



# ST. ELIJAH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Saints of the Day: Martyr Emilianos of Silistria in Bulgaria;

John, Metropolitan of Chalcedon; Stephen, Patriarch of Constantinople

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

**D**

### The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

**E**

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### Troparion of the Holy Fathers - Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 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

**G**

### THE READINGS

#### Epistle for Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

**Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.**

**Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to Titus (Chapter 3:8-15)

My child Titus, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins,

being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicos, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in case of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Gospel for the Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ecumenical Council**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 5:14-19)

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom."

**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 Denton and Courtney Chancey for their good health and the

good health of their family. It is especially offered for daughter Eleanor on the occasion of her birthday (7/22) and daughter Hannah and godson Joseph Krejci on the occasion of their baptism (7/17). May God grant them many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Reggie Jaime for his good health. It is especially offered for the good health of Janet Jaime and Milton Trice. 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.

**WELCOME TO MOTHER OLGA** of Ladyminister Monastery in Canon City, CO, and currently assigned to our parish of St. Benedict in Wichita Falls, TX. May God grant her many years!

**COFFEE HOUR**

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Margaret Burgess on the repose of her uncle, Elias Khoury, who fell asleep in the Lord in Beirut, Lebanon, on July 2. May his memory be eternal!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Amos and Brittany Ham on the birth of their daughter Katarina Lynn on July 9. She weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. May God grant her many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Adam and Melissa Krejci on the baptism of their son Joseph Stephen yesterday, July 17. May God grant them many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Denton and Courtney Chancey on the baptism of their daughter Hannah Lucia yesterday, July 17. May God grant them many years!

**LITURGY FOR OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. ELIJAH** will be celebrated this Tuesday, July 20, at 9am in the main sanctuary.

**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](mailto:anthony@stelijahokc.com)). We will have an Altar Server workshop on Thursday, July 22, from 6pm-8pm (dinner will be served).

**NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY, JULY 25 IS ST. TIMON SUNDAY/HAURAN CONNECTION**

Each year on St. Timon Sunday, the parishes of our Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America are asked to take a special collection and highlight our diocesan program "The Hauran Connection," which assists our Sister Diocese of Bosra-Hauran in south Syria. You can find suggested resources online at [ww1.antiochian.org/Hauran](http://ww1.antiochian.org/Hauran).

**ARCHDIOCESE VIRTUAL CONVENTION JULY 24 & 25.** To register for this event, go to [antiochianevents.com/convention](http://antiochianevents.com/convention).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**  
**JULY 18-24**

Darlene Johnson	Mary Haggard
Greg Naifeh	Edward A. Shadid
Bryan Gaston	Joe Andrews
Marco Morrow	Phil Nasr
Simon Simon	Joyce Shadid
Ray Hibbard	Adonis Albotros
Maple Phelps	Gray Gonzalez
Reece Rahill	Max Holdcraft
Zachary Sweis	Shane Shadid
Eleanor Chancey	Blake Stacy

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

Katy Farris  
Eddie F. Jabara  
Adnan "Eddie" Salman Swies  
Anita Shadid

**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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup>.

### SOYO July Gathering

Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>! Registration is available on-line at the website or by scanning the QR code in the bulletin.

### Altar Boy Retreat

On Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - Altar Boy Retreat 6-8pm
- July 28<sup>th</sup> - SOYO Gathering
- August 4<sup>th</sup> - First day of Family Night
- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - JOY Ministry Night (Grades 1-6)
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - First Day of In-Person Sunday School
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> - DOWAMA Basketball Tournament/Retreat
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18, 2021

#### USHERS:

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

#### EPISTLE READER:

#### ELDERS:

#### BOOKSTORE:

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

### CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
July 18	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
July 19		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
July 20	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Elijah	9:00 am
	Parish Council	7:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
July 21	Daily Vespers	6:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
July 22	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	Altar Server Dinner & Workshop	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	<i>Friday</i>	
July 23		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
July 24	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm