



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

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sehcrestwood/](http://www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/)

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:
Sunday: 9:15am
or by appointment

DIVINE LITURGY/HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm- Roman
5:15pm— Maronite
Sunday: 8am and 10:30am—Roman
Monday-Friday: 8am
Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:00pm; Sunday: 9:45am

MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

Sacrament of Baptism: call the rectory 1 month in advance to schedule an appointment and date with Fr. John

Sacrament of Matrimony: call the rectory 6 months in advance (1 year in advance if there are canonical issues)

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory; Fr John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

Intentions for Divine Liturgy: call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT: HEALING OF THE LEPER

Liturgy p. 196
2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-14
Romans 6:12-23
Mark 1:35-45



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deut. 26:4-10
Ps 91
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Mar. 8	<i>St. Francesca of Rome</i>
Sun. Mar. 9 10:15 am	HEALING OF THE LEPER +Alice Sleiman By her son Joseph & Soad Sleiman and Family +Amelia Thomas Katich By Theresa & Charlie Miller and Family +John Haman By the Haman Family
Mon. Mar. 10 12:00 pm	<i>St. Oksinios & St. Agathon</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Mar. 11	<i>St. Safronios, patriarch of Jerusalem</i>
Wed. Mar. 12 12:00 pm	<i>St. Gregory I, the great</i> Georgette Kevorkian By Dr. Jamal & Mary Makhoul
Thurs. Mar. 13	<i>St. Teofanos of Sefrania, a confessor</i>
Fri. Mar. 14 12:00 pm	<i>St. Frousia</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Mar. 15	<i>St. Benedict, father of monasticism in the West</i>
Sun. Mar. 16 10:15 am	HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN +Frank Soaib By Charlie & Theresa Miller Family +Georgette Kevorkian By David & Effie Westphal +Bishop Robert Shaheen By David & Kathy Mueckl

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, M Maronite)

Sat. Mar. 8 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Mike & Anne Brotherton by Linda Hill John & Mary Louis
Sun. Mar. 9 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Poor Souls in Purgatory James R. Brenton
Mon. Mar. 10 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Marie Eugenie of Jesus</i> James R. Brenton
Tue. Mar. 11 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Eulogius</i> Stephen Hausner Archb. Francis M. Zayek By David & Kathy Mueckl
Wed. Mar. 12 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Maximilian</i> Judith Roderick
Thurs. Mar. 13 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Euphrasia</i> Jane Frances Wilcox Sarkis and Mariana Hitti By Nazha Hitti & Family
Fri. Mar. 14 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm	<i>St. Matilde</i> Frank L. Sears III Lenten Prayers
Sat. Mar. 15 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Shirley Ubriaco Terry Rask By LaDonna Rask
Sun. Mar. 16 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Joseph Ojile By Linda Hill Herbie Garcia, father of Araceli Robles

WEEKLY FINANCES 3/2/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<u>4:00pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	339
Checks/Envelopes	2,730
<u>7:00pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	7
Checks/Envelopes	140
<u>8:00am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	73
Checks/Envelopes	220
<u>10:30am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	164
Checks/Envelopes	495
Candles	73
Pickleball	389
Revenue during the week	925
Second Collection	
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds	938
Expenses	\$20,233.39

ST. RAYMOND:

<u>5:15pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	70
Checks/Envelopes	180
<u>10:15am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	168
Checks/Envelopes	1,477
Revenue during the week	1,345
Candles	115
Coffee hour	164
Second collection	427
Men's Society donation	4,000
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,754
Expenses	\$11,724.41

WED. LUNCH 3/5/25

Total Revenue Lunch	
Rental Purina	6,500
Expenses	1,398.35

Man shall not live by bread alone,

BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS
FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

MATTHEW 4:4



*A note
from the pastor*



2025 LENTEN APPEAL

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the Lenten season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our cherished Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. These times present us with numerous challenges, both locally and internationally, and yet your commitment remains steadfast.

