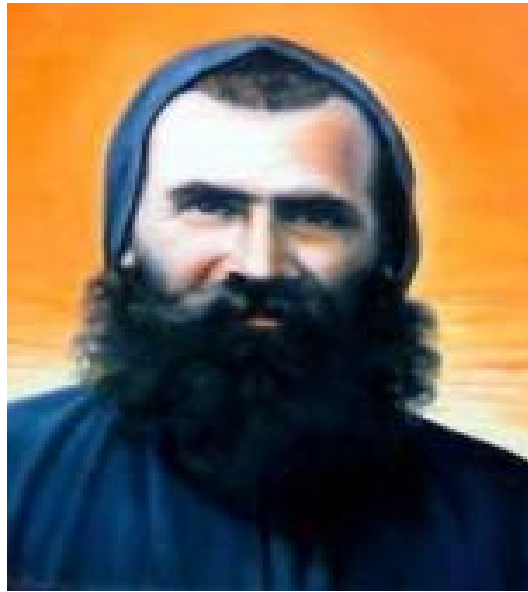


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**Beatification
of Brother
Estephan Nehmé**

**تطويب الأخ
اسطفان نعمه**

Divine Liturgy Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 AM Tue - Sat: 6:30 PM	Sixth Week of Pentecost June 27 - July 3	Pastor Fr. Milad Yaghi, M.L.M. frmilad@usa.com
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 30 min. before Mass by request	Sunday 1Cor 12:12- 13, 27- 30 Mt 10:16- 25	Associate Pastor Fr. Pierre El- Khoury, M.L.M. frpierre@gmail.com
Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) Notify the Pastor four months in advance	Monday Acts 12:1- 11 Mt 15:1- 9	Associate Pastor Fr. Andre Estephan, M.L.M. fr_andremlm@yahoo.com
Sacrament of Baptism (and Confirmation) Notify the Pastor one month in advance	Tuesday The Apostles Peter & Paul 2Cor 11:21- 30 Mt 16:13- 20	Subdeacon Jim Pinero jimp1940@aol.com
Anointing of the Sick Contact the Pastor	Wednesday The Twelve Apostles Rom 10:12- 21 Mt 9:36- 38	Parish Council President Nicolas Nammour, MD nic_nammour@hotmail.com
Daughters of Mary Wafaa Al-Nemri	Thursday Acts 13:13- 25 Mt 16:1- 4	Religious Education Director Tommy Cordova tommycordova@gmail.com
Knights of the Cedars Fadi Droubi droubif@aol.com	Friday Acts 13:26- 39 Mt 16:5- 12	Assistant CCE Director Rebecca Carrum gcarrum@sbcglobal.net
Maronite Youth Organization Stephanie Rocha stephanie.rocha@hok.com	Saturday Acts 13:44- 52 Jn 3:31- 36	Choir Director Joseph Rouhana Logopg1@aol.com
		Parish Secretary Michelle Fuentes sydneaus@live.com

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Welcome new members and visitors

Please provide address and other contact information using the forms in the lobby or by e-mailing frmilad@sbcglobal.net.

Almahaba Advertisements

Individuals and companies are encouraged to place ads in Almahaba. Please send an e-mail to almahabaolc@yahoo.com for more information.

Parish E-mail List

To receive time-sensitive and important announcements, send an email request to frmilad@sbcglobal.net.

Collections / Donations

Last Sunday	\$2,625
Pastoral Center	\$1,000
Pledges	\$500

Knights Lunch

TODAY

The Knights of the Cedars will be serving Shawarma sandwiches for lunch after the 11 o'clock Mass.

First Communion Photos and DVD's

The photos and DVD's are available for pickup from the Church office (between 9 AM and 2 PM).

NAM Convention

July 7- 11

The annual Maronite Convention will be held in Birmingham, Alabama and is hosted by St. Elias Parish.

Prayer Group

July 1

The Prayer Group continues to meet every Thursday at 7 PM.

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

Our Church will host this great program of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston with a minimum of 50 participants from the parish. Please sign up as soon as possible. Registration deadline is Aug 16th. FTCM program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple. All Catholic adults who seek greater understanding of the Church's authentic teachings should take FTCM.

Brother Estephan Nehmé

The Beatification of Venerable Brother Estephan (Stephen) Nehmé, monk of the Lebanese Maronite Order, will take place on Sunday June 27, 2010 at the Monastery of "Sts. Cyprian and Justin" in Kfifan. The Ceremony will be presided over by the representative of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, His Excellency Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints. The Divine Liturgy will be con-celebrated by Cardinal Amato, His Eminence Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch, and a host of Eastern Patriarchs and Bishops.

Joseph (Youssef) Nehme was born in March 1889 in the town of Lehfed, in the Jbeil District. He studied at Our Lady of Grace School, which was run by the Lebanese Maronite Order. He was known as a man of prayer and was called a "disciple of the land." He saw this land as a "school of sanctity" and a "source of spirituality." In 1905, two years after his father's death, Youssef Nehme entered the novitiate of the Lebanese Maronite Order, in the Monastery of "Sts. Cyprian and Justin" in Kfifan. On Aug. 23, 1907, he made his monastic vows, taking the name Estephan (Stephen) after his father and the Patron Saint of his birthplace.

Having become a friar (brother), Estephan spent his life in different monasteries of the order, working in the fields and gardens, and dedicating himself to carpentry and construction jobs. Brother Estephan lived an intense life of prayer, faithful to the order's constitutions and spirituality.

He died on August 30, 1938 and was buried in the monastery at Kfifan, where his body remains intact.

Our Most Sincere Condolences to Michael, Elias, and Edmond Rassi, on the loss of their father George, who passed away last week after a brief illness, at the age of 49.

For all Parish information and daily news, visit www.ourladyofthecedars.net