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Saints of the Day: Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter; Peusippos & Neonilla and the martyrs of Cappadocia; Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilandar Monastery on Athos

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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 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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Troparion of St. Peter the Apostle - Tone 4

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, O thou who dost preside over the Apostles, by the power of the venerable chains thou didst bear. While honoring them with faith, we beseech

thee, that through thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

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 Presentation of Christ – Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the 29th Sunday after Pentecost

**How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In Wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians (Chapter 3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, who is our life, appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idol worship; for the sake of such things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience; wherein you also once walked, when you lived in these things. But now you also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy and filthy language out of your mouths. Do not lie to one

another, having put off the old man with his works; and having put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of his Creator, where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel for the 12th Sunday of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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 Danny Shadid for his good health and the good health of Nina, Vicky, Stanley, Christopher, Katy, Micah, Noelle, Layla, Linley, Cameron, and Norah. It is especially offered in memory of Kelly Shadid (25 years) and Linda Shadid. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT is offered by Ferial Sweis and family **as a 40-day memorial service** for their mother Insaf Sweiss. May her memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT is offered by Jenny Sanders for her good health and the good health of her children. It is especially offered **as a one-year memorial service** for her husband William. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Dr. Paul and Jennifer Shadid and their family, Bryan and Jessica, Dr. Paul, Jr., and Erika, Peter and Lauren, Ainsley, Colt, and Trip for their good health and the good health of their extended families. It is especially offered for Jennifer on the occasion of her birthday (1/15) and in memory of their mother and sitty Nadia. May her 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 Ferial Sweis and family in memory of her mother Insaf Sweiss. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Pratt and Waters families on the repose of Jack Pratt (father of Monte Pratt and Sara Gae Waters) who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, January 9. May his memory be eternal!

SYMPATHY is extended to the Swearingen family on the repose of Nola Jay Swearingen (mother of Brian Swearingen), who fell asleep in the Lord on January 9. May her memory be eternal!

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place in the hall immediately after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 23. All voting

members of the Church are invited to participate. **[Voting membership consists of Orthodox Christians who: 1. are in good canonical standing, 2. attend worship services on a regular basis, 3. partake of the Holy Sacraments, 4. are at least (18) years of age and submit a membership card, 5. submit an annual pledge which makes a financial commitment to the temporal maintenance of "The Church," 6. are given a special dispensation on a case-by-case basis by the Parish Priest, 7. may only be a voting member of a single local parish.]** A Box Lunch will be provided and we will do our best to set up the hall in a way which we can all be socially distant. We humbly ask that attendees mask in the hall during this meeting unless you are eating or drinking at your table.

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.



COFFEE HOUR

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

January

23 - Annual Meeting -
St. Ignatius
30 - ???

February

6 - MDO
13 - ???
20 - Antiochian Women
27 - Adult Fellowship -

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

JANUARY 16-22

Lisa Winter	Larry Hare
Joe Harroz, Jr.	Lauren Lenhart
Matt Kenmore	Inam Sweis
Mark Dancer	Solomon Tamirat
Monte Shawareb	Andrea Abdo
Abby Abraham	Donavyn Anderson
Lowell Lenhart	Cameron Williams
Murphee Ward	Courtney Chancey
Frank Dancer	Al Jabour
Kayla Eastridge	David Shanbour

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

Nellie Jabara	Cehadeh Hamra
Trudy Rahill	Michael Ralph Shadeed
Kalee M. (Kelly) Shadid	Neema Barkett
Michael Dee Wehba	Josephine Homsey
Bernice Homsey	Edith Kathryn Kraker
William Allen Sanders	Melia Samara
Betty Jean Rahill	Ellis Samara
Jennie Lee Thomas	Farris M. Jabara
Saied Wehba	Aleksandra Karaitschew

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN!!

The time has come for our dinner together!

We would love for you to join your fellow ladies at Mama Roja's on Tuesday, February 1st, at 6pm. Your cost of \$28 will cover a fajita buffet and non-alcoholic drinks, with vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

Look for our Antiochian Women's table at coffee hour to reserve your spot!

Remember there is a Bertha McMurray fund to assist anyone with costs of Women's events. Talk to Fr. John if you need assistance.

We can't wait to dine with you!

*Yours in Christ,
Antiochian Women*

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 this Friday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. Erich's home is located at 1705 Timberview Drive in Edmond.

Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will continue on January 19th. We will be planning our next few events and outreach projects. SOYO Blood Drive 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 this 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 16th! 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.

CSR Summer Camp Dates

Summer camp sessions are scheduled for the following weeks: Session 1 will be June 26-July 2 and Session 2 will be July 3-July 9. Both staff and CIT applications are available now at campstraphael.org. Summer camp is open to all youth ages 9-17. If you have any further questions about the CST program, reach out to our DOWAMA youth director Chris Al-Dehneh chrisadlehneh@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- January 19th - Family Night
- January 21st - JOY Ministry
- January 21st - 20-40 Gathering
- January 26th - Family Night
- 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 16, 2022

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS: Xander Ewbank, Amos Ham, Jacob Sweis, Benjamin Davis, Blaise Cox, Than Cox, John Baskerville

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Jan. 16	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	<i>Monday</i>	
Jan. 17		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Jan. 18		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Jan. 19	Vespers	7:00 pm
	Family Night	7:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Jan. 20	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Jan. 21	J.O.Y. Ministry	6:00 pm
	20-40 Holiday Gathering	7:00 pm
	at home of Erick Massad	
	1705 Timberview Drive,	
	Edmond	
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Jan. 22	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm