



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Catholic students in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in the 2025-26 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and locally by Roanoke Council 562.

The theme of this year's contest is:

“Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?”

Essays must be 500-750 words and must be the student's original work. They must be typed (MSWord with spell-check is recommended). There are no font style or margin requirements, but a font of 12 is recommended. Use the fillable entry forms which can be downloaded from the KofC website (go to KofC.org and search for Form 4208). Student names should appear **only** on the entry forms; parental consent is also required on the entry forms. Print the completed entry form in color and staple to the essay.

Entries must be received by November 26, 2025 (Wednesday before Thanksgiving).

Cash prizes (\$50) will be awarded to the local winners in each of the grade levels. Local Winners will advance to the state level; state winners are advanced to the Supreme (international) level.

Syriac Faith Formation Online Series

The [Maronite Servants of Christ the Light](#) will be hosting an online Maronite Faith Formation Series on the Syriac Language starting **Thursday October 30** through the Saint Sharbel Center to help our people to learn more about the beauty and richness of our Maronite Liturgical language.

Clergy from the Eparchy of Saint Maron presenting these online sessions on three consecutive Thursdays at 8pm. Following the presentation there will be time for Q&A.

See below for the upcoming dates, topics and presenters at 8pm:

November 13— Syriac Hymns & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

The recordings will also be uploaded on the Saint Sharbel Center [website](#).

Registration link: <https://saintsharbelcenter.org/zoom-series/the-syriac-language>

If you have any questions, please contact our Maronite Sisters at sister@maroniteservants.org.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.



SAVE THE DATES

We warmly invite all children in our parish to take part in the Christmas play set for December 14. If you're interested, please write your child's name on the sheet in the foyer and come to the rehearsals on November 23rd in the hall during class hours from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. There will be another practice on December 7th at the same time. Additionally, after Mass on that day, we will enjoy lunch and decorate the hall.

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
4730 COVE ROAD, NW
ROANOKE, VA 24017
November 9, 2025**



Renewal of the Church

Liturgy Schedule

Emails: Fr@steliashurch.org
secretary@steliashurch.org
Office: 540-562-0012
Web Site: www.steliashurch.org

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 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 NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025

Saturday: 5:00 PM: All souls
Sunday: 10:30 AM: All souls & Anis & Salwa Aboujaoude, RIP (Pierre Aboujaoude)

Monday, Nov 10: 9 AM- All souls
Tuesday, Nov 11: 9 AM- All souls
Wednesday, Nov 12: 9 AM- All souls
Thursday, Nov 13: 9 AM- Salim & Emily Zina, RIP
Friday, Nov 14: 9 AM- All souls

All souls remembrance envelopes are on the altar for our parishioner's deceased loved ones.

Offertory – November 2, 2025 - \$3,303.00 *

*** This includes the Holy Day collection**

Second Collection: this weekend, 11/8 & 11/9 for
Maronite Patriarchal Charities



ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION **November**

The bread, wine & candles are being offered in memory of
the deceased members of St. Elias Church & Hanna Moses
by Joe Moses and Mandy Tolano



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of November 9, 2025

Monday: Hebrews 8:1-6 : John 10:1-6
Tuesday: Hebrews 8:7-13 : John 10:7-10
Wednesday: Hebrews 9:15-23 : John 10:11-16
Thursday: Hebrews 9:24-28 : John 10:17-21
Friday: Hebrews 10:1-10 : Mark 2:18-22
Saturday: Hebrews 3:1-6 : Mark 1:12-28
Sunday: Romans 4:13-25 : Luke 1:1-25

ATTENTION!!!!!!!

Please note that **effective November 15, 2025** our Saturday vigil will move to **4PM** instead of 5PM. The time will change back to 5PM when Daylight Savings Time occurs, Sunday, March 8th, so Mass will return to 5 PM on **Saturday, March 14, 2025.**



Veterans Day Prayer ***November 11, 2025***

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for those who have served to protect our nation, our freedoms and our peace. We pray you heal those who continue to experience emotional or physical pain as a result of their service. May each of us feel gratitude and responsibility for their welfare. We pray you comfort those who mourn their loved ones who died while serving our country. We thank you for the many blessings our nation receives and pray for World Peace through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Letter from the Maronite Eparchies of the United States

Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you enjoying the best of health, happiness, and success. The 2026 Lebanese Elections are quickly approaching. We invite you to register, as it is your right and responsibility to express your opinion on the future of Lebanon. As a reminder, you are eligible to register as a non-resident voter if you hold Lebanese citizenship and were born on or before March 30, 2005.

- Eligible voters can register online at <https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb/>
 - Eligible voters may also register in person at the Lebanese Embassy or at their respective general and honorary consulate
- Registration closes on **November 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM Beirut Time.**
Lebanon needs you, and this is the time to act to ensure the future of a better, democratic, independent, and sovereign Lebanon.

With our sincere best wishes and prayers, we remain Yours in Christ,

+Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn
+A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles