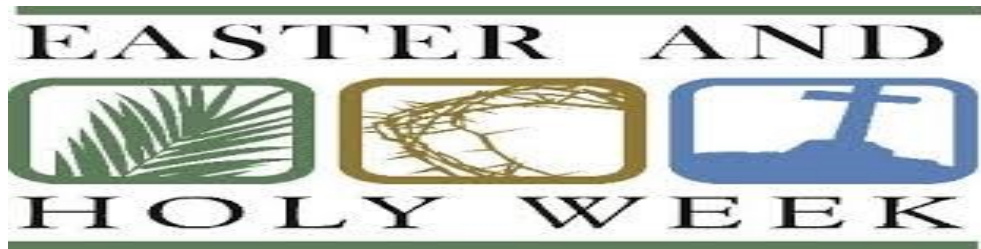


EASTER AND HOLY WEEK



**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
4730 COVE ROAD, NW, ROANOKE, VA 24017
March 29, 2026

- Monday, 3/30** 9AM - Nicholas Turner, conversion (Craig Turner)
- Tuesday, 3/31** 9AM— The souls in purgatory
- Wednesday, 4/1** 9AM - The souls in purgatory
- Holy Thursday, 4/2** 7 PM—Last Supper Mass - The souls in purgatory
9:30—10:30 PM - **Community Adoration**
- Good Friday, 4/3** 9AM—Mass - Pre-Sanctified
6:30 PM—Solemn Burial of Our Lord
- Saturday, Easter Vigil** 5:00 PM— For all St. Elias parishioners, living & departed
- Easter Sunday** 10:30 AM- For all St. Elias parishioners, living & departed



[Easter Sunday Open House at Madonna House](#)

Bring friends and family to visit us anytime between 12 noon and 4 PM. We will have a buffet lunch and our traditional Russian Easter Koolitch (sweet bread) and Paska (cheese spread). Our intricately decorated pysanky eggs will be on display. The afternoon ends with Solemn Easter Vespers at 4:00 PM.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Resurrection. We have a big wrap-around porch and spacious backyard...lots of space to visit with one another inside and out! Hope that we can join us as this is our last Open House. We will be closed from Monday April 6th—Wednesday April 8th.



Hosanna Sunday

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Liturgy Schedule

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 MARCH 28 & 29, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM- Joe Moses, RIP (Charles & Lucy Ruhl)

Sunday: 10:30 AM- The souls in Purgatory

PLEASE SEE the back of the bulletin for the Liturgy schedule this week & Easter

OFFERING FOR THE PRIEST

*In the Maronite churches, it is a tradition to have a second collection at all **Easter Masses** for the benefit of the priest. Included in your envelopes is a separate yellow envelope, “Pastor’s Collection”, which you can use for this tradition. However, a special envelope is not required.*

If writing a check, please make checks payable to Fr. George Zina, not St. Elias Church.

Offertory— March 22, 2026- \$2,196.00



Bishop’s Lenten Appeal - Collected thus far: \$2,515.00 out of \$5,500.00

ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION March

The bread, wine & candles are being offered in loving memory of The Anayas & Shroads Families by Wynnie Shroads



APRIL is available for your intentions

Daily Scripture Readings Week of March 29, 2026

Monday: Heb 6:1-9 : Mt 21:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-17 : Luke 13:22-30

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:5-12: John 11:47-54

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 : Luke 22:1-23

Friday: Hebrews 12:12-21 : John 19:31-37

Saturday: Romans 5:1-11 : Matthew 27:62-66

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 : Mark 16:1-8

Good Friday, Red Roses



There will be red roses available for a donation at the 6:30 pm Burial of Our Lord. The Maronite tradition is to acquire the rose before entering the church; take the rose directly to the altar, then genuflect and place the rose before the Crucified Jesus Christ. The red rose symbolizes the blood and agony of the Crucifixion of Jesus. Please join us in this solemn and reverend tribute.



REMINDER: There is **NO** Adoration on Good Friday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday, April 10th.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This is a special and sacred time when we think about the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

On Thursday, we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when he gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

On Good Friday, we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then he was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday, we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus’ other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed!

Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?