

## MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Our St. Elias Youth Group will once again be attending the National Maronite Youth Retreat this summer! We are so excited to be a part of this life changing event and cannot thank you all enough for your loving support in the past. We are accepting donations to help defray the cost of this trip. The total cost for attendance and van rental is approximately \$6,000.00. If you are able to assist in any way, please give your donation to Deebie in the office or Linda George. Please be sure to put Youth Group Retreat in the memo of your check; cash donations are, of course, also welcome. If you are unable to participate in any monetary donation, we ask for your prayers. The prayers of our parish are a true gift to us.

### FESTIVAL MEETING

Our next festival meeting will be on **Monday, April 28th at 6:00pm.**

All Chairpersons and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

#### **ALSO**

Anyone wishing to donate a large item for our raffle or contact a business you deal with to donate, please let the office know.

## FESTIVAL INFORMATION...



**FESTIVAL YARD SIGNS:** Please make sure to take a Festival yard sign. They are in the entrance of the social hall.

**FESTIVAL FLYERS:** Please take flyers and give to businesses you frequent and to your family and friends.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS;** are on the table at the church entrance for different **time shifts for the food line**, per day.

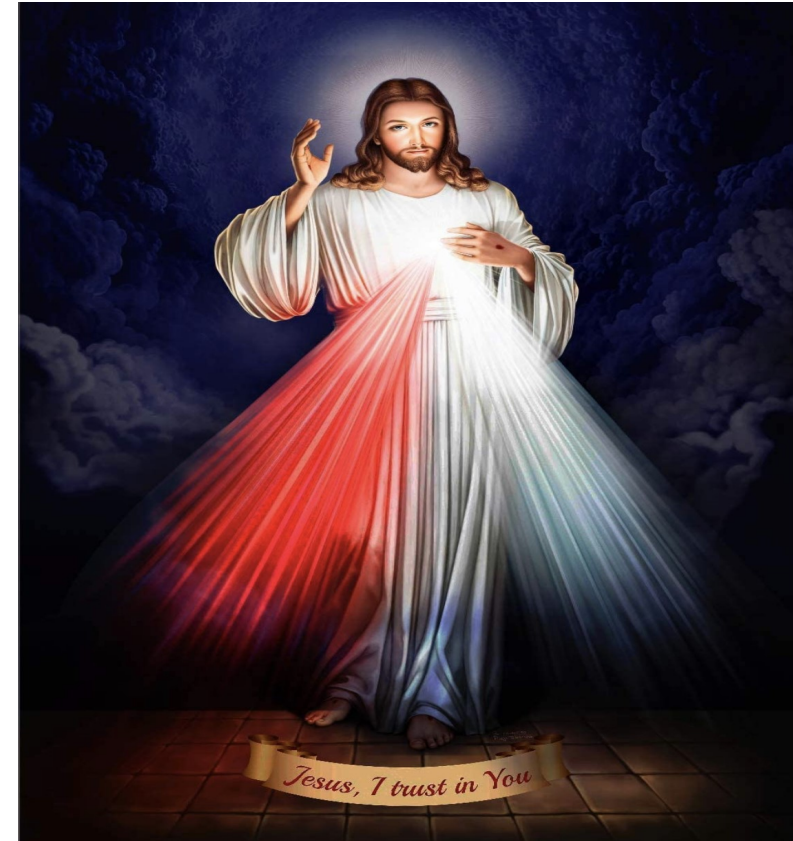
**FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM:** Share the event with your friends on Facebook and on your Instagram account.

**Saturday, May 17 (9 AM):** Hall setup (tables, stations and food lines) and outside stations/booths.

**FESTIVAL Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1 (9 AM—9 PM):** volunteers in different roles: food lines, booths, runners, etc.

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
4730 COVE ROAD, NW, ROANOKE, VA 24017**

**April 27, 2025**



## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Pastor: Fr. George Zina**

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### Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 10:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Every Friday following the 9:00 am  
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

**Mystery of Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:00 PM to 4:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM or by appointment

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### WEEKEND OF APRIL 26 & 27, 2025

**Saturday: 5:00 PM:** The souls in purgatory

**Sunday: 10:30 AM:** Conversion of Heart for all

**Monday, April 28: 9 AM** – Joyce Salaman, health & blessings

**Tuesday, April 29 9 AM** - The souls in purgatory

**Wednesday, April 30: 9 AM** - Mary Schoendienst, RIP

**Thursday, May 1: 9 AM** - Souls in purgatory

**Friday, May 2: 9 AM** - Marguerite Zombek, RIP



**Offertory**— April 20, 2025 - \$5,526.00 \*

**\*This includes Holy Thursday and Good Friday**

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend for Catholic Home Missions Appeal



**Just a note** - this year we received \$5,126.00 toward the Bishop's Appeal. We are obligated to send \$5,500.00, regardless of what we collect. We have a **shortage of \$374.00**. Anyone that has not given or that can help us reach our amount, please let me know. God bless you all.

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER MARY



May is the month of Mary. To honor her and remember your loved ones or any special intentions, we invite you to sponsor roses that will decorate her statue any of the four weekends in May. Please contact Fr. George or the office.

Thank you in advance.

## Daily Scripture Readings

*Week of April 27, 2025*

**Monday:** 1 Peter 1:1-9 : John 20:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Peter 1:10-16 : John 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Peter 1:17-21 : Matthew 28:11-15

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 1:22-25 : Matthew 28:16-20

**Friday:** 1 Peter 2:1-10 : John 2:13-25

**Saturday:** 1 Peter 2:11-17 : Matthew 22:41-46

**Sunday:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13 : Luke 24:13-35

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My dear brothers and sisters,

My sincere appreciation for your greetings and generous gifts and prayers during this Season of the Glorious Resurrection. It touches my heart and I am very grateful and very blessed to be your priest. Many, many thanks! You are all in my prayers.

Gratefully Yours in Jesus Christ,  
Fr. George

## Sunday of Divine Mercy



The church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy each year on the Second Sunday of Easter. On this day, we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets us come back to Him after we have sinned. We know Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big or bad you think your sin is, if we are sorry for it, then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you! We should thank God for His mercy and ask Him to look on the whole world with love and forgiveness!

## PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS



*Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*