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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
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VARIABLES IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

A**The 1st Antiphon:**

As usual...

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

Glory... Now...

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**B****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...**C****Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 6**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

D**The Entrance Hymn**

O come let us worship...

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Troparion for Ss. Guria, Shamuna and Habib – Tone 5

Since Thou hast given us miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos – Tone 4

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her, do God's angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

F**The Thrice Holy Hymn****G****THE READINGS****Epistle for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost****O Lord, save Thy people and bless thine inheritance.****Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (Chapter 2:4-10)

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when

we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you were saved), and raised us up together with Him, and made us sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming age He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness towards us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel for the 8th Sunday of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this and you will live."

But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two hundred denarii and gave them to an innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

H The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

I Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord.... Alleluia.

J We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT was offered yesterday at Vespers in memory of Velma Taylor **as a 40-day memorial service** by her family. May her memory be eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO COFFEE HOUR

WELCOME TABLE. We welcome all visitors. We are delighted you are worshipping with us and look forward to meeting you personally. If you'd like, we have a table in the corridor across from the chapel where a member of our Welcome Team would love to greet you and give you a small Welcome Packet.

THE NATIVITY (ADVENT) FAST begins today, November 15, and continues through December 24. The traditional fast is to abstain from meat, fish, dairy products, and alcoholic beverages (though fish and alcohol in moderation are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays). All kinds of food and drink may be consumed with gratitude to God on Thanksgiving Day.

Stewardship – We are projected to be in the positive for our 2020 fiscal year, thanks to all of you who have been donating in person, via mail, and through Realm. ***We are humbled by your***

generosity and thoughtfulness during these difficult times! If you have not pledged for 2020 as of yet (and are able), please take a few moments to prayerfully consider what you can give to support St. Elijah.

HOLY ASCENSION IN NORMAN AND FR. JEREMY'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

PIE SALE! Made from scratch, 9-inch Bourbon Apple Pies or Bourbon Pecan Pies (new addition!) for \$40, benefiting Holy Ascension Orthodox Church. Pre-order by Friday, November 20. Pick up Wednesday, November 25, at your choice of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church (3350 12th Ave. NE, Norman) or St. Elijah Orthodox Church (15000 N. May Ave., OKC). Please email FrJeremyDavis@gmail.com with your order (specifying your pick-up location), and pass the word! (P.S. Fr. Jeremy won't be baking at Christmastime this year; but, if you want a pie for Christmas, order an extra and freeze it!)

DOWAMA SOYO is selling long-sleeved t-shirts to raise money for **IOCC's (International Orthodox Christian Charities)** efforts in Beirut following the terrible explosion. They are \$20 each and \$10 from every sale will go straight to IOCC. <https://forms.gle/eK6wKAa8xBjk3yW89>

We are unable to take credit card payments at this time, but will happily accept checks or Venmo if that's easier for you. The shirts were designed by this year's SOYO officers! And while this is a fundraiser sponsored by the teens, the shirts don't say SOYO on them and would be great for any adult, too.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 15-21**

Joseph Ghata	Gabriella Karam
Amos Ham	Elsie Simon
Rita Stoitzeva	Dagim Worku
Brittanny Ham	Katherine Johnston
Jared Eastridge	Wiley Marusa
Jeffery Jones	Jackson Naifeh
Chip Harris	

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

Adele Simon	David Alexander Tait
Amira E. Abyad	Ellis (Ed) Hamra
Mary Pristash	Gary Wayne Harroz
Alexander Swyden	Souraya Bayouth
Ernest Adwon	Afanazi J. Choroszajlo
K. J. Khairallah	Mitchell Simon
Jabour Shadid	

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy Entrance of the Theotokos (Families M-Z)
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers (No restrictions)
Sunday, November 22	8:45 am	Orthros
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Families A-L)
Wednesday, November 25	9:00 am	Liturgy for the Feast of St. Katherine

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We need your HELP!!! We will be collecting food over the next two weekends to help provide Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need. We will have tables set up in the hallway on November 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st. You can also bring to church during the week, if that is more convenient (please wear a mask if you do). We need non-perishable items such as: canned vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned chili, tuna, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, to name a few items. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Abraham (405-640-2600) or Erin Ghata (405-410-9456).

Youth Ministry Updates

In Today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. We see Christ tell this story in response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" To fully understand this, we must first know who the Samaritans are.

"According to Samaritan tradition, Mount Gerizim was the original Holy Place of the Israelites from the time that Joshua conquered Canaan and the tribes of Israel settled the land. The reference to Mount Gerizim derives from the biblical story of Moses ordering Joshua to take the Twelve Tribes of Israel to the mountains by Shekhem (Nablus) and place half of the tribes, six in number, on Mount Gerizim, the Mount of the Blessing, and the other half on Mount Ebal, the Mount of the Curse. The two mountains were used to symbolize the significance of the commandments and serve as a warning to whoever disobeyed them (Deut. 11:29; 27:12; Josh. 8:33).

Samaritans claim they are Israelite descendants of the Northern Israelite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, who survived the destruction of the Kingdom of Israel (Samaria) by the Assyrians in 722 BCE."

Because of the Samaritan tradition of Mount Gerizim, there was great animosity between the Israelites and the Samaritans, where the Samaritans saw the mountain as the proper worship location of God, but the Israelites found this blasphemous against worshiping in the Temple. This is why there was so much animosity between the Samaritans and Israelites and why Christ chose this relationship to express the purest form of "loving thy neighbor."

Our next SOYO event will be held on Thursday, November 19th. We will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Be sure to dress warm! We will talk about the nativity season and how it fits into the liturgical calendar cycle. We will have the bonfire going. See you there!

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We are continuing our 20-40 Book Study. We are continuing through chapter 7 of *The Winter Pascha* by Fr. Tom Hopko. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 15th, at 6 p.m.

Virtual Christmas Program: Every family has been assigned a section of the Christmas story to record their version of it and submit it. I will take all the videos and put one full program together. If you did not receive an assignment, let me know and I will send you one!

You can call or text me at 847-721-5192 or email at anthony@stelijahokc.com

Worship and Spiritual Life

Sunday – Orthros at 8:45 am – Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am Wednesday – Vespers at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)
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 20/40 Fellowship – events as announced
Ladies Aid – Meetings as announced Teen Chats – Wednesday Nights
Adult Fellowship – Meetings as announced Antiochian Women – every 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Parish Council – every 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm Choir – see Kasey Cohlmiia (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.

November 15, 2020

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Nov. 15	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)	10:00 am
	20/40 Book Study on Zoom	6:00 pm
	<i>Monday</i>	
Nov. 16		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Nov. 17		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Nov. 18		
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Nov. 19	Orthodox Study Fellowship on Zoom	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Nov. 20		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Nov. 21	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)	10:00 am
	Great Vespers (No restrictions)	5:00 pm