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**Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Theotokos & Fifth Sunday of Matthew;**  
Saints of the Day: Righteous Mothers Olympias, deaconess of Constantinople,  
& Eupraxia of Tabenna

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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 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

**D**

### The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

**E**

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**Troparion for the Dormition of St. Anna - Tone 4**

O Godly-minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure Mother who conceived Him

Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever-blessed one.

### 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 Dormition of St. Anna – Tone 2

We celebrate now \* the mem'ry of Christ's ancestors, \* while asking their help \* with faith, that we may all be saved \* from all manner of tribulation as we fervently cry aloud: \* Be Thou with us, O Lord our God, \* Whose pleasure it was to glorify them both.

**F**

### The Thrice Holy Hymn

**G**

## THE READINGS

### Epistle for the Dormition of St. Anna

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

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians (Chapter 4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. But the one from the handmaid is born according to the flesh; whereas the one from the freewoman is through the promise. These things are an allegory, for these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for bondage, which is Hagar. For Sinai, which corresponds to Hagar, is a mountain in Arabia, and resembles the present Jerusalem, for she is in

bondage with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is the mother of us all. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail: For many are the children of the desolate, much more than of her who has a husband."

### **Gospel of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 8:28-34, 9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

**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** is offered by Ahlam Swies for her good health and the good health of her children Salman, Rowan, Rehan, Philip, Chance, Adriana, Gideon, and Noah. It is

also offered on the occasion of the birthdays of Philip (7/23) and Salman (7/25). May God grant them many years. It is especially offered **as a memorial service** for her husband Adnan (3 years). May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Joe and Jill Andrews for their good health and the good health of their children Christi, Don, and Mollie and their families. May God grant them many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Kory, Isaac, and Luke Warr for their good health. It is especially offered for the good health of Veronica Warr in honor of her Saint's Day (St. Veronica - 7/12). May God grant her many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Jimme Lou and Charles Shadid and Shirley Daniel for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of Jimme Lou & Shirley's father James D. Wehba (7/27/71). May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT** is offered by Afaf, Elaine, and Mary Asal for their good health and the good health of their family. It is especially offered **as a 40-day memorial service** in memory of their beloved husband and father, Atif Asal. May his memory be eternal!

## **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** is hosted today by Ahlam Swies in memory of her husband Adnan. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Carl Frederick "Fred" Wehba, who reposed in the Lord on Wednesday, July 21. May God grant him rest with the righteous and may his memory be eternal.

**TODAY 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). We remember in our prayers the following brothers from our Sister Diocese of Bosra-Hauran: Metropolitan SABA, Priest George (of the church in Daraa), Priest Peter (of Znebe), Priest Philip (of al-Osilha, Adara and Shahba), Priest George (of Salkhad, Aramman, Malah, Anz, and Om Aromman), Priest Samaan (of al-Korayya, Tisiya and Maarbeh), Priest Elia (of Mothbeen), Priest Timon (of Kharaba and Izra), Priest Nicola (of the cathedral in al-Sweda), Priest Paul (retired), Deacon Spyridon (of al-Sweda), Subdeacon Orwa (al Frehat), Subdeacon Bâssem (al-Ferna), and Subdeacon Mihiyar. Please especially remember the faithful of the church in Rakham which was destroyed during the recent war.



**COFFEE HOUR**

Below is the schedule of those who will host Coffee Hour on upcoming Sundays.

August

- 1 - Adult Fellowship
- 8 - MDO
- 15 - Choir
- 22 - Antiochian Women
- 29 - St. Ignatius

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

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dale Adil Wehba, Sr. | James D. Wehba        |
| Rafiq Dakhil Sweiss  | Lucille Barkett       |
| Mary Ann Mason       | Stephen Pristash      |
| Robert Zeak Naifeh   | Mary Jamil Dakil      |
| Josephine Naify      | Saleem A. Rahhal      |
| Zaid Naeem Halasa    | Anna Chirolek         |
| Albert Abdallah      | Najeeba Nellie Shadid |
| Cohlma               | Victor R. Razook      |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

**JULY 25-31**

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Jill Andrews     | Kathryn McMillan  |
| Rodney Badeen    | Rose Naifeh       |
| Jacob Kopepasah  | Robert Abraham    |
| Julius Lane      | Sherry Hutchison  |
| Lydia Shadid     | Ella Powers       |
| Salman Swies     | Mike Sleem        |
| Derek Cohlma     | Sima Swaiss       |
| Ruby Rahill      | Arsine Basmadjian |
| Richard Samara   | Eric Marusa       |
| Mona Rahal Bahou | Paul Shadid       |
| Abby Marusa      | Susan Wilson      |

**SAVE THE DATE!**

On August 22, we will be taking parish life and organizational photos for our Centennial booklet. Please mark your calendars for this event.

**The Hauran Connection**

Our diocese has supported the Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran in Syria since 2008, through our sister-diocese relationship called "The Hauran Connection."

The Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran is ancient, founded in the first century through the teaching of the Apostle Timon. But this historic Archdiocese is now facing very hard times. The Syrian civil war has driven our many of the area's Christians, and those who remain are extremely vulnerable. Along with their Muslim and Druze neighbors, they endure severe poverty and the constant threat of violence.

Metropolitan SABA of our sister diocese has been working hard to help all the suffering of this region, both Christian and non-Christian, through open-hearted and open-handed charity. **This week we will have a special collection to support this Archdiocese's desparately needed relief work.**

**FAMILY NIGHT**  
*8 Weeks*  
**BEGINS AUGUST 4, 2021**

**ARABIC**  
**COFFEE HOUSE**

Conversations with Fr. John

**THE DIVINE LITURGY**

Taught by Fr. Constantine

**SYNAGOGUE, TEMPLE, CHURCH**

Taught by Fr. Elias

**INQUIRER'S CLASS**

Taught by Deacon Ezra

**Teen Chats**

Conversations with Anthony

**Children**

Anna Harris and Our Wonderful Staff of Teachers

**Nursery**

Joy and Julie

**WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm**

**SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED**

## 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>.

### Teen Chats Starting!

Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, will be our first official Teen Chat of the new Family Night season. All youth from grades 7-12 are welcome to join us as we grow in faith and fellowship! Teen Chats are every Wednesday from 7-9 p. m.

### 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.

### SOYO Cook Out

Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, SOYO will have our final Summer gathering at church before Family Nights begin. We will have a good old-fashioned summer cook out and games in the field. All students who will be starting 7th-12th grades in the new school year are invited to join us! We will be meeting from 7-8:30 p.m.



### Upcoming Dates

- 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 25, 2021

**USHERS:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**EPISTLE READER:**

**ELDERS:**

**BOOKSTORE:**

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

### CALENDAR

|         |                           |          |
|---------|---------------------------|----------|
|         | <i><b>Sunday</b></i>      |          |
| July 25 | Orthros                   | 8:45 am  |
|         | Divine Liturgy            | 10:00 am |
|         | <i><b>Monday</b></i>      |          |
| July 26 |                           |          |
|         | <i><b>Tuesday</b></i>     |          |
| July 27 |                           |          |
|         | <i><b>Wednesday</b></i>   |          |
| July 28 | Daily Vespers             | 6:00 pm  |
|         | SOYO Gathering            | 7:00 pm  |
|         | <i><b>Thursday</b></i>    |          |
| July 29 | Orthodox Study Fellowship | 10:30 am |
|         | <i><b>Friday</b></i>      |          |
| July 30 |                           |          |
|         | <i><b>Saturday</b></i>    |          |
| July 31 | Great Vespers/Confession  | 5:00 pm  |