Lent offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. It invites us to reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon us and encourages us to extend our hands to those who are in need.

This Lent, I reach out to you for your assistance in addressing our most pressing needs:

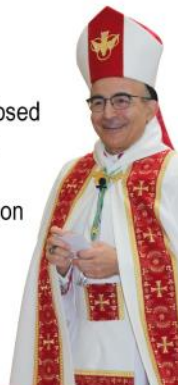
- Education and Formation for our Seminarians
- Support for Missions and Parishes
- Development of Ministries for our Children, Youth, and Young Adults
- Charitable Aid for our brothers and sisters both here in the USA and in Lebanon, Syria, and across the Middle East

The Annual Appeal details these urgent needs, as outlined in the enclosed brochure. Your generous contributions and prayers are invaluable and deeply appreciated. On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
To submit: Email Felicity
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds
Downtown:
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT- CRESTWOOD

Mondays 8:30am-5:00pm

MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

PICKLEBALL

David Miller
davidcmiller60@gmail.com

For additional information, please log on to the Eparchy's website
www.eparchy.org



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Mar. 8 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Mar. 9 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
Sat, Mar. 15 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Mar. 16 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sun. March 9 : Ladies' Sodality Purse Bingo
- *Sat. April 12: Easter Egg Hunt
- *Sun. April 13: Palm Sun. Lunch.
- *Sun. May 4 : First Holy Communion
- *Sun. May 11 : Mother's Day Brunch
- *Thurs. May 29: Confirmation at St. R- St. E
- *Sat. June 7: Men's Society Golf Tournament
- *June 23-26: Vacation Bible School
- *June 23-28: MYO Youth National Conf.
- *Sep. 12-14: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- *Oct. 11: Autumn Harvest Festival, Crestwood
- *Nov. 8: Vendor Event, Crestwood
- *Nov. 22-23: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos
- *Sun Dec. 7: Breakfast with Santa
- *Wed Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tom Hearst | Patrick Carr |
| Victor Sciarrino | Steve Baker |
| Rosalie Hubert | Jana Smith |
| Mike McSorley Sr. | Janet Zhakaria |
| James Brumfield | John Cleary |
| Christopher & Cathy Seemayer | Tom Morrow |
| Mary Lou Works | Marie Kallial |
| Chris Nelms | Mary L Simon |
| Ted Arunski | Jim Benoist |
| Dave Holdinghausen | Eddie Bremehr |
| Michelle Bausworth | Rob Turner |
| Tom Saucier | Dr. John Bouhasin |
| Rhoda Simpher | Emil Salman |
| Patricia Beck | Jennifer Van Luven |
| Terry Leong | Milad Abounader |
| Mary Ojile | Pat Lampe |
| Gloria (Skip) Leisure | |
| Don Ganim | |
| John Anton | |
| Jim Hoffman | |
| Richard Baker Sr | |

NAM AWARENESS SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Please, let us support NAM, National Apostolate of Maronites, and its activities, specially the annual convention, membership, and scholarships. <https://www.namaronites.org/>

COFFEE HOUR

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors for coffee hour Sun. March 9, at small hall Lebanon room, prepared and served by the youth adults MYA.

PURSE BINGO SUN MARCH 9

Purse Bingo at the Cedars hall this coming Sunday. For any questions or information, contact Mary Denny <marypdenny@gmail.com>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. March 10, at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

REL. ED. CLASSES

- Monday, March 10, 2025 Class
- Monday, March 17, 2025 No school Spring Break
- Monday, March 24, 2025 Class First Communion Meeting
- Monday, March 31, 2025 Class Stations of the Cross @ 6:45

BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Fr. Jad will continue for this coming week with Bible study, on Mon. March 10, 6-7 pm, and Wed. March 12, 4-5:30 pm

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. March 12, 2025, On Tuesday, March 11, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 5:00pm. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>). Dine in and Carry out are both available. Thank you! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY VIDEO SERIES

We will have Christian documentary film Thursday morning, on March 13, 2025, after 8am Mass, at Fr. Edwards Hall.

YOUTH BREAKFAST SUNDAY MARCH 16

Our youth and their parents will prepare a breakfast for the parish on Sunday, March 16, at the Cedars after 10:15am Divine Liturgy. All proceeds will go toward the youth activities. Thank you for your support.

COVENANT NETWORK

Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to a solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play **Covenant Network Catholic Radio**, on our App, **Covenant Network**, online at **OurCatholicRadio.org**, or on your local Catholic radio station, **AM 1460** and **96.7 FM**. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the **Visual Rosary** with sacred images for each prayer and the **Stations of the Cross**.



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry to help with rent and utilities expenses for those in need. You may contribute through on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Food Pantry, which you can place in the weekly collection or mail to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO. 63104. Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNION CALLS & HOME VISITS

If you are sick or homebound and would like a Communion minister to come to your home, please let us know! Contact the office to get in touch: (314) 968-0760 or email deacon Bill WilliamMeister@archstl.org

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

- ✠ Rose Franz 3-2-2025
- ✠ Judith A. Roderick 2-9-2025
- ✠ Henry Llewellyn 2-2-2025
- ✠ Jane Bell Wilcox 2-2-2025
- ✠ Georgette Kevorkian 1-5-2025
- ✠ Chris Beck 12-3-2024
- ✠ Mary Ann Reiter 11-14-2024
- ✠ Patricia Cooseman 11-4-2024
- ✠ Carolyn Smith 10-26-2024
- ✠ Wesley Kempfer 10-2-2024
- ✠ Carol Alkobri 9-30-2024
- ✠ Gary Wayne Bieller 9-9-2024
- ✠ Amal Kweiter 8-8-2024
- ✠ Larry Tuberty 7-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Deutschmann 7-18-2024
- ✠ Robert Reask 7-10-2024
- ✠ Mary Hopfinger 7-2-2024
- ✠ Albertha Marchi 6-27-2024
- ✠ Robert Kelly 6-23-2024
- ✠ Roberto Mendoza 6-3-2024
- ✠ James Hamm 4-27-2024
- ✠ Gerald Peters 4-25-2024
- ✠ Teresa Syron 4-20-2024
- ✠ Sandra Wahby 4-16-2024
- ✠ William Appelbaum 4-3-2024
- ✠ Charles Nesser 3-23-2024
- ✠ Hisham Altwal 3-18-2024
- ✠ Phyllis Sullivan 2-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Schwarz 2-16-2024
- ✠ Marilyn Flores 2-14-2024
- ✠ Virginia Morrow 2-10-2024
- ✠ Charles LaMartina 1-26-2024
- ✠ Arline Deutschmann 1-21-2024
- ✠ Adel Altwal 1-11-2024

6PM FRIDAY PRAYERS DURING LENT

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood, at 6:00pm we will have the Stations of the Cross and Maronite Adoration of the Cross Prayers. May God bless our Prayers, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and websites.

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

The Fish Fry at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria is every Friday of Lent 2025, starting March 7, 4pm– 7pm. Different church organizations and committees are to help in the Fish Fry. Menu, Carry-out, Dine-in are posted on our church Square page, and websites

<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

Fish Fry dinner help turn will be as follow: MARCH 7 –Ladies’ Sodality & Kitchen Volunteer; MARCH 14 – Mens’ Society & Golf Tournament Committee; •MARCH 21 – MYA & Senior Club + Choir & Pickleball group; •MARCH 28 – Religious Education teachers & students; •APRIL 4 – Parish Council & Finance Council; •APRIL 11 – Fall festival & Lebanese Festival & Pro Life & Catholic weight watchers; •April 18 - (Good Friday): Nina Bouhasin, and Youth MYO (at the Cedars hall banquet).

Organizations are to bring dessert on that the assigned Friday and help serving.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Donate as much time as you have each Friday. All activities take place at Crestwood Campus. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibules.

Food Line Prep - 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Dessert Prep and Service 3:00 - 8 p.m.

Food service 3:00 - 8:p.m.

Clean up 8:00-9 p.m.

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY 2024/2025

We thank everyone who contributed to the success of the New Year’s Eve Party at the gym of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church. The gross income was \$16,160.71, and the expenses were \$8,262.67

PROTECTION OF GOD’S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God’s Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmgconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John

CARITAS LEBANON USA



We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world. Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war.

1/ You can go to www.CaritasLebanon.org

and donate, (there is a Donate button on the right).

2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104

3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to “St. Raymonds Church” account number 5887-3955 DTC# 0141 @ Wells Fargo

4/ wire transfer to Bank of America (call 314 621 0056)



**St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth
Maronite Catholic Church**
1420 S. Sappington Rd- Crestwood, MD



Every Friday During Lent- 2025
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28. 4/4, 4/11,
(4/18 at St. Raymond's downtown)



From 4PM - 7PM

Carry Out Available- order and pick up from Cafeteria
\$12 Plate: 1 entrée, 2 sides, dessert, and beverage

ENTREE

- Cod (2 piece fried)-----\$6 Cod (2 piece baked)-----6
- Shrimp (5 piece fried) ---- 6 Shrimp (5 piece baked)----6

SIDES

- Falafel sandwich-----4 Rice Pilaf-----4
- Mac & Cheese-----3 French Fries-----3
- Cole Slaw-----3 Green Beans-----3
- Humus (Chickpeas)-----3 Mjadra (Lentil & Rice)-----3
- Loaf of Bread- Pita-----1 Soda-----
- Tea (bottle)-----2 Coffee-----
- Hot Tea -----1 Water bottle-----
- Homemade Dessert-----1



Dear Fathers,

For 60 years, NAM has been dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, strengthening Maronite identity, and uniting Maronite communities across the United States, under the guidance of our shepherds, Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour. Through its **faith-based programs, youth initiatives, annual conventions, and charitable endeavors**, NAM provides opportunities for Maronites of all ages to deepen their faith, stay connected to their rich traditions, and engage in meaningful fellowship.

The future of the Maronite Church depends on our ability to **engage, educate, and inspire** the next generation. By supporting NAM, you are investing in the preservation of our faith, the enrichment of our youth, and the continued growth of our communities. Membership in NAM offers clergy and parishioners alike access to invaluable resources, spiritual enrichment, and a nationwide network of faithful Maronites.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a **membership form** with additional details about how your parishioners can become involved. I kindly ask for your support in encouraging parishioners to join this important apostolate so that we may continue working together to strengthen the Maronite presence in our churches and communities.

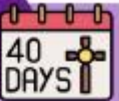
If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your dedication to our faith and for your support of NAM's mission. I look forward to your participation and to working together to ensure a vibrant future for Maronites in the United States.

With gratitude and prayers,

Diana Ayoub, Esq.
NAM President

Sami Shaia
NAM Vice-President/President Elect

Did you know?



The Season of Great Lent is forty days long in imitation of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. In the Maronite Church, we begin Lent on Cana Sunday and conclude the Friday before Hosanna Sunday. On this Friday we celebrate the Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. After Jesus spent forty days fasting in the desert, he allowed Satan to tempt him three times. Like Jesus, we hope to emerge from our forty-day fast ready to live courageously for the Lord.

Please Join the MYO sponsored Coffee hour on March 16, 2025



There is something truly delightful savoring a warm, freshly baked Zaatar or Cheese Manakish served alongside creamy lebna, olives, tomatoes, cucumbers, and refreshing mint.

Come support the MYO, making moments like these possible! Thank you all for your generosity and support!