

**Resolution Number 141**  
**Bishop Elias Zaidan**

**WHEREAS**, we are delighted to pause in our deliberations to honor and recognize Elias Zaidan on the occasion of his appointment as Bishop of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles upon the retirement of Bishop Robert J. Shaheen.;and

**WHEREAS**, Elias Zaidan was born on March 10, 1963, in Kassaibe, Lebanon; he pursued his religious education at the College des Apotres and Holy Spirit University in Lebanon. He was ordained on July 20, 1981 by His Beatitude Nasrallah Peter Sfeir and in 1984 he professed his final vows as a Maronite Lebanese Missionaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Zaidan's education and studies include licenses in theology and philosophy; he holds a master's degree in school administration from St. John's University, and pursued doctoral studies in education at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Elias Zaidan has dedicated more than 25 years of service to the needs of his congregation and community through many assignments; including assistant rector of the minor seminary of the Maronite Missionaries, chaplain of the Lay Apostolic Marianist Movement of Young Catholic Students, assistant rector of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn, pastor of St. George Maronite Catholic Church in San Antonio, and since 1994 has been rector of the Maronite Cathedral in Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Zaidan helped establish Maronite Missions in Dallas and Houston, he is a Man of God who has touched the souls of many throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Elias Zaidan was ordained Bishop on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Lebanon in front of clergy from around the world, family, friends, and parishioners of St. Raymond's Cathedral who traveled from St. Louis to witness this glorious moment; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Bishop of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles is a warm and gracious man, accessible to one and all alike; he is insistent on adherence to the tenets of faith, but is compassionate in dealing with the limitations of the human condition; he will continue to lead and inspire his people throughout Lebanon and the United States; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations and join with the parishioners and friends of St. Raymond's Maronite Cathedral to welcome Bishop Zaidan to St. Louis and congratulate him on his many achievements. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 by:

**Honorable Phyllis Young, 7th Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 as attested by

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen