



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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

Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis

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Catholic Church @sehcrestwood

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am
Monday–Friday: 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



7th SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 396

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18

Eph 1:15-23

Jn 13:31-35



Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, May 12, 2024

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sun, May 12 10:15 am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION +Sandy Wahby By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Catherine Leisure By Charles & Theresa Miller and Family + Jake Jorishie, Jr. By Ramona Milford
Mon, May 13 12:00 pm	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues, May 14	<i>Tuesday of the 7th Week of the Resurrection</i>
Wed, May 15 12:00 pm	<i>Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest</i> For all Kids with eye problems By Ann Lehrer
Thurs, May 16	<i>Thursday of the 7th Week of the Resurrection</i>
Fri, May 17 12:00 pm	<i>St Serapion</i> No Divine Liturgy
Sun, May 19 10:15 am	PENTECOST +Frank Ehlen By Don & Terry Leong +Sandy Wahby By Jim & Mary Ulett +Gerald Joseph Peters Jr, By Jeanne & Don Schepers

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, M Maronite)

Sat, May 11 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary; Pro Populo Sandra Wahby
Sun, May 12 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Maureen Meyers by Cynthia Meyers Mary Jane Simon by Jim Simon
Mon, May 13 8:00 am RC	<i>St John the Silent</i> Husnie Simon By George & Elaine Simon
Tue, May 14 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St Matthias the Apostle</i> Frank Miles Theresa Haddad & Jack Haddad By Linda Hill
Wed, May 15 8:00 am RC	<i>St Isidor the Farmer</i> Jack and Connie McDermott By Linda Hill
Thurs, May 16 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm RC	<i>St. Brendan</i> Jordan Taylor By Janet Emerson Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Fri, May 17 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Paschal Baylon</i> Jim Hamm
Sat, May 18 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Subdeacon George Simon Sr by Kevin and Patti Carnie Sandy Wahby by Kevin and Patti Carnie
Sun, May 19 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	PENTECOST SUNDAY George Simon Sr. By Linda Hill Pro Populo

WEEKLY FINANCES 05/05/2024 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

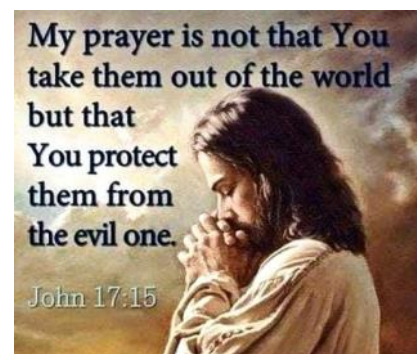
4:00pm Saturday Loose cash	288
Checks/Envelopes	1,130
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash	28
Checks/Envelopes	100
8:00am Sunday Loose cash	0
Checks/Envelopes	311
10:30am Sunday Loose cash	179
Checks/Envelopes	618
Candles	86
Pickleball	320
Revenue during the week	8,573.88
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	1,219.31
Expenses	\$6,798.48

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday 8:00am Sunday	32 326
10:15am Sunday Loose cash	197
Checks/Envelopes	1,175
Second Collection	2,341.73
Revenue during the week	607
Candles	76
Coffee hour	138
Online Giving straymond-mc.org/online-giving	1,679
Expenses	\$10,478.74

WED. LUNCH 05/08/24

Total Revenue Lunch	4,065.86
Expenses	\$1,377.07





A note from the pastor

Maronite Icon of the Ascension of Our Lord

When looking at the icon of the Ascension of Our Lord, and in seeing Christ—enthroned, glorified, surrounded by the angelic hosts—it may be difficult for us to remember just what he looked like as the humble babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. But, these are two “realities” of our Lord’s earthly ministry, two aspects of the life of the God-Man. Christ did, in fact, come to us in the form of a helpless babe. He was, in fact, humiliated. He was betrayed; he did suffer and die. But he also rose from the dead, victorious over sin and the grave. Christ was humbled as a man and glorified as a man, and he ascends to heaven as perfect God and perfect man.

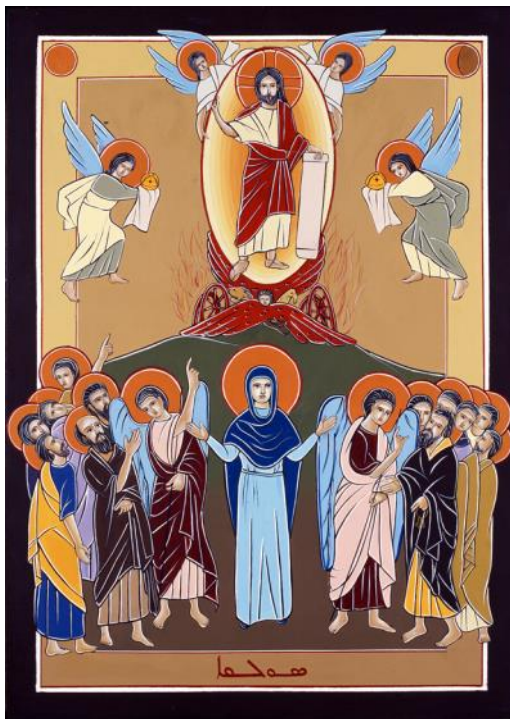
In the icon of the Ascension, the amazement of the Apostles as they behold their Lord glorified, ascending into heaven as lord of Creation, is nigh audible.

Does it not appear as though they are asking themselves the same kinds of questions that the neighborhood folk of Nazareth asked, after hearing Christ teach in the synagogue, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Without the Holy Spirit of God, we are left looking very much like the Apostles, gazing into heaven, peering into Mysteries that we cannot understand. Without the Holy Spirit of God, the Gospel seems to be, in the words of St. Paul, “a stumbling block to the Jews, and foolishness to the Greeks” (1 Cor 1:23). The icon of the Ascension must lead us, in faith, to the icon of the Feast of Holy Pentecost. To better understand the work of Christ, we must first acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit of God.

Having received the Holy Spirit, though, what does the icon of the Ascension teach us of Christ’s work? Christ came to die for the forgiveness of our sins. We know this. Christ came to restore the created order. We know this. Christ came to announce the coming of the Kingdom of God. We know this. Christ came to elevate our human nature to the right hand of Divinity. Really now? The icon of the Ascension must remind us of a very important soteriological point: the end of man is God. The calling of man is to become like God, more specifically, to become like God in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ becomes a man, lives as a man, dies as a man, resurrects as a man, and ascends into the Heaven of heavens as a man. Humanity, in the person of Jesus Christ, has forever been changed, transfigured, and glorified.

St. John the Evangelist and Theologian perfectly summarizes this point, and truly, the entire theology of the icon, when he writes in his First Epistle, “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

(<https://sjmaronite.org/index.php/en-us/church-media/photos2/fr-badawi-icons.html#prettyPhoto>)



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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
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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
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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, May 11 4:00 pm	Sister Rosalie
Sun, May 12 8:00 am 10:30 am	Julie Hojarvi Austin Krueger
Sat, May 18 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, May 19 8:00 am 10:30 am	Jake Garanzini Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sat June 1, Golf Tournament
- *June 10– June 13: Vacation Bible School
- *June 24-29, 2024 National MYO Conference, La Roche University
- *July 4 - 7, NAM Convention, 59th National Maronite Convention St. Sharbel Church, Clinton TWP., Michigan
- *Fri. -Sun. Sep. 13-15, Lebanese Festival, St. Raymond Cathedral
- *Sat. Oct. 12, Autumn Harvest/Vendor Fair, St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church
- *Nov. 16-17: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos
- *Sun Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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| Mark Beck | John Anton |
| Tom Hearst | Jim Hoffman |
| Victor Sciarrino | Gary Bieller |
| Rosalie Hubert | Richard Baker Sr |
| Mike McSorley Sr. | Patrick Carr |
| James Brumfield | Steve Baker |
| Christopher & Cathy Seemayer | Jana Smith |
| Mary Lou Works | Janet Zhakaria |
| Chris Nelms | Bert Marchi |
| Ted Arunski | John Cleary |
| Dave Holdinghausen | Tom Morrow |
| Pat Cooseman | Marie Kallial |
| Mary Ann Reiter | Mary L Simon |
| Michelle Bausworth | Jim Benoist |
| Tom Saucier | Eddie Bremehr |
| Rhoda Simpher | Larry Tuberty |
| Patricia Beck | Judy Roderick |
| Terry Leong | Rob Turner |
| Mary Ojile | Dr. John Bouhasin |
| Gloria (Skip) Leisure | Emil Salman |
| Don Ganim | |

COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, May 12th, Coffee hour at the Cedar’s hall after Divine Liturgy prepared by St. Raymond’s Choir. Happy Mother’s Day

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. May 13, from 8:30am till 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION CALENDAR

Sacraments:

- *Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:00pm May Crowning of the Bl. Virgin Mary @ St Raymond-St Elizabeth arrival @ 3:30
- *June 10-13, 2024 Vacation Bible School in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. May 15, 2024. We will be rolling cabbage Tue. May 14, at 5pm. 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 MORNING CHRISTIAN DOC FILMS

We will have a showing of a Christian Doc Film on Thursday after morning 8am Mass, May 16, at Fr. Edwards Hall.

PRO-LIFE ALERT

Please DO NOT sign any initiatives, no matter what they say it is for. DECLINE TO SIGN. If you have signed, you may UNSIGN. (Call Jean Flanagan for information at 314-496-1347) PRAY to stop this initiative. Thank you.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

We will have a lock-in for the youth at St. Elizabeth from 5/31-6/1. The plan is to have the youth dropped off on May 31, 2024 at 6pm and picked up the next day on June 1, 2024 by 11 am. All our Youth are invited, please contact Carole Khater <carolehaddadkhater@gmail.com> 636-675-5319 for more information.

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FR. PATRICK

Our bishop A. Elias Zaidan has appointed Fr. Patrick Kassab as the pastor of St. Maron Church, in Cleveland, OH, effective July 1, 2024. We will keep Fr. Patrick in our prayers, and thank him for all his pastoral works and duties at our church for the past three and a half years.

If you would to give good wishes to Fr. Patrick, we will have a Farewell reception at St. Raymond Cathedral, The Cedars Hall, Sunday, May 26, after 10:15am Divine Liturgy. At St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, Sunday, June 2, after Masses, at the Cafeteria. O God, give us holy priests!



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 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 Dr, 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

- ✠ James Hamm 4-26-2024
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Marilyn Flores 2-14-2024
- ✠ Virginia Morrow 2-10-2024
- ✠ Charles LaMartina 1-26-2024
- ✠ Arline Deutschmann 1-21-2024
- ✠ Robert Schwarz 1-20-2024
- ✠ Adel Altwal 1-11-2024
- ✠ Catherine Leisure 12-29-2023
- ✠ Raymond Gazall 12-9-2023
- ✠ Ruth Werkmeister 10-25-2023
- ✠ John Steuber 10-18-2023
- ✠ John Putzel 10-4-2023
- ✠ William Busekrus 9-12-2023
- ✠ Michel Maghamez 8-14-2023
- ✠ Kathleen Ann Bruce 8-11-2023
- ✠ Patricia Elking 8-6-2023
- ✠ Wafica Issa 8-5-2023
- ✠ Jordan Taylor 8-1-2023
- ✠ Elias Hawatmeh 7-26-2023
- ✠ John William Cary 7-8-2023
- ✠ Rigo Berto Oseguera 6-18-2023
- ✠ Angel Mamarbashi 6-16-2023
- ✠ David Wissler 6-9-2023
- ✠ Martha Ibrahim 6-1-2023
- ✠ George Anton 5-29-2023
- ✠ Bernard Elking Sr. 5-26-2023

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2024-2025, and for the Vacation Bible School June 10-13, 2024. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

ST RAYMOND AND NAM SCHOLARSHIPS

*For all our graduating HS Seniors going to College and High School students, the scholarship applications are in the foyer of both our church locations and you can find them online at the link below. Both HS senior students from St. Raymond Cathedral and from St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church communities are eligible to apply. *NAM (National Apostolate of Maronites) also offers great and numerous Scholarships. More information online at [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships (straymond-mc.org))

33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, 33rd Annual Golf Tournament, is on Sat. June 1, 2024, at Sugar Creek Golf Course (5224 Country Club Dr.). For Registration/Sponsorship and additional information please log on to the link: [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events (straymond-mc.org))

APRIL SHOWERS FOR OUR LADY’S INN

Saint Raymond-Saint Elizabeth Ladies’ Sodality April Showers for Our Lady’s Inn, container tubs are in the foyer of both our churches. Wish List: Diapers and Wipes, Sleepers, Swaddlers, Baby Blankets, Bottles, Bibs, Burp Cloths, Towels, Baby Lotion, Soap, Powder, Pacifiers, Changing Pads, healthcare/Grooming Kits, baby Books, Diaper Bags. Thank you!

AUTUMN HARVEST/ VENDOR FAIR

Our St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest/ Vendor Fair is on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 12 noon till 10pm. For Volunteering or any information contact co-chair Tim Kallial at <timkallial@gmail.com>

RIP James Hamm

We pray to God for the repose of the soul of Jim Hamm. Our condolences and prayers are offered to his family and friends. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of Jim Hamm on Wednesday, May 22, at 10am.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Happy Mother’s Day to all our beautiful mothers! Pro– Life Committee will be handing a flower for all mothers at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church. At St. Raymond Cathedral the Men Society will have roses for all the mothers attending church. At the Coffee hour too, the Men Society will have special sweets for all our mothers. May God bless our Mothers through the intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary!

Vocation Pilgrimage Weekend with the *Daughters of St. Paul*



July 5-7 | St. Louis
9804 Watson Road

A vocational discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18-30.

Discover the Eucharistic spirituality and media mission of the Daughters of St. Paul, and participate in the Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage as it passes through our city!



Register:
connect.pauline.org/vocational-pilgrimage

Questions? Contact Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

For more information visit: eucharisticpilgrimage.org



59th Annual NAM Convention

JULY 4-7, 2024 | ST. SHARBEL CHURCH
DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER



CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st
www.namnews.org | (914) 964-3070 | info@namnews.org



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<https://book.passkey.com/e/50700969> | (313) 568-8000



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