



# ST. ELIJAH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Luke;**

*Saints of the Day:* Holy Martyrs Eulampios and Eulampia at Nicomedia;  
Venerable Theophilos the Confessor of Bulgaria; Venerable Ambrose of Optina

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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 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### **D** The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

### **E** Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 7

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**Troparion of Ss. Eulampios & Eulampia - Tone 4**

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee \* received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. \* For since they possessed Thy strength,

they cast down the tyrants \* and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. \* O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### **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

#### THE READINGS

#### Epistle for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**The Lord will give strength unto His people. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God; Bring unto the Lord glory and honor!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 6:1-10)

Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain (for He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is "the day of salvation"), giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry be not blamed, but in everything

commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### **Gospel for the Third Sunday of Luke**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na'in, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

**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 Mike and Judy Malone for their good health. It is especially offered **as a one-year memorial service** for Velma Taylor. May her memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Sydney Farris, Donna Sammons, and Gloria Kamas for their good health and the good health of the Farris, Sammons, Kamas, Bayouth, and Gonzalez families. It is especially offered **as a 6-month memorial service** for David Farris. May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Woodie and Carla Berry for their good health and the good health of their children, grandchildren, and Godchildren. It is especially offered in memory of Carla's brother, Johnny (5 years). 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 Antiochian Women. 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.

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING** this Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30pm in the church hall. Please join us for food and fellowship.

**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 the Ladies Aid for their good health and the good health of their families.

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

Rose Peterson  
Alexander V. Charniavsky  
Alfred Kraker  
Harry Richard Homsey  
Velma Taylor  
Lee O. Smith  
Cecil Ray Garlin  
Ellis H. "Doc" Andrews  
Saleema J. Kraker  
Dr. Julius C. Nayphe  
Hannibal K. "Pancho" Shadid  
Alfred "Al" Darrel Shanbour  
Arlette Effat Osseiran Srouji  
Angelina Popow



**COFFEE HOUR**

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

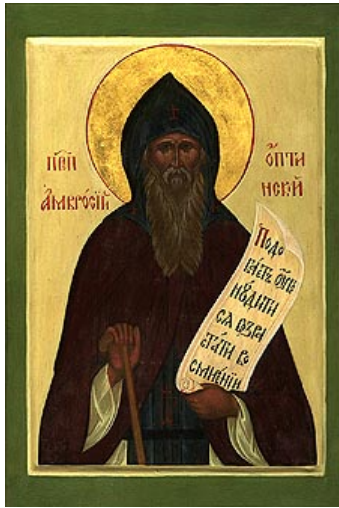
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17 - Parish Council  
24 - Adult Fellowship  
31 - St. Ignatius

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

**OCTOBER 10-16**

Julia Mettry  
Leah Tindell  
Sofia Ene  
Mickey Homsey  
Charlie Swyden  
Musa Alhaj  
Farouk Shawareb  
Laith Shawareb  
Peggy Sojoto  
Nora Cripe  
Boyan Ganchev  
Gabriel Naifeh  
Pam Ryan  
Abigail Tamirat  
Debbie Abraham  
Dianna Kakish  
Mike Malone  
Talia Lane  
Don Pendergraft  
Mark Radford  
Christian Swearingen  
Butchie Farris  
Darren Lister  
Carley Tayar  
Makeda Worku



## SAINT AMBROSE OF OPTINA

Born: December 5, 1812, Tambov, Russia  
Reposed: October 23, 1891, Shamordino  
Canonized: May 13, 1990, Montreal, Canada, by the Russian Orthodox Church; August 7, 2000, by the Moscow Patriarchate  
Feast Day: October 23

### Several Quotes of Saint Ambrose of Optina

"In the beginning, envy is revealed through inappropriate zeal and rivalry, and later by fervour with spite and the blaming of the one who is envied."

"You must not be greatly troubled about many things, but you should care for the main things - preparing yourself for death."

"If you do good, you must do it only for God. For this reason you must pay no attention to the ingratitude of people. Expect a reward not here, but from the Lord in heaven. If you expect it here - it will be in vain and you will endure deprivation."

"A continuously happy life produces extremely unhappy consequences. In nature we see that there are not always pleasant springs and fruitful summers, and sometimes autumn is rainy and winter cold and snowy, and there is flooding and wind and storms, and moreover the crops fall and there are famine, troubles, sicknesses and many other misfortunes. All of this is beneficial so that man might learn through prudence, patience and humility. For the most part, in times of plenty he forgets himself, but in times of various sorrows he becomes more attentive to his salvation."

"Our invisible enemy plants a sinful thought in the soul of a person, and then records it as if it were the person's own thought, so that later he can accuse the person at the terrible judgment of God."

"Can you place your hope in the world? Whom has it not deceived? To whom has it not lied? It promises much, but gives very little. Only those who hope in the Lord, according to the words of the Prophet David, do not sin, i.e., they are not deceived in their hope!"

"How does a person become bad? - from forgetting that God is over him."

All of the above are quoted from *Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina*.

## Youth Ministry Updates

### JOY Ministry Night

JOY Ministry will meet THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning about the saints. We will have snacks, crafts, and lessons together.

### Teen Chats!

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. We plan to end the meeting with an action plan for the next few months.

### 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. We will meet once a month to follow up on each of our SOYO Ministry Committees. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 watching 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 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.

## October 10, 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>	
Oct. 10	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Oct. 11		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Oct. 12	MDO Board	6:30 pm
	Antiochian Women Fall Gathering	6:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Oct. 13	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Oct. 14	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Oct. 15	J.O.Y. Club	6:00 pm
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Oct. 16	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm