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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost and After-Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos;
Saints of the Day: Martyrs Floros & Lauros of Illyria;
Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos

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:
Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.
In the City of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.
Glory...Both now...
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The 2nd Antiphon:
The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God.
Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.
God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.
Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.
Thy most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle.
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...
Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to my Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1
In the birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity, and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

The Entrance Hymn
O come let us worship...

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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Troparion of St. Elijah - Tone 4
Angelic 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 of the Dormition - Tone 2
Verily the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

The Thrice Holy Hymn
THE READINGS

Epistle for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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 1st Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow-workers, you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire.

Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

Gospel of 9th Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was in the middle of the sea, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against it. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a spirit!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, saying, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the might wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reach out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind became calm. And those in the boat came and worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret.

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord... Alleluia.

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Allyn and Sandra Baskerville for their good health and the good health of their family. It is especially offered in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Sarah Marie Baskerville to Benjamin Thomas Jenkins on August 10. It is also offered for Allyn and Sandra on the occasion of their 27th wedding anniversary. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Ann Ozan Willis for her good health and the good health of her mother Juanita Krause, her husband Gary, and her children and grandchildren. It is especially offered in thanksgiving for the one-year anniversary of her Chrismation into the Holy Orthodox Church (8/18/18). May God grant her many years.
HOLY BREAD is offered by Nick and Kate Sleem and Taylor Threadgill for their good health. It is especially offered for their parents, Mike and Jill Sleem, on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary. It is also offered for Taylor on the occasion of her birthday (8/11). May God grant them many years.

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 Adult Fellowship. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to Diana Bittle and family on the repose of her mother Kathryn Gill, on Wednesday, August 14. May her memory be eternal.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ned and Lindsey Shadid, Jr., on the Baptism of their daughter Eloise Virginia Mae on August 16. May God grant them many years.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE will meet this Tuesday, August 20, at 5:30pm.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped prepare and deliver the 20 small and 16 large chicken spaghetti casseroles to our St. Elijah families and our community agency, The Holy Family Home. It would not have been possible without all your hard work and labor of love. Thank you for taking time to help with this rewarding ministry. God Bless You!

Your Sister in Christ,
Tami Simon

ST. ELIJAH MDO AND PRE-K has now officially completed all summer camps. Thank you to all of those who attended. We hope you had the best time! School will resume for students on Wednesday, August 21, at 9:30am. We are excited to see everyone! There are still a few spots available in various classrooms. For more information, please contact the office at 639-2679. Enjoy the rest of summer vacation!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: To date, we have received 139 Intentions to Give, totaling $674,779. 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. Please remember to make payments on your pledge during the summer months.

COFFEE HOUR

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

August
25 - Antiochian Women - Group 12

September
1 - Choir
8 - MDO
15 - Adult Fellowship - Back-to-School Luncheon
22 - Annual Meeting Luncheon
29 - Antiochian Women - Group 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK AUGUST 18-24
Jacquelyne Butts Harper Stacy
Mia Morrow Parker Wilson
Haneen Shawareb Begib Younis
Blake Simon Samuel Wilson
Geni Thomas Denton Chancey
Boris Ganchev Devon Crain
Erich Massad David Farris
Sherrie Massad Stacy Shadid
Monte Pratt

Today we remember those who reposed in the Lord during this week in years past:
Nellie Shaheen
Nabeeha "Nevada" Andrews
Albert (Abdullah) Moorad
Nahi Abyad
**Sunday School 2019-2020!**

Our classes will begin Sunday, September 8th! We are looking forward to another great year of learning and fellowship.

This year Sunday School Registration may be submitted online at www.stelijahokc.com!

If you prefer, please fill out the form below and return it to Jacob or the office by **Wednesday, September 4th**.

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Home Phone:___________________________________________________________

Parent Email:___________________________________________________________

Parent Cell
Phone:_______________________________________________________________

Student Email:__________________________________________________________

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HERE IS YOUR SIGN-UP AND SCHEDULING LINK!

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1. GO TO THE ABOVE WEBSITE.
2. FOLLOW THE EASY TO FILL-IN STEPS.

PICTURE DATES: SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

This is one for the History Books!

All of us. Every member of St. Elijah. All 450 families of us!
MONDAY NIGHT JOURNEYS

Deacon Ezra

Orthodox Excursions
Biblical Mini-Tours
Mondays 7-9pm

1st Tour—Departs Sept 9th
PARADISE
HAS TWO TREES

Ezra Ham
Teen Chats and Family Night:
Join us this Wednesday, August 21st, for Vespers at 6pm. Family Night and Teen Chat classes start at 7pm!

End of Summer SOYO Party: TODAY!
Join us today for our end of summer teen party at the Assaleh's! Plan on lunch, swimming, and fellowship.

OCF at OU Kick-Off Dinner: Tuesday, August 27th @ 6 pm
Calling all college kids in Norman! We are having our first OCF event of the school year. Contact Jacob or Father Jeremy if you would like to attend!

First Day of Sunday School and Sunday School Kick-Off Party: September 8th!!!
Please save the date for our First Day of Sunday School as well as our Sunday School Party after church! We will be releasing our Sunday School Registration next week!

Basketball Tournament Sign-Ups are Available online NOW!
Text or call Jacob if you need the link to the Google form again!

ATTENTION: ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN!
Please join us for a special version of "Flower School" (a fundraiser) with our very own Fleuriste, George Catechis! Tuesday, September 10th, 6:45pm. $20 pre-registration and payment at Women’s Table in Hall. Limited to 50!
Worship and Spiritual Life

Sunday – Orthros at 8:50 am – Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am
Saturday – Vespers at 5:00 pm
Confessions throughout the week. Call one of the Fathers for an appointment.

Study

Sunday – Sunday School: Children’s Classes after Communion.  No classes during the summer.
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.

August 11, 2019

USHERS:  Eric Marusa, Levan Mdzinarishvili, Justin Nafeh, Toby Pedford, Jase Rahill, Nathan Shadid, Monte Shawareb, John Robert Simon
ALTAR SERVERS:  Adam Sweis, Joseph Harroz, Nicholas Hathaway, Corbin Spencer, Freedom Chan, Emerson Wyrick, William Stiner, Robert Stiner, Gabriel Frost, Gabriel Hare
EPISTLE READER:  Kathi Larson
ELDERS:  Basil Sweis, Mark Tayar, John Wilson, Dr. Adonis Albotros, Dr. Allyn Baskerville, Glenn Dean
BOOKSTORE:  Andrea Williams

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS 5:00 PM ON TUESDAY

CALENDAR

Sunday
Aug. 18  SOYO Summer Party  1:00 pm

Monday
Aug. 19

Tuesday
Aug. 20  Orthros  8:00 am
Centennial Meeting  5:30 pm
Parish Council  7:00 pm

Wednesday
Aug. 21  Vespers  6:00 pm
Family Night  7:00 pm
Teen Chats  7:00 pm

Thursday
Aug. 22  Orthodox Study Fellowship  10:30 am

Friday
Aug. 23

Saturday
Aug. 24  Great Vespers  5:00 pm