVE BY USING THIS NEW FORM TO REPORT AN ISSUE.

We appreciate you all helping us streamline this process.

ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

TAILGATE EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
AFTER 10:30 AM MASS

ST. ELIAS
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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Fr Christopher Nahra at **586-630-0002 (Ext. 102)** or Email: **vocations@eparchy.org.**

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- **Full Pilgrimage amount due by November 30, 2026**

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Sign-Up Link

For questions contact:
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To donate flowers for the altar, contact LaVonne Williamson 205-936-9569

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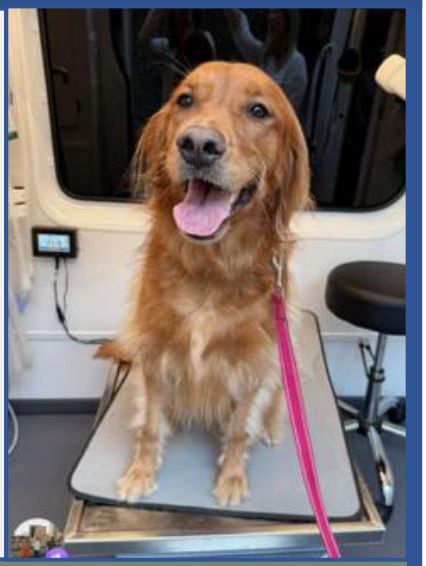
Meet Maggie. She's not new to Dr. Miller, but this was her first visit in our mobile hospital! She hopped right in, flashed her best smile, and loved catching up with us. Her mom, Katie, loved not having to load her up for an anxious car ride, waiting in a crowded lobby, and getting extra one-on-one time to have all of her questions answered in a calm and familiar space.



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