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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Luke;

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite the first Bishop of Athens;
Martyrs Eleutherios and Rustikos

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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 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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Troparion of St. Dionysios the Areopagite - Tone 4

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and was vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysios. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Second Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power be from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.

But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 6:31-36)

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

H

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet....

I

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens...
Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Joyce Newman for her good health. It is especially offered **as a 40-day memorial service** for Jim Kirkpatrick. May his memory be eternal. It is also offered for the good health of Jim's family. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Steve and Inam Sweis for their good health and the good health of their daughters Jordan and Celine. It is especially offered in memory of Inam's father Hanna Sweis and her brother Abraham. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Tamer and Rawan Shawareb, Monte and Haneen Shawareb, and their children for their good health. It is especially offered for Farouk and Lamees Shawareb on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Farris, Maya, Raya, Laith, Karam, and Celine Shawareb for their good health and the good health of their parents and grandparents. It is especially offered for Tamer on the occasion of his birthday (9/28) and jedo Farouk and teta Lamees on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Austin and Logan Keener for their good health and the good health of Bailey Huckleby and her family. It is especially offered in memory of Mark Huckleby. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by the family of Sam and Nadia Shadid for their continued good health

on the occasion of their 67th wedding anniversary. 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 is hosted today by St. Elijah Choir. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

STEWARDSHIP - Despite the pandemic of the last year and a half, thanks to you all, we are projected to be in the positive for the 2021 fiscal year. *We are humbled by your generosity and thoughtfulness during these difficult times!* If you have not pledged for 2021 as of yet (and are able), please take a few moments to prayerfully consider what you can give to support St. Elijah.

COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY is recognized by the Canonical Assembly of Bishops on the first Sunday in October. Our St. Elijah Charities Committee donates yearly to the national Orthodox College Fellowship and to local chapters. If you are inclined to individually donate or learn more about O.C.F. on College Student Sunday, you can learn more at www.ocf.net or @OCRministry on Face Book, YouTube, Twitter, etc...

MASKS AT THE ST. ELIJAH FACILITY - As announced, the Parish Council revisited our mask policy and has decided to extend the wearing of masks for another month due to the continued presence of Corona Virus cases, especially among youth. This decision will be revisited at our next meeting in October. *We still have a few individuals and families that have tested positive in the past week, but thankfully they have not required hospitalization.* 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 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.

October

10 - Antiochian Women

17 - Parish Council

24 - Adult Fellowship

31 - St. Ignatius

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN!

Fall back into the groove with the ladies of St. Elijah for our Fall gathering! Join us for a complimentary box dinner from Nunu's and the long awaited fellowship on Tuesday, October 12th, at 6:30pm in the church hall. Please RSVP to Milena by October 5th. 405-326-1320 / milenagancheva@hotmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 3-9

Zara Harroz	Gideon Conerly
Robert Ryan	Bev Mennem
Mary Johnston	Michael Powers
Heyam Sweis	Bassam Ibrahim
Amy Wallace	Shara Shadid
Blaise Bittle	Gregory Shanbour
Dixie Cassar	Kay Lehman
David Wilson	Alaysia Pedford
Rebecca Anderson	Greg Stewart

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

Richard M. Naifeh	Toots Agnes Wehba
Florene Elizabeth	Elaine JoAnn Miller
Barkett Smith	Elizabeth Fingerut
Najeeba Cohlmiya	Ameen Elkouri
Lola May Tayar	Bessie Marie Adwon

Youth Ministry Updates

JOY Ministry Night

DATE CHANGE! Due to a schedule conflict, I have to move JOY down a week, but we will continue! JOY Ministry will continue in October! Our next meeting will be **Friday, October 15th**, from 6-7 p.m. Our 1st-6th graders will be learning about the saints. We will have snacks, craft, and lessons together.

Teen Chats!

Wednesday, October 6th, 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 meeting in our committee groups and moving to our next step in planning activities and outreach for the year.

Senior Leadership Council

Introducing **Senior Leadership Council!** We are beginning our SOYO Committees at the end of the month, and our Seniors will be leading the way in each of the groups. Teen SOYO will be focusing on different aspects of outreach and program development over the year. All of these projects will be chaired by our seniors. Our first **SLC** meeting will be today after church in the conference room. We will meet once a month to follow up on each of our SOYO Ministry Committees. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 17th, after church in the conference room.

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 close watch on the COVID trends so that we can be back in our classes safely. You can still register at the code below.



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.

October 3, 2021

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS: Blaise Bittle, Christian Williams, Elias Assaleh, 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>	
Oct. 3	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Oct. 4		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Oct. 5		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Oct. 6	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Oct. 7	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Oct. 8		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Oct. 9	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm