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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Luke;

Saints of the Day: Venerable Martyr Stephen the New;

Martyr Irinarchos of Sebastia and those with him

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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...

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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 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 for St. Stephen the New - Tone 4

Trained on the mountain in ascetical-labors, * with the whole armor of the Cross thou didst vanquish * the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; * and when thou hadst stripped thyself * with great courage for contest, * thou didst slay Copronymus * with the sword of the true Faith. * For both these things hast thou been crowned by God, * O righteous Martyr, blest Stephen of great renown.

Troparion for 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 Preparation of Christ's Nativity – Tone 4

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message; with the angels and the shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who from eternity is God.

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the 23rd 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 Epistle to the Ephesians (Chapter 2:4-10)

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us

alive together with Christ (by grace you were saved), and raised us up together with Him, and made us sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel for the 13th Sunday of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

H **The Megalyrnarion**
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 Haitham and Einas Sweis for their good health and the good health of their children Jacob and Elizabeth. It is especially offered for Elizabeth on the occasion of her 16th birthday. May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Nunu Farhood and Michelle Musallam for their good health and the good health of the Musallam, Farhood, Morrow, and Wollenberg families. It is especially offered in memory of their mother Abla Musallam (17 years) and their brother Dr. Labib Sam Musallam (3 years). May their 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 Adult Fellowship. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to Robert Smith on the repose of his brother Tim in Colorado. May his memory be eternal and may God grant the Smith family peace and comfort!

SYMPATHY is extended to Dr. Joseph and Erin Ghata on the repose of Erin's Grandmother, Alice Laham, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, November 23, in Wichita, KS. Services will be held at St. George Cathedral in Wichita on Monday evening, November 29, at 7:00 pm and Tuesday morning, November 30, at 11:00 am. May her memory be eternal and may God grant peace and comfort to the Ghata, Learned, and Laham families.


CONGRATULATIONS to Danny and Maria Sweis on the baptism of their son Jack on November 24. May God grant them many years!

THE NATIVITY (ADVENT) FAST began November 15 and continues through December 24. The traditional fast is to abstain from meat, fish, dairy products, and alcoholic beverages (though fish and alcohol in moderation are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays). All kinds of food and drink may be consumed with gratitude to God on Thanksgiving Day.

CONFESSION - Orthodox Christians should make a sacramental confession in preparation to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). Confession is usually available Saturday after Vespers; alternatively, an appointment can be made with one of the clergy during the week.

THE CULINARY COMPANION II COOKBOOK is an excellent gift!! The Ladies Aid of St. Elijah have them available for \$20 (\$4 mailing fee). Contact Mona Spivey - 405-209-1182.

I.O.C.C. SUNDAY - International Orthodox Christian Charities is recognized by the Canonical Assembly of Orthodox Bishops. Our St. Elijah Charities Committee donates yearly to this well-regarded humanitarian organization. If you would like to learn more, go to www.iocc.org.

**COFFEE HOUR**

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

December
5 - St. Ignatius
12 - MDO
19 - Antiochian Women
26 - Parish Council

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK | |
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| NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 4 | |
| Ella Massad | Jeff Massad |
| Dmitry Smirnov | Rob Nayfa |
| Kris Wilson | Kasey Cohlmlia |
| Jacob Elliott | Cynthia Dugger |
| James Elliott | Vera Dzialendzik |
| Alexander Karousos | Jakob Ham |
| Robel Solomon | Elizabeth Sweis |
| Thabet Swaiss | Ainsley Beavers |
| Maya Batinkova | Basil Sweis |
| Zeke Ewbank | Yeshi Worku |
| Nunu Farhood | Julia Holmes |
| Kevyn Holdcraft | Alyssa Kirby |
| Aedan Longmire | |

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

Shafik "Charlie" Nicholas Cohlmlia
Boulos T. "Paul" Ayyat
Anastazia Choroszajlo
Sue Mary Farha
H. Paul Williams
Abla Musallam

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

If you would like to help provide Christmas for "Family in Need," there will be a table set up TODAY and next Sunday, December 6th, in the hallway after church to pick up a family's name. This program offers a great opportunity to take care of those less fortunate during the Christmas Season. Please see Craig Abraham or Erin Ghata at the table in the hallway to get a family's information or call Craig at 405-640-2600 to sign up.

Youth Ministry Updates

JOY Ministry Night

Our next JOY Ministry will be Friday, December 17th, from 6-7 p.m. We will meet for faith, fellowship, and crafts. On our next meeting, we will talk about the Nativity feast and what we are preparing for during this season.

Family Night & Teen Chats!

Wednesday, December 1st, 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 have some planning and discussion on our upcoming events through the Holidays! We will continue our talk on the origins of the scriptures.

Senior Leadership Council

Senior Leadership Council will be meeting Sunday, December 19th, after Sunday School in the Teen Room. We will follow up with our upcoming events and fundraisers.

Sunday School Updates

In-person Sunday School continues next Sunday, December 5th! Students will receive Communion with their families. Our teachers will guide them to their classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Fr. John.

Teen SOYO Fundraising

The Teen SOYO is continuing their next fundraiser in December. Each Sunday you can bring gifts for them to wrap for you for a free will donation. Funds will go to SOYO activities and outreach projects.

Teen SOYO Activities

Sunday, December 19th, we will re-embark on our annual SOYO Christmas Caroling. If you have a family member or shut in you would like us to visit, please let me know. The evening will end with our Christmas Celebration at the Salem residence located at 6109 NW 152nd in Edmond. We will meet at the church at 4 p.m. and then caravan together from there. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

- December 5th-19th - Teen SOYO Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
- December 17th - JOY Ministry
- December 19th - Christmas Caroling
- January 14th-17th - WAMP 2022
- January 30th - Teen SOYO Blood Drive

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 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.

November 28, 2021

USHERS: Teen SOYO

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

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| | <i>Sunday</i> | |
| Nov. 28 | Orthros | 8:45 am |
| | Divine Liturgy | 10:00 am |
| | <i>Monday</i> | |
| Nov. 29 | | |
| | <i>Tuesday</i> | |
| Nov. 30 | | |
| | <i>Wednesday</i> | |
| Dec. 1 | Vespers | 6:00 pm |
| | Family Night | 7:00 pm |
| | Teen Chats | 7:00 pm |
| | <i>Thursday</i> | |
| Dec. 2 | Orthodox Study Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| | <i>Friday</i> | |
| Dec. 3 | | |
| | <i>Saturday</i> | |
| Dec. 4 | Great Vespers/Confession | 5:00 pm |