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**Third Sunday after Pentecost & the Great-Martyr Euphemia the all-praised;
Saints of the Day: Olga (Helen), Princess of Kiev**

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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
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, 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 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

D The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Euphemia - Tone 3

O Euphemia, Christ's comely virgin, thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness and didst cover with shame all the heretics; for at the holy Fourth

Council in Chalcedon, thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. O all-glorious Great Martyr, do thou entreat Christ God that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

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 Theotokos – Tone 2

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.

F The Thrice Holy Hymn

THE READINGS

Epistle for St. Euphemia

**God is wondrous in His saints.
In the churches bless ye God!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 6:1-10)

Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain (for He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is, "the day of salvation"), giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry be not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in

distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel of 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' for the Gentiles seek all these things;

and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well."

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 Russell and Antoinette Moses for their good health and the good health of Anthony, Neve, and Reem. It is especially offered for Allyson and Jett Anthony Moses on the occasion of their birthdays (7/7). 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Elijah Matthew Dancer and his parents Frank and Juliana on the occasion of his baptism yesterday. May God grant them many years.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, July 13, at 6pm.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE FALL. If your child is 8 years old during the 2021 calendar year and would like to serve at the Altar, please submit his name to our Youth Director, Anthony Ruggerio, via e-mail (anthony@stelijahokc.com). We will have an Altar Server workshop on Thursday, July 22, from 6pm-8pm (dinner will be served).

BOOKSTORE IS OPEN during coffee hour!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

JULY 11-17

Sherry Cohlma	Jeanne Bliss
Leslie Samara	Jim Stewart
Nicole Tobin	Amani Almazan
Kevin Kraker	Shirley Casey
Jenna McKoy	Evie Holzer
Emily Kakish	Sommer Morgan
William Sweis	Avery-Michael Wilson
Franki Almazan	Etsegenet Dibaba

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

Maha Roumi Abyad
Mary Daloul Homsey
Jamelia Barkett Harris
Mary Lynn Coury
Fred M. Naifeh
Leland Massad
Dr. Neil Woodward
Mitrofan Karaitschew
Blanche Marie Farris
Sumaya (Smye) Simon Farha
Rose Massad
Vladimir Szczepka

**July is Orthodox Christian
Prison Ministry (OCPM)
Awareness Month**

OCPM corresponds with prisoners to provide personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, and catechism and study courses. OCPM publishes their own books and icons, which have been designed for use in prison and are printed to meet the stringent rules of prison mailing rooms. OCPM catechizes prisoners in the Orthodox faith through a series of correspondence study courses. OCPM trains Orthodox priests and lay persons to visit and counsel those in prison and provide the Sacraments. OCPM advocates for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith so that priests can enter correctional facilities. To learn more or to donate, go to www.theocpm.org.

Youth Ministry Updates

Family Night Volunteers

We will be starting Family Night again in August! If you would like to be one of our classroom volunteers, please reach out to Mary Pendergraft or myself. Family Nights begin Wednesday, August 4th.

SOYO July Gathering

Wednesday, July 28th, we will gather at church at 7pm. It's a good time to get together for some sports and hot dogs! We will have a July Cook Out in the field! Invite your friends. All will be welcome!

Sunday School Registration

In-person Sunday School is beginning on Sunday, September 12th! Registration is available on-line at the website or by scanning the QR code in the bulletin.

Altar Boy Retreat

On Thursday, July 22nd, from 6-8 p.m., we will have our annual Altar Boy Retreat. We will have dinner and a few activities planned for them while we go over the importance of their role in the altar as acolytes. Email me if your son would like to participate as an altar boy this year.



Upcoming Dates

- July 22nd - Altar Boy Retreat 6-8pm
- July 28th - SOYO Gathering
- August 4th - First day of Family Night
- Sept. 3rd - JOY Ministry Night (Grades 1-6)
- Sept. 12th - First Day of In-Person Sunday School
- Oct. 2nd-3rd - DOWAMA Basketball Tournament/Retreat
- Oct. 8th - JOY Ministry Night (Grades 1-6)

Feel free to contact me with any questions

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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 Cohlmlia (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.

July 11, 2021

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
July 11	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
July 12		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
July 13	MDO Board	6:30 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
July 14	Ladies Aid	12:30 pm
	Daily Vespers	6:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
July 15	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
July 16		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
July 17	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm