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NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | SUNDAY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

"But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary," Heb 9: 11-12a

أما المسيح فقد جاء عظيم كهنة للخيرات المستقبلة، و من خلال خيمة أكبر وأفضل لم تصنعها الأيدي، أي أنها ليست من هذه الخليقة، دخل القدس مرة واحدة عب ٩:١١-١٢

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

CONTRIBUTIONS – Week Ending October 25, 2026
General Fund: $ 3,850
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.

SUNDAY READINGS

Is 54: 1, 3, 5-8, 10 Heb 9: 1-12 Mt 16: 13-20

Liturgy	Lectors	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Joe Harrison	Hudson Slovensky Gloria Slovensky Ryder Travis
8:00 AM	Gary Boackle	Noura Adams Mona Adams Peter Bassil
10:30 AM	Matthew Bolus	Elias Bou Akar Alex & Anna Maria Al Bachawati

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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule Change

There will not be the usual 10 AM liturgy at St. Elias on Thursday, Nov. 5th. Instead, there will be a Divine Liturgy celebrated at John Carroll High School that morning at 9 AM.

Also, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, a Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Montevallo at 10 AM; however, the regular Saturday confession time and liturgy at St. Elias will not be affected.

All are welcome to attend these liturgies and share our rich Maronite heritage outside our usual house of worship.

ST. ELIAS ORGANIZATIONS

MCF
- **Classes** – Sunday, Nov. 1st

Jr. MYO
- **Friendsgiving** – Saturday, Oct. 31st
  - 2:00-4:00 PM

MYO
- **Breakfast** – Sunday, Nov. 1st
- **Friendsgiving** – Sunday, Nov. 8th

MYA
- **Friendsgiving** – Saturday, Nov. 14th

SEMA
- **Bowling Night** – Sunday, Nov. 1st

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

SAVE THE DATES

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

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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

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

The Gift of Life

We joyfully congratulate our parishioners Matthew and Miriam Bolus on the birth of their third child, Peter Antoine Bolus. May God bless Peter Antoine with good health, happiness, and a life filled with His love and grace.

Renewal of the Church

Sunday, Nov. 8, is the Renewal of the Church. The children of the MCF classes will decorate the Church at the 8 AM liturgy. We ask that they be present at 7:50 AM for the final preparations. After the dressing of the altar, the children will rejoin their families in the pews.

Plenary Indulgence: All Souls

The commemoration of the faithful departed, Nov. 2, has a plenary indulgence associated with it. From Nov. 1-8, anyone who visits a cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium and there devoutly prays for departed souls may receive a plenary indulgence under the normal conditions.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

2026 Walk Team

St. Elias Ladies' Altar Society

Thank you for all your support

Many thanks to all those who showed support this past Sunday. It is not too late to contribute to this wonderful cause. Your generostiy is appreciated.

Click Here to Donate

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.

Who Should I Contact?

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NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Sts. Cosmas & Damian SEMA - Bowling Night 5 PM	2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 10 AM Divine Liturgy	3 Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph, & Aithalas 10 AM Divine Liturgy	4 Sts. Vitalis & Agricola 10 AM Divine Liturgy Ladies Altar Society Monthly Meeting & Luncheon	5 St. Asya, the Righteous Liturgy at John Carroll High School - 9:00 AM No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias	6 St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople 10 AM Divine Liturgy First Friday Adoration 10 AM-4 PM	7 St. Hieron & His Companions Liturgy at St. Thomas the Apostle - 10:00 AM
8 St. Michael, the Archangel MCF Classes - 9:20 AM MMSE - Tailgate Party 11:30 AM MYO Friendsgiving 4-6 PM	9 St. Matrona of Pamphylia 10 AM Divine Liturgy	10 St. Maura 10 AM Divine Liturgy	11 St. Mennas and His Companions; & St. Martin 10 AM Divine Liturgy	12 St. Theodore, the Studite 10 AM Divine Liturgy	13 St. John Chrysostom & St. Frances Cabrini 10 AM Divine Liturgy Community Food Bank Volunteering 1-3 PM	14 St. Philip MYA Friendsgiving 4-6 PM
15 Sts. Guria, Samonas, & Habib, MCF Classes - 9:20 AM LAS - Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Jr. MYO - Activate & Dinner Social - 4-6 PM MYO - Activate & Bruster's Ice Cream Social - 4-6 PM	16 St. Matthew, The Evangelist 10 AM Divine Liturgy	17 St. Gregory, the Wonderworker 10 AM Divine Liturgy	18 St. Romanos & St. Rose Philippine Duchesne 10 AM Divine Liturgy	19 Pope St. Pontian 10 AM Divine Liturgy	20 St. Gregory of the Decapolis 10 AM Divine Liturgy	21 The Presentation of the Virgin
22 Sts. Joachim & Anne MCF Classes - 9:20 AM	23 St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus 10 AM Divine Liturgy	24 St. Catherine of Alexandria 10 AM Divine Liturgy	25 Pope St. Clement I No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias 6 PM Divine Liturgy	26 St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias	27 St. James Intercisus Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday No 10:00 AM Liturgy at St. Elias	28 St. Stephen, the Younger
29 Sts. Saturninus & Sisinius MCF Classes - 9:20 AM	30 St. Andrew St. Bishoy 10 AM Divine Liturgy					

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
1-Nov	Is 54: 1, 3, 5-8, 10	Heb 9: 1-12	Mt 16: 13-20
8-Nov	2 Mac 10: 1-6a, 7b-8	Heb 9: 11-15	Jn 10: 22-42
15-Nov	Gen 17: 15-22	Rom 4: 13-25	Lk 1: 1-25
22-Nov	2 Sam 7: 8-10, 11b-12, 13b-17	Gal 3: 15-22	Lk 1: 26-38
29-Nov	2 Sam 6: 9-15, 17, 18b	Eph 1: 1-14	Lk 1: 39-45

Charity Committee

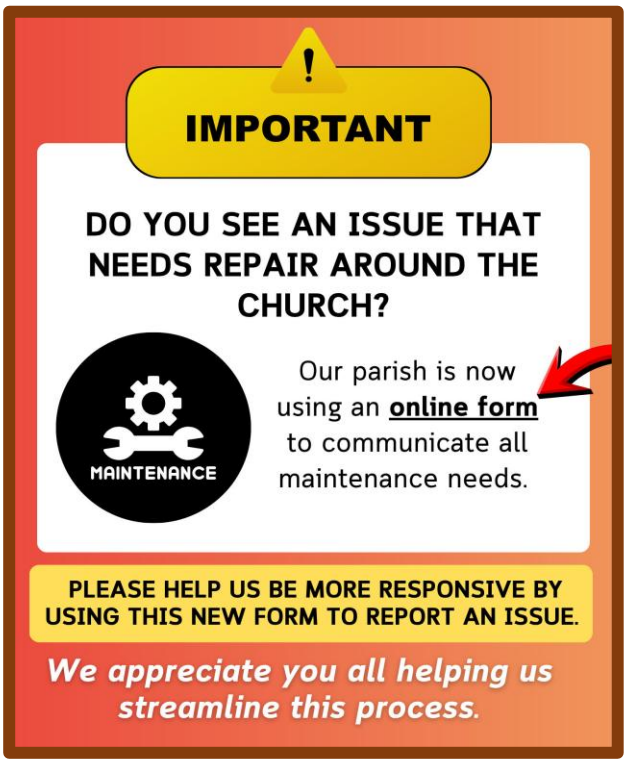
Volunteer with the charity committee at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama every 2nd Friday of the month, now at their new location:

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.



Maronite Men of St. Elias

MMSE

SUNRISE HIKE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
6:30 AM
RED MOUNTAIN PARK

Join the Maronite Men's Group for a morning hike, spiritual reflection with Abouna and close the morning with Breakfast.

We'll hike for 1.5 hours on a flat trail at Red Mountain Park

6:30 AM - Red Mountain Park

Meet us in the parking lot

2011 Frankfurt Drive | 35211

8:30 AM - Mediterranean Bakery Co.

Formerly JouJou's

166 West Valley Ave | 35209

For questions, please contact

Daniel Bassil (205) 249-5303 or Harrison Adams (205) 541-9898

ST. ELIAS & THE MYA INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

TRUNK or TREAT

Rain or Shine!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ST. ELIAS PARKING LOT

If you plan to decorate your car- please arrive at 1:30 pm to get parked and set-up!

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?
COMPLETE THIS FORM TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

SEMA FRIENDSGIVING

BOWLING NIGHT

OPEN FOR ALL SEMA & FAMILY MEMBERS

$17 / PERSON
2 HOURS
DINNER & SHOES INCLUDED

1 NOV, 2026
4:30PM

SPARE TIME TRUSSVILLE
3600 ROOSEVELT BLVD

SIGN UP HERE ***LINK***

ST. ELIAS MARONITE CHURCH

TAILGATE EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
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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

RSVP & SIGN UP
FOR A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Click here to access the RSVP form

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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
15

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

Turkey and Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potato Casserole
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Dessert

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$1,500

FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY PER PERSON

$1,900

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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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Sign-Up Link

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

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