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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost;

Saints of the Day: Prophet Zacharia, father of the Forerunner; Obadiah, Bishop of Persia;
martyrdom of the Holy Passion-Bearer Gleb

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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...

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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

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Troparion of the Prophet Zachariah - Tone 4

In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, * thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing

whole-burnt offerings, * as it befitted a priest, O wise Zacharia. * Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, * bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; * and in God's temple, O wise Prophet * of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. * Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.

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 Nativity of the Theotokos – Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: "The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life."

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Lord is my strength and my song.
With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!**

The reading is from St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 9:2b-12)

Brethren, the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord. My defense to those who would examine me is this: Do we have no authority regarding what to eat and what to drink? Do we

have no authority to lead about a wife, who is a sister, as the rest of the apostles, even as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no authority to refrain from working? Which soldier ever served at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit thereof? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat from the milk of the flock?

Do I speak of these things according to human nature? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Thou shalt not muzzle an ox which treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God cares, or does He say it altogether for our sakes? Indeed, for our sakes it was written: because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope, so that the same might partake in hope. If we have sown in you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we should reap your carnal things? If others are partakers of this authority over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this authority, but we endure all things, in order that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

Gospel of 11th Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me,

and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

H

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

I

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord...Alleluia.

J

Praise ye the Lord... Alleluia.

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Kathleen, Becky, and Shirley for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of their sister Pammy (45 years). May her memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Rob and Pam Ryan; Richard, Chelle, Justin, and Leila Samara; and Mark Samara for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of their father George Samara (30 years) and **as a 10-year memorial service** for their mother Esther Samara. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Jeff and Jennifer Wyrick for their good health. It is especially offered for Emerson on the occasion of his 15th birthday today. May God grant him many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by William and Mary Lou Catelli of St. Mary in Pawtucket, RI, for the continued good health and welfare of Kh. Sharon Nasr and for the entire Nasr family!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Layth and Vanda Sweis and family for their good health and the good health of the Sweis family. It is especially offered **as a 6-month memorial service** for Layth's father, Khalil Ayoub Sweis. 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 the Parish Council. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brent and Jamie Longmire on the baptism of their son Aeden William on Friday, September 3. May God grant them many years!

MASKS AT THE ST. ELIJAH FACILITY - As announced these past two Sundays after Liturgy, the Parish Council voted unanimously to require the wearing of masks due to the upsurge of Corona Virus cases, especially among youth. This decision will be revisited at our next meeting in September. **SCHEDULED EVENTS** will continue with precaution and, **most importantly**, we are doing everything we can to make sure the **Sacramental and Liturgical life of St. Elijah goes on uninterrupted.** **We continue to have parishioners test positive for Covid-19, but none are hospitalized and none of the recent cases have been in Church or have had exposure to parishioners.**

CHECK OUT THIS LINK from our Iconographer, Nick Papas!

<https://www.orthodoxartsfestival.com/>.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day!

VIGIL CANDLE is lit by Teese Mullings for our military serving in harm's way. May they be kept safe from every enemy and adversary.



COFFEE HOUR

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

September

12 - Adult Fellowship

19 - St. Ignatius

26 - MDO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 5-11

Michael Haggai	Leila Duthie
Johnny Jones, Jr.	Everett Holzer
Robert Miller	Wade Dunkin
Emerson Wyrick	Mary Eid
Robol Younis	Ed Harroz, Jr.
Magid Assaleh	Virginia Simon
Harvey Homsey	David Swyden
Richard Luedecke	Roman Almazan
Mary Jane Maness	Junior Ham
Alexandria Vernier	Greg Johnston
Glenn Dean	Cole Powers
Freedom Chan	John Raschtschenia

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

George A. Shadid
Esther Massad Samara
Nancy Gay Nayfa
Dick T. Albert
Leposava Cherniavsky
Hafeeth Shadid
Sam Hazer
Zakie Rahhal
MariLynn Shadid
Mitchell Cohlmi
William A. Shadid
Michael Lawrence Spivey
Mitchell M. Ablah
Richard Kraker
Dr. Philip Kent Kraker
Monty Thomas

Youth Ministry Updates

JOY Ministry Night

JOY Ministry will continue in October! Our next meeting will be Friday, October 8th, from 6-7 p.m. We will be learning about the saints. We will have snacks, craft, and lessons together.

Teen Chats!

Wednesday, September 8th, will be our next Teen Chats. All youth from grades 7-12 are welcome to join us as we grow in faith and fellowship! We will be discussing our upcoming Tournament and discussing how, as the hosts, can we give back to the community.

Sunday School Updates

In-person Sunday School is planned, but we are currently postponing our start date from a month-to-month basis. We will be keeping a close watch on the COVID trends so that we can be back in our classes safely. You can still register at the code below.

DOWAMA SOYO Kickball Tourney

Due to our Gym being under repairs, we have decided to make our annual Basketball tournament a Kickball Tournament! The Tournament and retreat will be October 1st-3rd. We are planning to have it as regularly scheduled. More updates will be coming soon with updated COVID protocols and plans! Register below!



Sunday School Registration



Kickball Registration

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 Cohlmiia (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.

September 5, 2021

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS: Blaise Bittle, Christian Williams, Isaac Warr, Branick Larson, Emerson Wyrick, Beckham Larson, Aiden Swearingen, Andrew Swearingen

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Sept. 5	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Sept. 6	LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Sept. 7		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Sept. 8	Divine Liturgy for the	9:00 am
	Nativity of the Theotokos	
	Daily Vespers	6:00 pm
	Family Night & Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Sept. 9	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Sept. 10		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Sept. 11	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm