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OCTOBER 25, 2026 | SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:40

فيجيبهم الملك: ((الحق أقول لكم: كلما صنعتم شيئا من ذلك لواحد من إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار، فلي قد صنعتموه)). مت ٢٥/٤٠

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Date	Divine Liturgy Intention	Saint of the Day
Sat. 10/24 5:00 PM	For the repose of Bob Wyrick requested by Joe & Lil Harrison	St. Arethas & His Companions
Sun 10/25 8:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	6th Sunday of the Holy Cross (Christ the King) & St. Chrysanthus & His Wife Daria
Sun 10/25 10:30 AM	For the repose of Madalyn Bahakel Ward requested by Jacqueline Dicie & Sandra Melof	
Mon 10/26 10:00 AM	For the health of Cathey David Abi Khaled requested by Mary David	St. Demetrius
Tues 10/27 10:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis of Cappadocia
Wed 10/28 10:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	St. Terence & His Companions
Thurs 10/29 10:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	St. Anastasia of Rome
Fri 10/30 10:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	St. Macarius & The Prophet Baruch
Sat. 10/31 5:00 PM	For the repose of Bob Wyrick requested by Joe & Lil Harrison	St. Epimachus
Sun 11/1 8:00 AM	For the intentions of all St. Elias Parishioners	Consecration of the Church & All Saints Day Sts. Cosmas & Damian
Sun 11/1 10:30 AM	The 40-Day Memorial of Souad Medawar requested by Jackie Akl & Family	

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

SUNDAY READINGS

Job 29: 1-3, 12-16 Rom 12: 9-21 Mt 25: 31-46

Liturgy	Lectors	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Beverly Kimes	Lucy Shunnarah JoJo Shunnarah Taje Travis
8:00 AM	Lisa Saab	Collins Dunnavant Robert Dean Elias Marinelli
10:30 AM	Sidney Wehby	Dominic Bruno Angelo Bruno Raymond Josof

ST. ELIAS ORGANIZATIONS

MCF

- **Classes** – Sunday, Oct. 25th

Jr. MYO

- **Trunk or Treat** – Saturday, Oct. 31st
  - 2:00-4:00 PM

MYO

- **Breakfast** – Sunday, Oct. 25th
- **Friendsgiving** – Sunday, Nov. 8th

SEMA

- **Friendsgiving** – Sunday, Nov. 1st

LAS

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

SAVE THE DATES

Parish Thanksgiving Luncheon: Nov. 15th
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 18, 2026
General Fund: $ 3,912
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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 31st

The MYA will be hosting the annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween Day, Oct. 31st, from 2 PM until 4 PM. Please use the link below to sign up either as a "Trunker" or a "Treater".

Trunk or Treat Link

We hope to see you there in costume to celebrate "All Hallows Eve."

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?

2026 PARISH COUNCIL

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Questions or ideas? Contact the Pastoral Council President or Church Office.
info@stelias.org | www.stelias.org

Mystery of Crowning

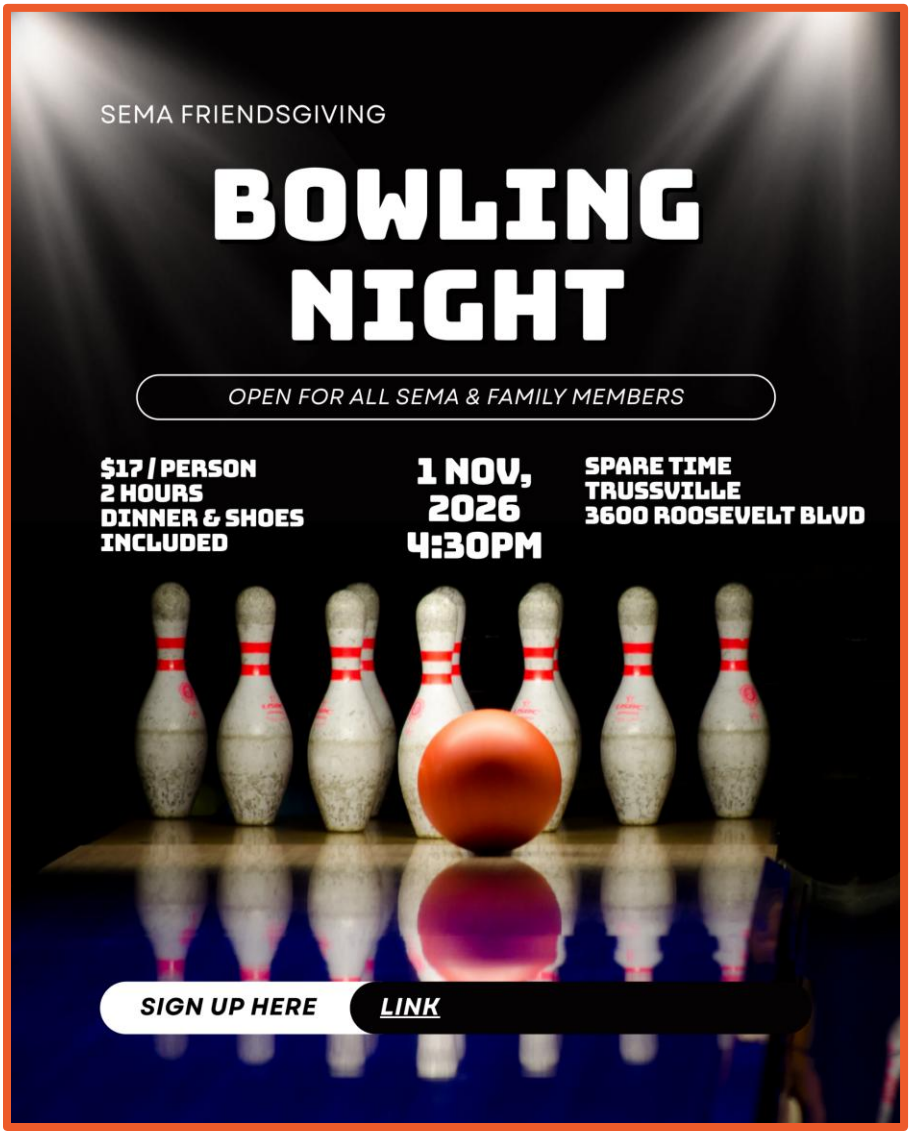
With great joy, we are pleased to announce the crowning of a new domestic church by the nuptial union of

Sophia Saab

&

Marcus Woodard

who were married last Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026. May their marriage be blessed and fruitful all the days of their lives.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Our monthly First Friday Adoration will begin following the 10:00 AM liturgy on November 6th and will conclude with benediction beginning around 3:50 PM.

Sign-up Link

Confessions will be offered from the beginning of adoration until noon. We encourage our parishioners to take advantage of this sacramental opportunity.

Saint Spotlight: The Prophet Baruch

The devoted scribe, disciple, and friend of the Prophet Jeremiah, Baruch was instructed by Jeremiah to share his prophecies of warning with those who would gather in the temple until he witnessed the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem. He later died in 530 B.C. His feast day is Oct. 30th.

Click on Calendar to Enlarge

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	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	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

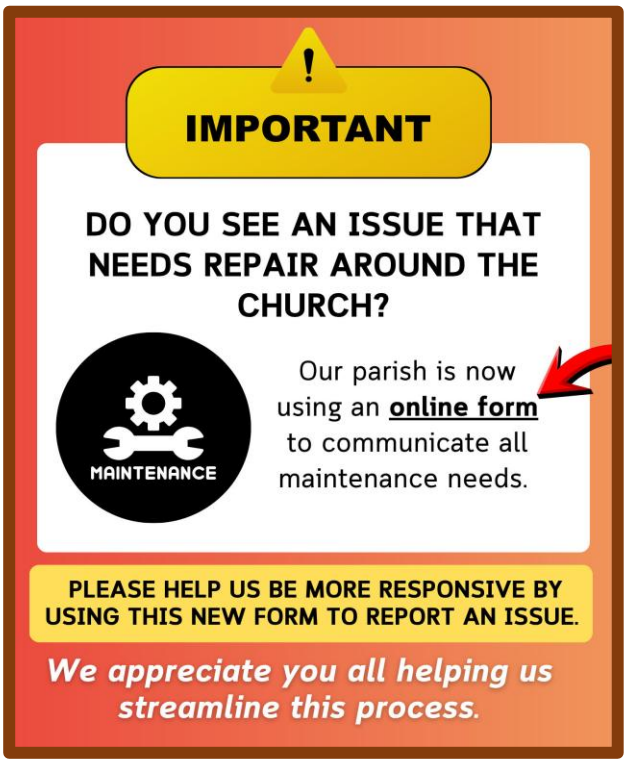
Volunteer with the charity committee at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama every 2nd Friday of the month, now at their new location:

4336 Turin Drive
Bessemer, AL

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

- **Sign-Up Link**
- The next date will be November 13th, 2026
- Contact Diane Wehby if you wish to participate:
  - **Phone:** (205)-216-2234
  - **E-mail:** diane.wehby@gmail.com

The day begins with the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM, followed by a group lunch. Then they volunteer from 1:00-3:00 PM.



ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

TAILGATE EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
AFTER 10:30 AM MASS

ST. ELIAS
BACK CHURCH PARKING LOT

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THE MEN'S GROUP WILL PROVIDE BURGERS & HOTDOGS

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The Men's Group will set up your tent with a table and chairs.

BYOB
BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE

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FOR A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Click here to access the RSVP form

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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
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Following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

$15.00 per plate
*Meals can be shared with a child or 2 children can share a plate

Turkey and Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
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Rolls
Dessert

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Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

Pilgrimage to Lebanon at the Occasion of the Ordination of Archbishop-Elect sharbel Maroun with Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

8 Days - 7 Nights

January 2 to 10, 2027

Package includes:

- Stay at 4 Star Hotels
- All Meals and Tips
- Visits to important sites
- English Speaking Guide
- Ordination Attendance
- All transportation (to/from from airport, hotel, & sites)
- Entrance Fees

$1,500

FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY PER PERSON

$1,900

FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY PER PERSON

Flights to/from the United States to Lebanon Round Trip need to be booked separately.

REQUIREMENTS

- $1,000 Deposit Required Per Person or registration/space cannot be guaranteed
- Departure from the U.S. on January 2, 2027 to arrive in Lebanon by January 3, 2027
- **Full Pilgrimage amount due by November 30, 2026**

TO RESERVE

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Jamileh Koury: 818-294-2901
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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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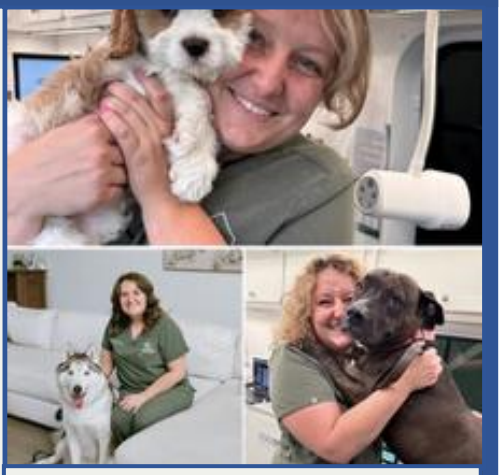
Happy Vet Tech Week to our one and only Kelsey! When you're a small mobile practice, you wear a LOT of hats, and Kelsey wears them ALL! From patient care and keeping things running smoothly to loving on every pet that comes through our doors (or van), she truly does it all!



Help me show Kelsey some extra love this week because she deserves ALL the celebrating!

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