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Melkite Greek Catholic Church
25th Anniversary
San Jose - California
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Dear Father James and Parishioners of St. Elias Church,
Christ is among us! He is and He always will be!

It is with great joy that I offer my prayers, best wishes and congratulations to you on the 25th Anniversary of the founding of St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Church. I am also pleased to be able to be present with you for this wonderful occasion.


We give thanks for the sacrifices and diligent labors of the founders of St. Elias, as well as for all of you, the faithful members who comprise this fervent community of faith today. God has been most gracious to you, though your path has not always been an easy one. Such trials are tests of our love and devotion to the Lord and are part of the history of every faithful parish.

An historic occasion such as this calls us, not only to celebrate our past, but all the more to look to the future and to commit ourselves and our resources to the growth of St. Elias in the years ahead. A faith community is a tremendous gift that must be nurtured and maintained by all the people who share its blessings.

May the reverence and beauty of your Liturgy be a beacon that draws others who seek to love and serve the Lord. May God grant all the members of the St. Elias parish family many years of health and happiness.

Mabrouk!

Your Father and Shepherd,
✠ Archbishop Cyril S. Bustros
Eparch of Newton



*I rejoiced when I heard them say:
“Let us go up to the House of the Lord!”*

To the Community of
St. Elias the Prophet
and Rev. James Graham



Congratulations on 25 Years!
May God grant you Many More!

**St. Ann Melkite Greek-Catholic Church
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**Rev. Dr. Michael K. Skrocki, JCD
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Rev. Dn. Tom Davis & Rev. Dn. Nicholas Bourjaili

and

**The Sisters of the Community of
the Mother of God of Tenderness**

**Sr. Sophia Michalenko, Sr. Victoria Michalenko
and Sr. Maryann Socha**

Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St Elias Church:

Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice,” St Paul tells us in the Letter to the Philippians. And in the Letter to the Colossians, he says, “Above all, clothe yourselves in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

I rejoice always in the love of God, who created us and brings us together.
I rejoice that God directed my steps to the Melkite-Greek Catholic Church.
I rejoice that the Lord called me to serve God and God’s people as a priest.
I rejoice that I was taught and inspired by Archimandrite Maximos Mardelli, founder of St Elias Church.

I rejoice that Abouna Mardelli, Abouna Adel Ghali, Abouna Elie Antoun, Abouna Philip Azoon, and Abouna Philip Raczka, my predecessors at St Elias, built a strong foundation of faith and community.

I rejoice that the people of St Elias Church are strong, generous, dedicated, welcoming, diverse, and loving.

I rejoice that I have been blessed to serve St Elias Church for thirteen years.

And I rejoice that by doing everything in love we have been able to build up our community of faith in the knowledge of the Lord, in the service of God’s people, in growing numbers, and in the beauty of worship.

Many thanks to all who have helped me, advised me, corrected me, questioned me, supported me, and prayed for me.

May God grant this church—God’s holy people—many more years in health and happiness, peace and prosperity, faith and love.

Above all, thanks be to God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—who created us in love and calls us to unity with Him and with one another.

Your brother in Christ-God,

Fr James K. Graham
Pastor



With Gratitude to Almighty God
for the Ministry of
St. Elias the Prophet Church
on your 25th Anniversary




The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
and the clergy, religious and laity of the
Diocese of Oakland



*Congratulations
To
St Elias The Prophet Church
On The Occasion Of The
25th Anniversary*

*CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY
216 8th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was in 1984 when an energetic, committed priest came to the greater Bay Area to start a new mission – Archimandrite Maximos Mardelli was in his early 70's when he came here, after working in the newly created mission in nearby Sacramento. I have to say that I was one of the lucky ones who got the call in '84 announcing that we would have a new church. Abouna Mardelli married many couples (myself & Nadia included), baptized many infants, and formed a beautiful choir – most of this fruit is still with us today. Today, Fr. James Graham, our Pastor, continues this work. He has been our spiritual leader for the past 13 years, and led us during some challenging times, but now, with the grace of God, we are on solid ground.

Our Melkite community in the greater Bay Area is strong, friendly, and faithful: Our Sunday attendance is the strongest in over 10 years; we started a weekly Prayer Group; we now have a multi-lingual Liturgy in English, Arabic, and Greek; we have a religious education program for the children on Sunday mornings. But many challenges remain, including an active youth program to carry on the future of our church.

Of course we have our financial challenges too, but we were able to pay-off our bank mortgage in mid-2007, by donations and interest-free loans from parishioners, and a low-interest loan from the Diocese.


Many thanks to all the parishioners, as without you there is no church! Many thanks to our parish council, including our past council chairpersons, Maro Massoud and John Srour, for continuing to meet the various needs of our church. I especially would like to thank George Haddad for carrying most of the burden in creating this commemorative book. Many thanks to all who contributed congratulatory ads to this book.

Our gratitude to Bishop Patrick J. McGrath, the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Jose, for sharing this celebration with us. Finally, our thanks to our Melkite spiritual Father in the US, Archbishop Cyril Salim Bustros, for being present with us and always supporting us.

Congratulations on this 25th anniversary – or should I say “Alf Mabrouk!!”

Your servant in Christ,
Nabil Damouny
Chairman, St. Elias Parish Council

Current Council members: Nabil Damouny, Samir Badra, Mario & Mona Faris, George & Marlene Haddad, Remon Kaldani, Laure Kelly, Therese Lahlouh, Fathi & Maro Massoud, Nabil Matta, Tony Noujaim, John Srour and George Tinawi.



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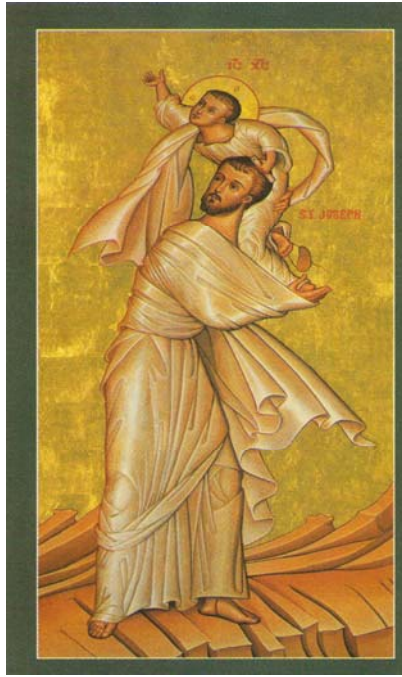
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Sub-Deacon John Fleshman
Reader Romanos Odermatt

We especially remember the priests and deacons fallen asleep
in the Lord who served our parish through the years:

Archpriest Armand J. Jacopin
Rev. Salim Faddoul
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Deacon Nicholas Rosov
and most recently Protodeacon Paul Weyrich



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(Men & Women)

The Parish Advisory Council

*The Clergy: Fr. Alam Alam, Fr. Imad Barakeh,
Protodeacon Bryan McNeil, Deacon John MacMillan*

Congratulate their brothers and sisters in Christ

Of St. Elias Melkite Church in San Jose, CA,

On their 25th Anniversary

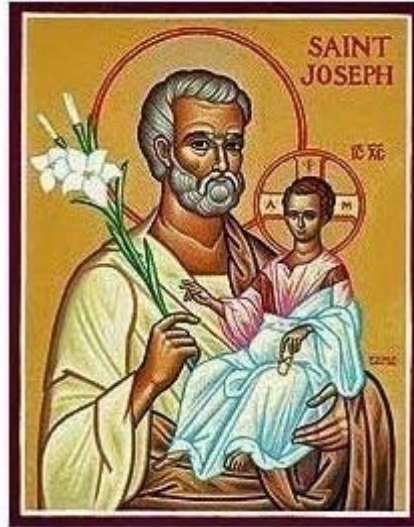
And join them in praying that we all

may continue to grow

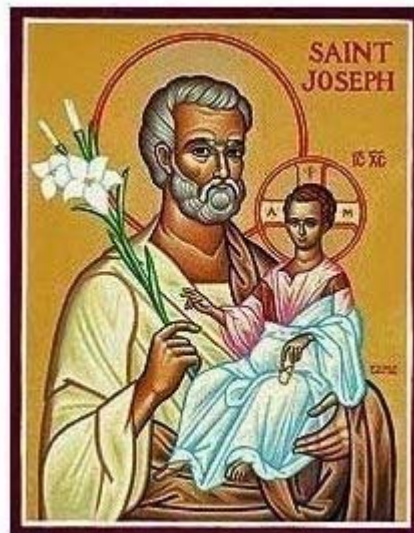
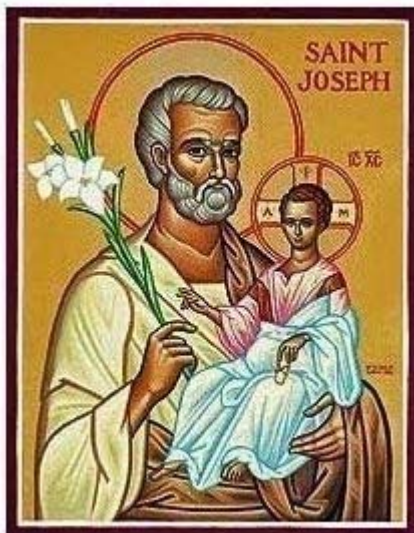
“into the full stature of Christ”

(Ephesians 4: 13)

OUR CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES
TO
THE COMMUNITY OF
SAINT ELIAS THE PROPHET MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAN JOSE - CALIFORNIA
FOR
SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
1984 - 2008



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&
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OF
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From the beginning...The church needed a place
We founded it in ourselves



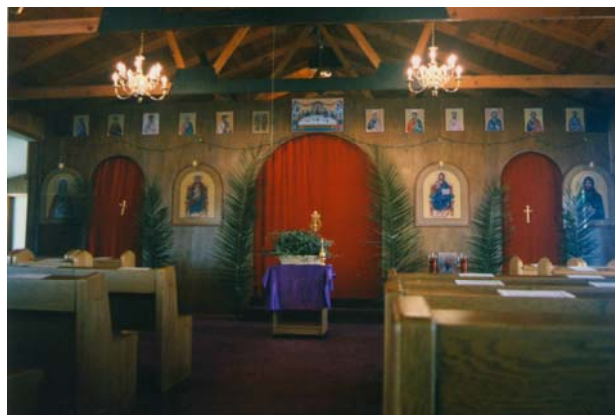
Some of the founders of St. Elias



At the Mission in Fremont

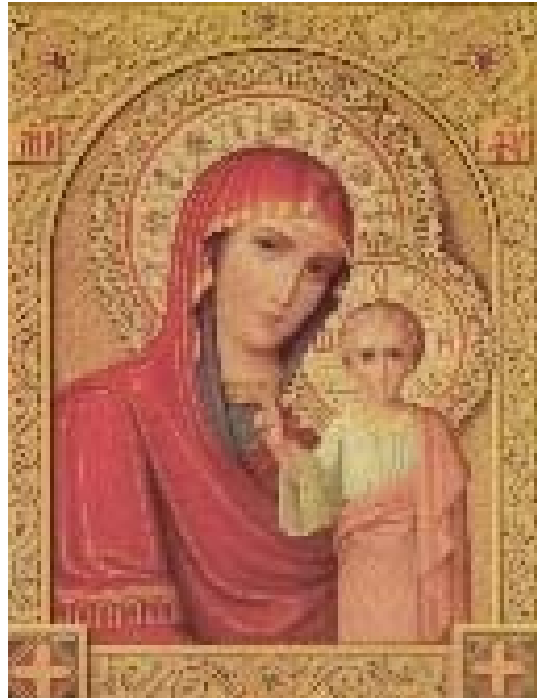


Fr. Adel and a new generation



And then there was Fremont at Grimmer

Many Years !



From the clergy and
Parishioners of Our Lady
Of Fatima Russian
Catholic Church
San Francisco, California

More for the Memories.....



Way before there was a digital camera.....

The Damouny Family

Congratulates Fr. James and all Parishioners on the
25th anniversary of our Melkite church in the Bay Area

Our family is lucky to be part of this church since its inception
in 1984.

It was Abouna Mardelli, our church founder, who presided over

*Nabil & Nadia wedding in 1985,
and
Samir & Susan wedding in 1987.*



Nabil, Nadia, Stephen, and Elizabeth Damouny
Samir, Susan, Christina, and George Damouny

In memory of our Matriarch – Marie Damouny

More Events and More Memories.....



More Events.....



More Memories.....



More Belief.....More Faith

To our late father Elias Y. Faris,
we keep your dream and spirit
alive.

25 years and counting.
May your memory be eternal.

Congratulations to St. Elias
Church on your 25th Anniversary.

With Love.
Mario & Mouna
Mariah, Elias, Eliana & Danielle
And Josephine



Rami Amireh and Family

*“Blessed are the Pure of Heart
For they shall see GOD”*

(Matthew 5,8)

Congratulations and best wishes

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Souheil Zaatari and Family

May you flourish for many years to come
Congratulations and Best Wishes

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Our Family, the Parish
Of
St. Elias the Melkite Church

Souheil, Amira
Jereis, Randy & Lena

**Hallelujah !
Praise the Name of the LORD,
Give praise, you servants of the LORD.**

**You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the court of the house of the God.**

-Psalm 135:1-2

*Congratulations on your 25th !
May God Grant You Many Years*

From

Your Brothers and Sisters

Of

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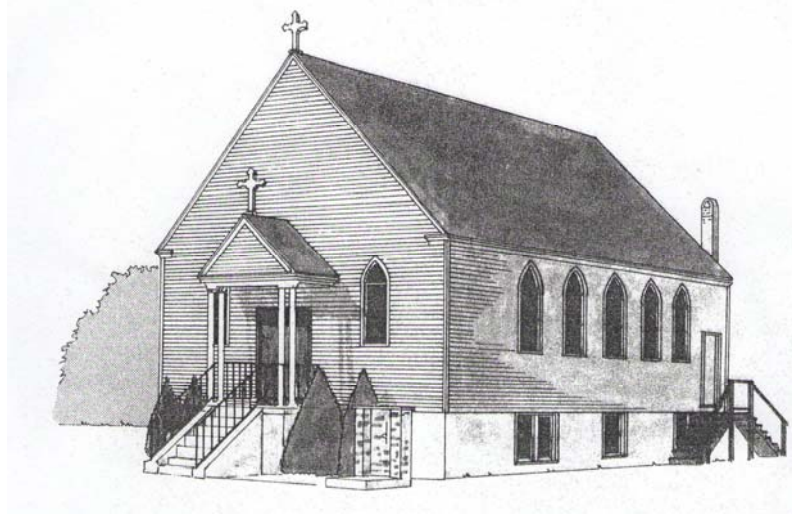
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Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Parish of St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Church as it celebrates its Silver Jubilee.



May St. Elias Church continue its heritage of service to God's people

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Rt. Rev. Exarch Joseph S. Haggar, Pastor and its Parishioners



*WITH OUR PRAYERS
FOR AN ABUNDANCE OF
GOD'S BLESSINGS!*

To our sister Mission to the North, our
congratulations as we celebrate our 20th
Anniversary.

May God grant you many years!

**Father Justin
Father Protodeacon Stephen
Father Deacon Jacob
Father Deacon Joseph
and
The Community of St. Philip the Apostle
Mission**



*Rt. Rev. Kenneth Sherman
Rev. Deacon Edmond Elhilow
And the Parishioners of*

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*HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS
AND
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FOR THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF
SAINT ELIAS MELKITE CHURCH
SAN JOSE, CA*



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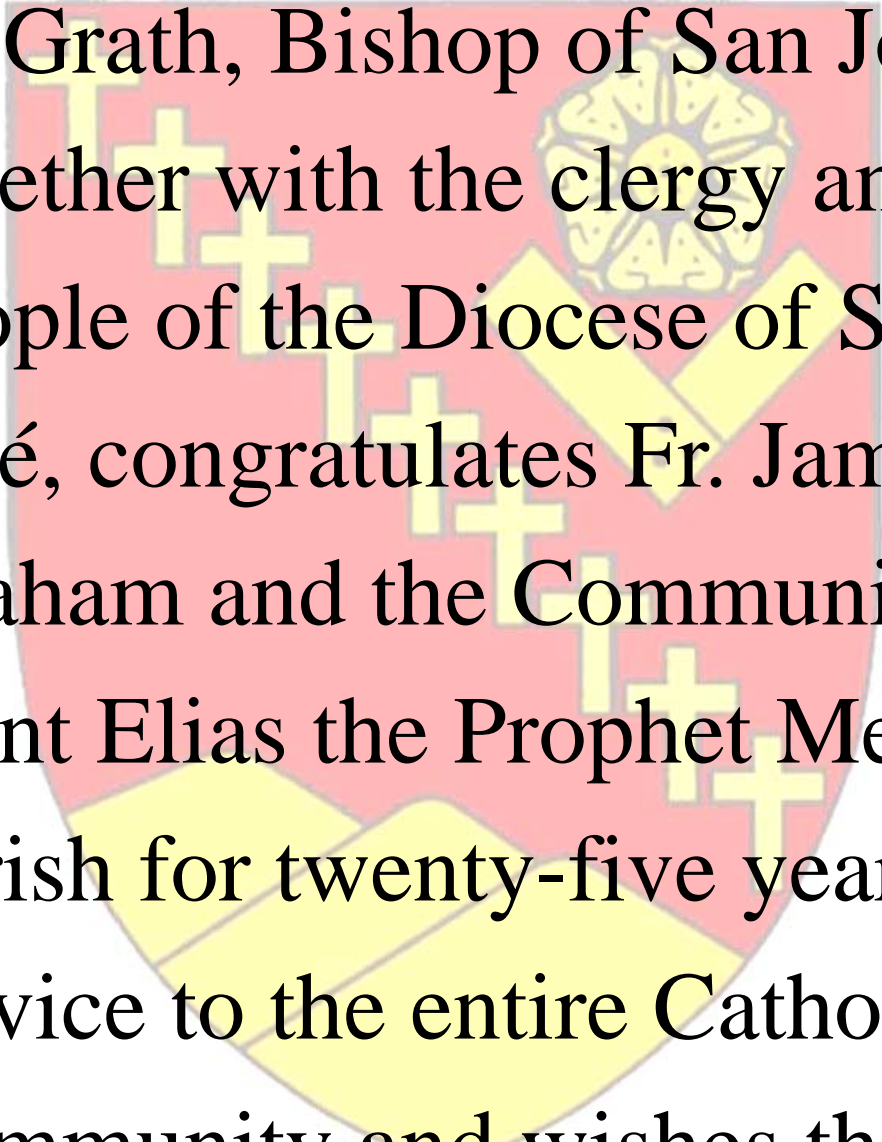
Tony Noujaim and Family

Congratulations to St. Elias Church and
Parish

May the Holy Trinity be upon you and grant
you Faith, Love, Hope and prosperity

Tony, Edma, Andrew and Arlette

Diamond Printing

The background of the text features a faint, semi-transparent coat of arms. It is a shield-shaped emblem with a red field and a yellow field. The red field contains a yellow cross and a yellow sunburst. The yellow field contains a yellow cross and a yellow sunburst. The shield is set against a white background.

The Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath, Bishop of San José, together with the clergy and people of the Diocese of San José, congratulates Fr. James Graham and the Community of Saint Elias the Prophet Melkite Parish for twenty-five years of service to the entire Catholic Community and wishes them the very best for the future.

Many Years.

With prayers and best wishes
on your 25th anniversary.

Archimandrite Mark E. Melone, Pastor
Hieromonk Brendan McAnerney, OP, In Residence
Reader Fred Struck
Parish Advisory Council Chairman Marshall T. Rose

and
the parish family of St. George Church, Sacramento



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Monday - Friday

8:30 AM

Saturday

8:30 AM
5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

**Congratulations to St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Parish on the occasion of its
50th Anniversary and to its Pastor, Father James K. Graham**



“ The material building and its contents flow from and are an expression of faith, hope,
and the love of God of those who erected it.”

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The Parish Advisory Council and all Church Organizations**



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*Congratulations to St. Elias Melkite Church and its parish
On their
25th Anniversary*

Fr. Philaret Littlefield,
The Council, and
The Parish of
St. George Catholic Melkite Church





The Choir, Heart and Soul



St. Elias New Generation





***“Let us commend ourselves
and one another
and our whole life
to Christ our God.”***

From the Divine Liturgy

May the community of
St Elias the Prophet
continue to live in faith,
and welcome in love
all who seek to know the Lord
according to our Holy Tradition.

**Congratulations on 25 Years
of Community and Ministry!**

Rev. Father James K. Graham
Mrs. Patricia A. Graham

*Congratulations to Rev. James Graham and the parishioners
of St. Elias the Prophet Melkite Greek Catholic Church
on your 25th Anniversary*

*St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church
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*Reflect....Renew....Rejoice
“Keep your selves in the love of God”*

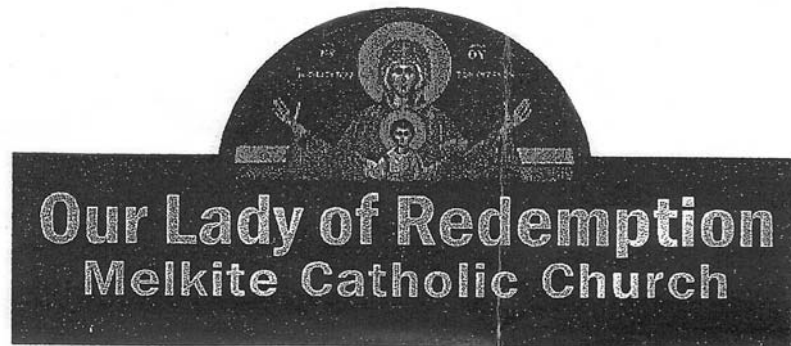
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We cherish every moment we shared with St. Elias, year by year since June 1984, and hold dear in our hearts the friends, laughter and tears. We look forward for another 25 years.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK !

Fathi, Maro and our Massoud extended families



"All good, giving and every perfect gift are from above, coming down from the Father of lights."
James 1:17

Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic parish in Warren, Michigan congratulates St. Elias Melkite-Greek Catholic Church on the blessed occasion of their 25th Anniversary Celebration. May the Father of Lights bless all of your endeavors.

Rev. Michel Cheble, Pastor, Protodeacon James Soloman, Protodeacon Joseph Daratony, Deacon David Herr and SubDeacon Rick Trabulsky; all of the parish committees and societies and all of the faithful in Christ.

Edward Atoule and Family

“He will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just”
(Geneses 18, 19)

*With our Prayers for an
Abundance of God’s Blessing,
We Wish our Brothers and Sisters
Of
St. Elias Catholic Melkite Church
Its Pastor and Parish
All the Best for 25 More Years*

*Edward, Nancy
John and Nicholas*

**To our brothers and sisters of
St. Elias Melkite Parish**

**CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

**May God shower upon you
abundant blessing and
continue to prosper the
Work of your hands for the
Glory of His holy church**

From your brothers
And sisters at

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*“Live in harmony in one another, be sympathetic,
love as brothers, be compassionate and humble”
(1 Peter 3, 8)*

Our heartfelt congratulations and wishes to St. Elias
the Melkite Church on our 25th Anniversary and
milestone

May we continue to flourish and prosper and grow
with God's love.

Remon Keldani and Family

Remon, Linda, Isaac, Mazen
Catherine and Andrew

Congratulations
For
St. Elias Melkite-Catholic Church
on their
25th Anniversary Celebration



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