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Thirty-First Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke;

Saints of the Day: Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, fool-for-Christ;
Righteous Mother Xenia the merciful of Rome; Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily;
Venerable Philotheos, founder of Philotheou Monastery on Athos

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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.

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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 1st Antiphon:

As usual...

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

Glory... Now...

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos...

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 8

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.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

ᶜ Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 7

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.

Troparion of St. Xenia of Petersburg – Tone 8

In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief,

crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

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 Presentation of Christ – Tone 1

Thou who didst sanctify the virginal womb by Thy nativity and didst bless the hands of Simeon, hast come this day and save us, O Christ God. Grant peace and strength to the faithful people whom Thou hast loved, O only lover of mankind.

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the 31st 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 First Epistle to Timothy (Chapter 1:15-17)

My child Timothy, faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. But for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first, Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering for a pattern to those who should thereafter believe in Him for life eternal. Now unto the King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, to the only wise God, be honor and glory unto ages of ages. Amen.

Gospel for the 14th Sunday of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

H

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

I

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord... Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD was offered yesterday by Jared and Tammy Cox for their good health and the good health of their family. It was especially offered for Asher on the occasion of his 5th birthday (1/23). May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Lola Hamra for her good health and the good health of her children and grandchildren. It is especially offered in memory of her husband Chehadeh (3 years). May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by John and Kathi Larson for their good health and the good health of the Larson, Shadeed, and Yeager families. It

is especially offered for Gentrey on the occasion of her 18th birthday (1/25). May God grant her many years. It is also offered in memory of Kathi's uncle, Michael Shadeed. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Marlene and Greg Mamary for their good health and the good health of Alex, Mark, Samantha, and Luke Nasseef. It is especially offered for the good health of their husband and father, Al, on the occasion of his 86th birthday (1/25). May God grant him 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.

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

Cehadeh Hamra (1/19)
Sam (Monsour) Kraker
Kamil G. Swyden
Assaf Tony Moorad
Druby Farris
Phillip G. Basmadjian
Jim Haddad
Jack Ellis Wehba
Pauline Szczepka
Charles Edward "Chuck" David
Louis Farris
"Big" Ed Thomas
Saleema El Khouri
Bruce Merhige Farris

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

JANUARY 24-30

Shereen Assaleh	Donna Murray	Adriana Nasr	Anthony Ruggerio
Briana Harroz	Grady Ham	Sandy Nelson	Nadia Shadid
Gentrey Anderson	Nicholas Mettry	Ashlyn Pratt	Carmen Swearingen
Alec Karam	Tracy Miller	Nino Frost	Jan Klopp
Al Mamary	Andrew Farha	Grant Garner	Franklin Naifeh

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday	January 30	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Three Hierarchs (Families M-Z)
		5:00 pm	Great Vespers (No restrictions)
Sunday	January 31	8:45 am	Orthros
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Families A-L)

Honor Bishop Basil

Support Diocesan Missions

The Missions Endowment campaign started in 1975 and in 1992, when Bishop BASIL was consecrated, the fund was established in his honor to augment financial support for our missionary efforts. We have the opportunity to use 80% of the endowment's returns to fund missions projects in our diocese. This year, \$32,000 in proceeds from the Endowment are being used to repair and improve facilities at five small parishes in our diocese. *Please make your check payable to St. Elijah and earmark it Bishop Basil Endowment.*

Contribute by January 31, 2021

Youth Ministry Updates

In Today's Gospel, we encounter another healing miracle from the Gospel according to St. Luke. The blind man called out to Christ for help, "Lord have mercy!" Because he was a beggar on the streets, the crowd tried to silence him so as to not disturb the teacher. Christ stops to listen to what the Blind man has to say and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Christ sees the faith of the blind man; he recognizes that the blind man understands the power and authority that Jesus has on earth. But after the man is healed, what does Christ say again? "Your faith has made you well!" How many times have we encountered this proclamation now? It is not the power of God that healed the blind man, but rather his faith in God made him whole. We see that the relationship between our physical health and our spiritual health are intimately linked.

We will be resurrected in both soul and body!

Winter SOYO Gatherings: SOYO small groups next month will be gathering the week of February 14th. 7th – 8th grade will meet Tuesday, February 16th, from 7-8:30 p.m. 9th – 10th grade will meet Wednesday, February 17th, from 7-8:30 p.m. And finally, 11th grade and up will meet on Thursday, February 18th, from 7-8:30 p.m. We will be looking at preparing for Great Lent! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Youth Outreach: As we are coming up on a whole year of these unprecedented times, we will begin a pen pal program through our youth. We will begin pairing our youth with our elderly and shut-ins who have been mostly closed up in their homes. More information to come soon.

Sunday School Lessons: We are still sending Sunday School lessons home every month. If you have not been receiving them in the mail, please reach out to me to be added to the mailing list.

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 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 24, 2021

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ALTAR SERVERS:

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Jan. 24	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy (Families M-Z)	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Jan. 25		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Jan. 26		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Jan. 27		
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Jan. 28		
	<i>Friday</i>	
Jan. 29		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
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