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*Saints of the Day:* Prophet Hosea; Venerable-Martyr Andrew of Crete

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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 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**D**

**The Entrance Hymn**

O come let us worship...

**E**

**Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Troparion of the Holy Fathers - Tone 8**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

**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 Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.**

**For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to Titus  
(Chapter 3:8-15)

My child Titus, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins,

being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicos, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Gospel for the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ecumenical Council**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into the soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they heard the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said

this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**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 AND WHEAT** is offered by Fr. Elias and Kh. Irene and Frank and Juliana Dancer for their good health and the good health of their families. It is especially offered as a memorial for their family members who have departed: Elena Michelle Khouri; Vincent, Ludmilla, and Alexander Ruggieri; Alexander, Neonila, and Leonis Plutalov; Anatole Gordon; Louis and Georgette Khouri; Nasser and Helen Homsy; Mitchell and Hananna Khouri; and George Dancer. May their memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Joyce Shadid for her good health and the good health of her children Brenda, Kendal, Tad, Debbie, Jeff, and Renae; her grandchildren Brent, Nicole, Nathan, Laney, and Kyle; and her great-grandson Avery Michael. It is especially offered in memory of her husband and their father and jiddie H. K. "Pancho" Shadid (11 years). May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Dianna Kakish and her children and grandchildren for their good health and the good health of their families. It is especially offered for Bill on the occasion of his 90th birthday (10/21). May God grant him many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by the Badeen and Samara families in memory of Rodney's sister Rhonda and her three children Kathryn, Michael, and Adrienne (14 years ago today). May their memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Rob Sandlin for his godson, Travis Vernier, on the occasion of receiving the Medal of Honor, which is the Oklahoma City Police Department's highest award. May God protect him always.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Rob Sandlin in memory of Harry Homsey (14 years). May his memory be eternal. It is also offered for Harry's family, especially his sisters Imogene Naifeh and Blanche David. May God grant them many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Rob Sandlin for his good health. It is especially offered in memory of Dr. Rhonda Badeen Lunn and her children, Adrienne, Michael, and Kathryn (14 years). It is also offered in memory of Dr. Sam Badeen and Uncle Nabeeh and Aunt Adeeba Samara. May their memory be eternal. It is especially offered for Lillian Badeen and Rodney Badeen, as well as for all of the Badeen, Samara, Kakish, Shadid, Hamra, and Jones families. 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 the Parish Council. 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.

**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.

 **COFFEE HOUR**

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

October	November
24 - Adult Fellowship	7 - MDO
31 - St. Ignatius	14 - Choir
	21 - Antiochian Women
	28 - Parish Council

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 17-23**

Katrina Bitar	Franklin Shadid
Travis Smith	Gerey Foskin
Jared Eastridge	William Kakish
Fr. Elias Khouri	Katherine Naifeh
Lauren Lewis	Preston Silvernail
Scarlette Potter	Sophia Silvernail
Simeon Stoitzev	Kyle Combs
Alexander McClellan	Samuel Swyden
Christan Resz	Kyle Coffey
Nick Duthie	Gavin McLamb
Blake Kirby	Stacey Tayar
Emily Marks	

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

Adleada Kouri Massad	Dr. Elias Salim Srouji
George Kraker	Alexandra Massad
Alice Adwon Woekner	Shadid
Ernest L. Wunneburger	

## Youth Ministry Updates

### JOY Ministry Night

Our next JOY Ministry will be Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 p.m. We will meet for faith, fellowship, and crafts. On our next meeting, we will talk about giving thanks and how we can take an American Holiday like Thanksgiving and celebrate it explicitly Orthodox.

### Teen Chats!

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, will be out next Teen Chats. All youth from grades 7-12 are welcome to join us as we grow in faith and fellowship! We will be finalizing plans for our upcoming events in November and December. You can see a list of these events below!

### Senior Leadership Council

**Senior Leadership Council** will be meeting this Sunday after church to discuss updates on our planned events and how we will be moving forward.

### Sunday School Updates

In-person Sunday School is planned. We are making plans to resume in-person classes soon. An update will be sent out this week with how we will proceed with Sunday School in the near future. You can still register by scanning the link below!

### Upcoming Events

- October 17<sup>th</sup> - SLC Meeting after Church
- October 20<sup>th</sup> - Teen Chats
- October 27<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night
- November 14<sup>th</sup> - Friendsgiving Potluck
- November 19<sup>th</sup> - JOY Ministry
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Blood Drive
- December 5<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> - Teen SOYO Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
- December 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Caroling
- January 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> - WAMP 2022
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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 Cohlma (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 17, 2021

**USHERS:** Teen SOYO

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jack Naifeh, Michael (Tom) Resz, Zeke Ewbank, Evan Ewbank, Musa Alhaj, Sammy Kalil, Laith Shawareb, Gray Gonzalez

**EPISTLE READER:** Jack Naifeh

**ELDERS:**

**BOOKSTORE:**

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

## CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Oct. 17	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Oct. 18		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Oct. 19	Parish Council	7:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Oct. 20	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Oct. 21	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Oct. 22		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Oct. 23	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm