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New-Martyr Parthenas; Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow

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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:

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion.

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

The sea saw it and fled; Jordan was driven back. What ailed thee, O Sea, that thou fleddest? O thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Refrain: 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:

I am well pleased, for the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer. He hath inclined His ear unto me; therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

The sorrows of death encompassed me, and the pains of hades took hold of me: I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Glory... Now...

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

C

Troparion of Theophany - Tone 1

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

O Lord, when Thou wast baptized in the River Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father did come forth to testify and to name Thee His most beloved Son, and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of the word. Thou hast appeared and hast given light to the world; O Lord, glory to Thee.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of Theophany - Tone 1

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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 Theophany – Tone 4

Today hast Thou appeared to the world, and Thy light, O Lord, hath been shone upon us, and with full knowledge we praise Thee. Thou hast come, O Lord. Thou art manifested, O unapproachable Light!

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

**Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians
(Chapter 4:7-13)

Brethren, to each one of us is given the grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Therefore He says, "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth? The One who descended is the same also who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all arrive at the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, toward the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel for the Sunday after Theophany

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and the shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

H

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

I

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord... Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Rob Sandlin for his good health. It is especially offered in memory of Yevonne Homsey (3 years). May her memory be eternal. It is also offered for the good health of the Homsey family, especially Yevonne's brother, Sam Shadid.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Fr. Elias and Kh. Irene for their good health and the good health of the parishioners of St. Elijah; their children Juliana and Athanatius Dancer, Christina and Samuel Herron, and Michael and Christina Khouri; and their grandson Elijah. It is especially offered on the occasion of the birthdays of their grandchildren Zachary (8 years), Mark (6 years), Luke (4 years), Alexis (6 years), and Sophia (2 years). May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT is offered by Donna Kamas for her good health. It is especially offered **as a 40-day memorial service**

for her husband Sam Kamas. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Anna Harris for her good health and for the good health of the Harris and Raschtschenia families and her godchildren. It is especially offered on the occasion of the birthdays this month of Rob Mott, Chelsea Jenkinson, Sarah Baskerville Jenkins, and Carmen Swearingen. 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.

REGARDING COVID-19 - Due to the rise in Oklahoma County of Covid-19 cases and going well over the limit of an average of 250 cases per day over a 7-day period, **masks will be required in the Sanctuary on Sundays during Divine Liturgy.** It is very difficult to socially distance while in the nave. The policy to mask during Sunday School will remain in place as well, until the number of cases drop. Even though it is easier to socially distance ourselves in other parts of our facility, please use discretion regarding mask wearing. Not only have the number of cases raised in our county, but we have many parishioners of St. Elijah who have been tested positive over the last few days. **We do this out of precaution for the health of our parish and to prevent us from having to cancel the many activities of St. Elijah.** For those who are not able to attend services at this time, you may schedule a time or house visit with Fr. John or Fr. Elias to receive the Eucharist.

FAMILY NIGHTS will resume for 6 weeks starting Wednesday, January 12, after Vespers.

TRADITIONAL ZALABIEH after Church on the Sunday after Theophany **has been canceled.**

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.

January	February
16 - Jordan Sweis in memory of Insaf Sweiss	6 - MDO
23 - Annual Meeting - St. Ignatius	13 - ???
30 - ???	20 - Antiochian Women
	27 - Adult Fellowship - Meat Fare Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

JANUARY 9-15

George Rizek	Nora Stiner
Zachary Dancer	Cora Ewbank
Zachary Watson	Nancy Johnson
Randall Casey	Rafia Kenmore
Willis Mwangola	Eric Laity
Jimme Lou Shadid	Tonya Eastridge
Jill Sleem	Sonia Eid
Triston Ewbank	Jennifer Shadid
Remi Rahill	Austin Valentine
Garo Basmadjian	Debbi Wehba
Kevin Collett	

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

Mary Kouri
Antoni Ja Nartow
Philip N. Shadid
Robert Floyd
James N. T. Cohlma
Saied M. Rahhal
Sadie Samara Stewart
Adele Cohlma
V. Rev. George Massad
Said Joseph Salamy
Fomia Toma
Rothia Naifeh
Leo N. Samara

FAMILY NIGHT MINI-MESTER

6 Weeks Only

BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 12, 2022

ARABIC COFFEE HOUSE

Conversations with Fr. John

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Taught by Fr. Elias

LET'S TALK CHURCH

Introduction to Mystagogic Worship

Taught by Deacon Ezra

The book: *Let's Talk Church: Introduction to Mystagogic Worship*
will be available in the Bookstore

TEEN CHATS

Anthony Ruggerio

CHILDREN

Anna Harris and Our Wonderful Staff of Teachers

NURSERY

Joy, Julie, Lori, and Lorie

WEDNESDAYS 7-9pm

Youth Ministry Updates

20-40 Holiday Gathering

20-40 will have their first formal gathering in two years! We have had to reschedule the Christmas Party. It will still be hosted at Erich Massad's home on Friday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. Erich's home is located at 1705 Timberview Drive in Edmond.

Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will start again on January 12th with the start of the new session of Family Night. Look for updates of our SOYO Blood Drive. It is now scheduled for Sunday, February 13th. We will be hosting the blood drive in the hall after church.

JOY Ministry Night

Our next JOY Ministry will be Friday, January 21st, from 6-7 p.m. We will meet for faith, fellowship, and crafts. On our next meeting, we will talk about the Nativity feast of Theophany and Christ's promise for renewal of all creation.

Sunday School Updates

In-person Sunday School will continue on today, January 9th! Sunday School mask requirements will stay in place for now. We will review this once the current variant wave has slowed down. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Fr. John.

Teen SOYO WAMP

Registration for Winter Camp is now open for all SOYO grades 7-12. WAMP will be January 14th-17th at Cross Point Camp. A bus to go to WAMP will meet at church at 4 p.m. Please let me know if your child will be riding the bus to WAMP.

If you would like to register your child for WAMP, email me for the registration link, or Chris Al-Dehneh with any questions. chrisadlehneh@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- January 14th-17th - WAMP 2022
- January 21st - JOY Ministry
- January 21st - 20-40 Gathering
- February 13th - 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 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.

January 9, 2022

USHERS: Teen SOYO

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

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Jan. 9	Orthros Divine Liturgy Sunday School	8:45 am 10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Jan. 10	MDO Board	6:30 pm
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Jan. 11		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Jan. 12	Vespers Family Night Teen Chats	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Jan. 13	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Jan. 14	DOWAMA SOYO Winter Camp (WAMP) thru 1/17	
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Jan. 15	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm