



MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

We invite you to join us as we prayerfully gather with fellow Maronites from across the United States to march for the unborn, and to witness the sanctity and dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. The 2026 March for Life will take place on Friday, January 23rd in Washington, DC. To encourage more of our people to attend we have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate at the *Yours Truly Hotel* in

Washington, DC. More details and a schedule for the weekend are posted on the bulletin board of the church.

Rooms are \$149 a night plus tax. Each individual guest must make his or her own reservation by calling 877-269-5199 and telling them they are with the MYA March for Life.

Please note: The booking link price you see online will show the \$26 destination fee included in the rate. Please rest assured that the charge will not show on your final bill. Rooms need to be booked by December 23, 2025. The blocked room rates could potentially be available past this date if they are able to provide some (this will be determined case by case). Each person booking a room is responsible for their own room fees and is responsible for cancelling if necessary, within the hotel's allowable time period to avoid charges.

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ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL Head Golf Coach

Roanoke Catholic School is currently searching for a part time **Head Golf Coach** for the 2025-2026 Spring Season. The coach is responsible for the coordination, practice, and performance of their sport, communication with athletes, parents, and student-athlete development as outlined in the RCS Coaches Handbook. The Head Coach is hired and appraised by the Principal and works in close association with and under the direction and supervision of the Athletic Director. Prior coaching experience is preferred. Interested candidates should direct questions and/or send a resume, cover letter and [diocesan application](#) to Shawn Good, Athletic Director, at sgood@roanokecatholic.com.

ST. ELIAS MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH 4730 COVE ROAD, NW, ROANOKE, VA 24017 January 4, 2026



The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

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



The Glorious Epiphany

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 am

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 3:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026

Saturday: 4:00 PM: The souls in Purgatory

Sunday: 10:30 AM: The souls in Purgatory

Monday, Jan 5: 9:00 AM- The souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Jan 6: 9:00 AM- Salvation of the souls who will die today (Craig Turner)
6:00 PM- The souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Jan 7: 9:00 AM- Aundrea Crouch, RIP (Don & Glenda Barnett)

Thursday, Jan 8: 9:00 AM- The souls in Purgatory

Friday, Jan 9: 9:00 AM- Benjamin Turner, special intention (Craig Turner)

Offertory— December 28, 2025- \$5,482.00*

*** This includes Christmas offerings.**



ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION January

The bread, wine & candles are being offered in loving
memory of Joe, Marie & Michael Eunice and
Reggie Gilbert by Donna Gilbert



Daily Scripture Readings Week of January 4, 2026

Monday: Rom 5:1-11 : Lk 3:1-6

Tuesday: Tit 2:11-3:7: Lk 3:15-22

Wednesday: Col 1:24-29 : Lk 7:18-30

Thursday: Col 2:1-7 : Mt 3:13-17

Friday: Gal 5:2-15 : Jn 5:31-38

Saturday: Gal 5:16-26 : Jn 5:39-47

Sunday: 2 Cor 10:1-11 : Jn 1:29-34

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear brothers and sisters of St. Elias,

Again, I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and successful New Year. On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude for all the Christmas greetings and gifts that you have offered me during the Holy Season of Christmas, most of all, your kind words that touched my heart so deeply. It makes me feel a bigger responsibility to guide you more in your spiritual life. Please keep me in your prayers, as I do you. May the newborn Child Jesus shower you and your family with many blessings and graces.

Fr. George

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father, Author of all time and eternity, we come before You at the threshold of this new year with grateful and hopeful hearts. We thank You for the blessings of the year now passing and place ourselves entirely in Your providential care. Pour out Your abundant blessings upon our families and friends. May our homes be sanctuaries of Your peace, where love grows deeper and wounds are healed through the grace of forgiveness. We pray for Your Holy Church – for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, for our bishops and priests, and for all the faithful throughout the world. Strengthen those who proclaim Your Gospel, and renew the hearts of all who serve You. Grant wisdom. Extend Your merciful hand to those burdened by poverty or suffering, that they may find relief and know they are not forgotten. And Father, welcome into Your eternal rest all who have died this past year, and prepare the souls of those whom You will call home in this new year. As we step forward into the unknown days before us, be our constant guide – and may this be a year in which we grow ever closer to You and to one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

St. Maron Dinner will be **February 7, 2026.**

More details to follow

