APRIL 14, 2019  Issue 31  Number 15
Fifth Sunday of Great Lent (Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt);
Saints of the Day: Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy; Martyr Thomas of Alexandria; New-Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos

WELCOME

We welcome all our visitors. It is an honor to have you worshipping with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church very different. We welcome your questions. Please join us for our Reception held in the Church Hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

We understand **Holy Communion** to be an act of our unity in faith. While we work toward the unity of all Christians, it regrettably does not now exist. Therefore, only baptized Orthodox Christians (who have properly prepared) are permitted to participate in Holy Communion. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread that is distributed at the end of the service. We look forward to meeting you during the Reception that follows the service.

NEW ORTHROS & LITURGY BOOK

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St. Elijah is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace Bishop BASIL, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America
The 1st Antiphon:
As usual...

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The 2nd Antiphon:
As usual...

Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory...Now...

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5
Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

The Entrance Hymn
O come let us worship...

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Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt - Tone 8
Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

Troparion of St. Elijah - Tone 4
Angellic Body, Pillar of Prophets and their Corner Stone, Forerunner of the Second-Coming of Christ; Thou didst send Grace from on high to Elisha, to dispel sickness and to purify lepers, Glorious Elijah, thou dost overflow with healing to those who honor thee.

Kontakion for the Theotokos - Tone 4
O Undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix, who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

The Thrice Holy Hymn

THE READINGS

Epistle Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

God is known in Judaea, His name is great in Israel!

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (Chapter 9:11-14)

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal
Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Gospel 6th Sunday of Great Lent**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourghe him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And the said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**The Megalynarion**

In thee rejoice, O thou who art full of grace, every created being - the Hosts of the angels and all mankind. O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech, glory to virgins of whom God was incarnate and became a little child. And is our God before all the ages. For he made of thy womb a throne and thy body did he make more spacious than the Heavens. In thee doth all creation rejoice, O thou who art full of grace, Glory to thee.

**Communion Hymn**

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Praise the Lord... Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

**OFFERINGS**

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Velma Taylor, Jim Shadid, and Neena and Phil Haddad for their good health and the good health of their families. It is especially offered in memory of Economos Neyemtallah Shadid, Khouriah Hafeetha Shadid, Morris N. Shadid, Philip Labeeb Shadid, and Anna Jeanette Shadid. May their memory be eternal.

**CARNATIONS** are offered by Ahlam Sweis in memory of Adnan, Fatha & Salman, Dafallah & Salwa, Nisreen, Hmoud, Hamed, and Vera. May their memory be eternal.

**CARNATIONS** are offered by Velma Taylor for her good health and the good health of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. May God grant them many years.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TABLE.** We welcome all visitors. We are delighted you are worshipping with us and look forward to meeting you personally. Please join us in the hall at the table with the
burgundy colored table cloth; someone from our Welcome Ministry would love to greet you. **COFFEE HOUR** is hosted today by Antiochian Women - Group 8. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

**GREAT LENT** continues this week. The traditional fast in Lent is to abstain from meat, fish (through allowed for Annunciation, Palm Sunday, and in Slavic Tradition on Sundays), dairy products, and alcoholic beverages (though allowed in moderation on weekends).

**CONFESSION.** Orthodox Christians should make a sacramental confession during the Lenten Season to prepare for Pascha. Please do not put this off until the last minute. Confession is usually available after Saturday Vespers; Alternatively, an appointment can be made during the week.

**GREAT COMPLINE** will be celebrated this Tuesday, April 16, at 6pm in our chapel. Join us for this special service of the season of Repentance.

**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY** will take place this Wednesday, April 17, at St. Elijah: 6pm 9th hour and Typika; 6:30pm Presanctified Liturgy. A Lenten Potluck will follow.

**THE LITTLE COMPLINE AND CANON OF ST. LAZARUS** will be celebrated at 6pm this Friday, April 19.

**ALMS BOXES.** Food For Hungry People Boxes are available for pick up outside of the Chapel entrance. During the season of Lent you and your family can collect money for the hungry. At the end of Lent, all the money our parishioners have collected will be submitted to the Archdiocese for distribution to charities. Get the whole family involved!

**BIBLE BOWL** will practice this Tuesday, April 16, from 7-9pm.

**LADIES AID** will be taking orders for Kaak-Bi-Halib (Easter Bread). Cost will be $15.00 for a package of 12. Orders may be placed through Tuesday, April 16, with Mona Spivey (405-209-1182) or Ruby Rahill (405-760-5386). Orders must be picked up by 3pm on April 17.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** To date, we have received 111 Intentions to Give, totaling $523,529. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to prayerfully consider what you can give to support St. Elijah and return your Membership Form to the church as soon as possible.

**VIGIL CANDLE** is lit by the Ladies Aid for their good health and the good health of their families.

**COFFEE HOUR**

Below is the schedule of those who will host Coffee Hour on upcoming Sundays.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK APRIL 14-20**

| Bobby Massad | Chad Harris |
| Iulia Shehorne | Mayan Resz |
| David Simon | Alexandria Raschtschenia |
| Florene Deeba | Catelyn Farhood |
| Jessica Laham | Reggie Jaime |
| Emme Pratt | Liberty Pedford |
| Samia Harroz | Harry Wallace |
| Ava Homsey | Tony Abdo |
| Reese Homsey | Nathan Shadid |
| Corbin Spencer | Nicole Shadid |

Today we remember those who reposed in the Lord during this week in years past:

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<td>&quot;Hey Big Spender&quot; drop a coin in the slot - give unto others what they haven't got! Put in a coin or bill of your choice.</td>
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<td>Count the cans in your cupboard. Pay .05 for each. &quot;Lettuce&quot; show the hungry that we care.</td>
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**Diocese of Wichita Parish Life Conference**

**June 19-22, 2019**

**Hosted by: St. Peter Orthodox Church**

**7601 Bellaire Drive South**

**Fort Worth, TX 76134**

**817-263-5554**

**wichitaplcc@antiochianevents.com**

**www.dowamaplc.org**
Lazarus Saturday Easter Egg Hunt: April 20th

Join us for our annual parish brunch celebrating Lazarus Saturday. All are welcome to attend after Saturday Morning Liturgy @ 9 am.

Good Friday SOYO Vigil: Friday Night April 26th

Join us for a lock-in at the church to keep vigil at Christ’s tomb until Saturday Morning Paschal Liturgy. Must be in teen chats in order to be old enough to stay overnight.

Last HS Senior Brunch: May 5th after Liturgy

High School seniors! Contact Jacob to RSVP for our final brunch before Graduation Sunday!

Pan Orthodox Teen Gathering: May 11th

Mark your calendars for our first ever Pan Orthodox Teen event! We are hosting all teens from our Orthodox friends in the Metro Area from 1 pm to 6 pm. Lunch will be provided! Contact Jacob for any questions.

Pay-It-Forward: Reminder!

High School Seniors that are participating in the pay-it-forward project have about a month left to complete your task. Need help with ideas, contact Jacob today. Stay tuned for our official date to share what you did!

Follow Us On

Instagram

@stelijahteens
**Worship and Spiritual Life**

**Sunday**
- Orthros at 8:50 am
- Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am
- Confessions throughout the week. Call one of the Fathers for an appointment.

**Wednesday**
- Vespers at 6:15 pm (except during Lent)

**Saturday**
- Vespers at 5:00 pm

**Study**

**Sunday**
- Sunday School
  - Children’s Classes after Communion
  - No classes during the summer.

**Study**

**Wednesday**
- Family Night 7-9 pm. Runs in 8-week blocks. Look for announcements of upcoming sessions. A full program of seminars and classes for adults, children and youth, for both Orthodox and Non-Orthodox.

**Bible Study**
- Thursdays at 10:30 am; nursery provided

**Fellowship & Parish Development**

**Coffee Hour**
- Sundays following the Divine Liturgy

**Ladies Aid**
- Meetings as announced

**Adult Fellowship**
- Meetings as announced

**Parish Council**
- every 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm

**20/40 Fellowship**
- events as announced

**Teen Chats**
- Wednesday Nights

**Antiochian Women**
- every 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

**Choir**
- see Kasey Cohlmia (405-245-1444)

**Membership**

To become a member, you need to pray with us at our worship services, complete the Inquirer’s Classes, and talk with our priests about your interest in the Orthodox faith. This process normally takes 12 months. We welcome you on your journey of faith and invite you to learn of the ancient and unchanging Holy Orthodox Church.

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**April 14, 2019**

**USHERS:**
- David Williams, Dawit Worku, Brett Bayouth, Jay Cohlmia, Jared Eastridge, Patrick Farha, George Ghata, Jr.

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Conner Swearingen, Bo Naifeh, Jack Naifeh, Amir Sweis, Dagim Worku, Aiden Swearingen, George Bolen, Scottie Samara

**EPISTLE READER:**
- Hinda Khoury

**ELDERS:**
- David Wilson, Jeff Wyrick, Dru Alleman, Dr. Raymond Cohlmia, Jim Fox, Dr. Dick Homsey

**BOOKSTORE:**
- Andrea Williams

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**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS 5:00 PM ON TUESDAY**

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