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**Sunday after the Theophany of Christ;**

**Saints of the Day:** Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; Marcian the Priest of Constantinople;  
Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; Venerable Paul of Obnora and Makarios of Pisma;  
Bishop Theophan of Recluse

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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 ORTHOS & 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

**VARIABLES IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY**  
**DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**A**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon:**

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion.

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

The sea saw it and fled; Jordan was driven back. What ailed thee, O Sea, that thou fleddest? O thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Glory... Now...

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos...**

**B**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon:**

I am well pleased, for the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer. He hath inclined His ear unto me; therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.**

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell took hold of me: I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the Lord.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.**

Glory... Now...

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

**C**

**Troparion of Theophany – Tone 1**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

**O Lord, when Thou wast baptized in the River Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father did come forth to testify and to name Thee His most beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of the word. Thou hast appeared and hast given light to the world; O Lord, glory to Thee.**

**D**

**The Entrance Hymn**

O come let us worship...

**E**

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shown 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.

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truth of the word. Thou hast appeared and hast given light to the world; O Lord, glory to Thee.

**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 Theophany – Tone 4**

Today hast Thou appeared to the world, and Thy light, O Lord, hath been shone upon us, and with full knowledge we praise Thee. Thou hast come, O Lord. Thou art manifested, O unapproachable Light!

**F** The Thrice Holy Hymn

**G** **THE READINGS**  
**Epistle for the Sunday after the**  
**Theophany of Christ**

**Let Thy mercy O Lord, be upon us.**  
**Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (Chapter 4:7-13)

Brethren, to each one of us is given the grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Therefore He says, "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended" what does it mean but that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth? The One who descended is the same also who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all arrive at the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, toward the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**Gospel for the Sunday after Theophany**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphthali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphthali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and the shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**H** The Megalynarion  
It is truly meet...

**I** Communion Hymn  
Praise the Lord.... Alleluia.

**J** We have seen the true light...

**OFFERINGS**

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Samson, Azieb, Robel, and Feven Tesfasalassie for their good health and the good health of their families. May God grant them many years.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael and Ellen Young who were received into the Orthodox Church by the Sacrament of Chrismation on Saturday, January 2. May God grant them many years!

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 10-16**

Zachary Watson	Cora Ewbank
Randall Casey	Nancy Johnson
Willis Mwangola	Rafia Kenmore
Jimme Lou Shadid	Eric Laity
Jill Sleem	Tonya Eastridge
Triston Ewbank	Sonia Eid
Remi Rahill	Jennifer Shadid
Garo Basmadjian	Austin Valentine
Kevin Collett	Debbi Wehba
Nora Stiner	Lisa Winter

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

James N. T. Cohlma  
 Saied M. Rahhal  
 Sadie Samara Stewart  
 Adele Cohlma  
 V. Rev. George Massad  
 Said Joseph Salamy  
 Fomia Toma  
 Rothia Naifeh  
 Leo N. Samara  
 Nellie Jabara  
 Trudy Rahill  
 Kalee M. (Kelly) Shadid  
 Michael Dee Wehba  
 Bernice Homsey

**UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Sunday	January 10	8:45 am	Orthros
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)
Saturday	January 16	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)
		5:00 pm	Vespers (No restrictions)
Sunday	January 17	8:45 am	Orthros
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (A-L)

## Youth Ministry Updates

**In Today's Gospel** we read Gospel of Matthew on the actions of Jesus after the feast of Epiphany, and in response to the news of the death of his cousin, St. John the Baptist. In the hymns preparing for Theophany we chanted, "Prepare o Zebulun, make ready Naphtali..." Telling the Gentiles that they will soon meet the Christ that has come to save not just the Israelites, but all people! Again we witness the fulfillment of the prophecy from the book of Isaiah. The Sunday before Epiphany we were preparing for the Baptism of Christ. On this day we are seeing where Christ goes now that he has been revealed to us as the "anointed one"

Epiphany was the day in which the Holy Trinity is revealed to us, The day which God the father shows his blessing on His Son, Jesus. And because of this we see the authority Christ has to begin his earthly ministry. Who do we see Christ preach to first though, not his own people but to the Gentiles!

This is important to once again fulfill Prophecy from the Prophet Isaiah, but this also reminds us, and emphasizes to us that Christ did not come to just save the Jews, but to save all people from the curse of sin. The message of the Good News, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" is relevant even for those who lived outside of the law of Moses.

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**Winter SOYO Gatherings:** SOYO small groups next month will be gathering next week the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade will meet Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. and finally 11<sup>th</sup> grade and up will meet on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

**We are continuing** our 20-40 book study in January after the Holidays. We will this Sunday at 6 p.m. reach out to me for the Zoom credentials and begin our final look at *The Winter Pascha* by Fr. Thomas Hopko.

**Wannabe WAMP:** We will be having a virtual retreat and trivia tournament on January 16<sup>th</sup> in place of WAMP this year. Fr. Anthony Baba will be our speaker. You can register at [tinyurl.com/wannabewamp](http://tinyurl.com/wannabewamp)

*You can call or text me at 847-721-5192 or email at [anthony@steljahokc.com](mailto:anthony@steljahokc.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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm      Choir – see Kasey Cohlma (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.

### January 10, 2021

**USHERS:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**EPISTLE READER:**

**ELDERS:**

**BOOKSTORE:**

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

### CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Jan. 10	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Jan. 11		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Jan. 12		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Jan. 13		
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Jan. 14		
	<i>Friday</i>	
Jan. 15		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Jan. 16	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)	10:00 am
	Great Vespers (No restrictions)	5:00 pm