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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:

O Lord, remember David and all his meekness. Lo, we heard of it at Ephrata; we found it in the fields of the wood.

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

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

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:

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not turn from it. Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

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

Verse: Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hollowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness.

Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing the death and granting us life everlasting.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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.

Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing the death and granting us life everlasting.

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 Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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 Epistle to the Galatians
(Chapter 6:11-18)

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they boast in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel of the Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (Chapter 3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent

in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

H

The Megalynarion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 8

Virginité is alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to virgins; in thee, O Theotokos, both were granted. Wherefore, all we the tribes of the earth bless thee unceasingly.

I

Communion Hymn

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Mona Spivey for her good health. It is especially offered in memory of Mike Spivey. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by the family of Gorden and Minerva Cohlmiá for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of Gorden and Minerva. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Adam, Alexandra, Kasey, Sophie, Charlie, and Demi Cohlmiá for their good health. It is especially offered for Karla and George Cohlmiá on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary today. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Amos and Brittany Ham for their good health and the good health of their children. It is especially offered for Amos, Jr., on the occasion of his 9th birthday. May God grant him 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 is hosted today by Adult Fellowship. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to Jake and Haley Phelps and family on the report of Jake's grandmother Geraldine Hayes on Friday, September 3. May her memory be eternal.

CONGRATULATIONS to Malek and Damiana Massad on the baptism of their daughter Ella Paula on September 11. May God grant them many years!

DIVINE LITURGY for the Elevation of the Holy Cross will be celebrated at 9am on Tuesday, September 14, in the Chapel.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken today for the victims of Hurricane Ida in Louisiana and the flood victims of the Northeast. The Archdiocese received word that our parish of St. Basil in Metairie sustained damage and some of their parishioners lost their homes.

MASKS AT THE ST. ELIJAH FACILITY - As announced these past three 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.** For those of you that cannot attend services due to health issues, you may

schedule a time with Fr. John or Fr. Elias to receive the Eucharist.

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



COFFEE HOUR

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

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
19 - St. Ignatius	3 - Choir
26 - MDO	10 - Antiochian Women
	17 - Parish Council
	24 - Adult Fellowship
	31 - St. Ignatius

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 12-18

Donald Bolen	Renae Shadid
Lisa Dunkin	Jay Cohlmi
Sophia Massad	Si Simon
Peggy Meyer	Shannon Ward
David Miller	Milan Gonzalez
Mariela Rosales	Bruce Harroz
Gavin Shawareb	Sam Kakish
Michael Cole	Brynn Prater
John Wilson	Chelsea Krejci

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

Melia Massad	Dewey Swyden
Rosa Mettry Adwon	Lina Nabil Haddadin
Anne H. Marody	Namitallah John
Minerva Massad	Kraker
Cohlmi	LeRoy V. Shadid
T. J. Salamy	Henry Massoud Nayfa
Charlie Mack Nayfa	Maggie Samara
Renee' Marie Moorad	McDonald
Fayad H. Barkett	

The Connect Conference

The Connect Conference is for Orthodox young adults in their 20s and 30s. "Truth, Light, & Love in a Divisive World" will be the theme of the conference to be held October 8-10 at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75234. If interested, register at www.connectorthodox.org.

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 15th, 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 are starting our new SOYO ministry committees next week. If you were not here last week and want to sign up for a committee of your choice, please email me.

Sunday School Updates

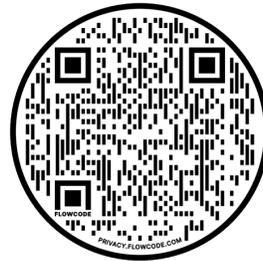
In-person Sunday School is planned, but we are currently postponing our start date from a month-to-month basis. We will be keeping a close watch on the COVID trends so that we can be back in our classes safely. You can still register at the code below.

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 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.

September 12, 2021

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS: Farris Shawareb, Nicholas Hathaway, Joseph Harroz, Elias Farha, Karam Shawareb, Jude Harroz, Gabriel Hare, Nicholas Sanders

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Sept. 12	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Sept. 13		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Sept. 14	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Cross	9:00 am
	MDO Board	6:30 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Sept. 15	Daily Vespers	6:00 pm
	Family Night & Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Sept. 16	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Sept. 17		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Sept. 18	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm