



# ST. ELIJAH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Pascha, Sunday of the Paralytic;**  
*Saints of the Day:* Venerable Pachomios the Great of Egypt; Achilles, Bishop of Larisa;  
Martyr Barbaros the myrrh-streaming of Corfu

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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 ORTHOS & 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

**Paschal Troparia** (Sung once by the Clergy;  
Sung twice by the Choir and Laity)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down  
death by death, and upon those in the tombs  
bestowing life!

### Arabic

AL MAS-IH U-QAM MIN BAI NIL AM WAT,  
WA WA TI AL MOWT A-BIL MOWT, WA  
WA HA BAL HI YA LIL LA DHI NA FIL QU-  
BUR.

### Greek

CHRISTO ANESTI EK NEKRON, THANATO  
THANATON PATEE-SAS, KAI TEES EN  
TEES MNEE-MA-SI ZOEEN  
KHARISAMENOS.

**A**

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon:

Shout with joy to God, all the earth;  
sing to His name; give glory to His praises.

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O  
Savior, save us.**

Say to God: "How awesome are Thy works."  
Let all the earth worship Thee and sing to Thee.  
Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

**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:

May God have mercy upon us, and bless  
us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us,  
and have mercy on us.

**Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from  
the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.**

That Thy way be known upon the earth, Thy  
salvation among all nations. Let the peoples  
give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples  
give thanks unto Thee.

**Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from  
the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.**

May God bless us and may all the ends of the  
earth fear Him.

**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**

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Antiphon

Let God arise and let His enemies be  
scattered, and let those who hate Him flee  
from before His face.

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down  
death by death, and upon those in the tombs  
bestowing life!**

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax  
melts before the fire.

**Christ is risen...**

So let sinners perish before God, but let the  
righteous rejoice.

**Christ is risen...**

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us  
rejoice and be glad in it.

**Christ is risen...**

**D**

### The Entrance Hymn

In the churches bless ye God, the Lord  
from the well-springs of Israel. Save us, O Son  
of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing  
unto Thee, Alleluia.

**E**

### Troparian of the Resurrection – Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be

glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

**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 for Pascha – Tone 8**

Down to the grave though Thou wentest immortal Lord, yet didst Thou there hurl down death by Thy throne of might and art risen with victory crowned, O Christ our true God, and hast hailed with glad greeting the women that came with myrrh; and unto Thine Apostles hast graciously sent thy peace O Lord, that grantest the fallen to rise with Thee.

**F** **The Thrice Holy Hymn**

**G** **THE READINGS**  
**Epistle for the Sunday of the Paralytic**

**O chant unto our God, chant ye.  
Clap your hands, all ye nations!**

The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles  
(Chapter 9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all the regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed.” And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she

did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: “Come to us without delay!” So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter pulled them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: “Tabitha, arise!” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

**Gospel of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Sunday of the Paralytic)**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (Chapter 5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there for a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man that was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he

answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is this man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**H The Megalyrnarion for Pascha – Tone 1**

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace, Rejoice! Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice, O ye people!

We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying: Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O thou from whom didst rise upon us from the dead the Light of the Resurrection, He who was born of thee.

**I Communion Hymn**

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia.

**J Paschal Troparion**

Christ is risen from the dead... (Once)

## OFFERINGS

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Greg Mamary and Alex, Mark, Samantha, and Luke Nassief for the good health of the Mamary and Nassief families. It is especially offered for Al and Marlene Mamary on the occasion of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (5/13). May God grant them many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Steve and Diana Bittle for their good health. It is especially offered in honor of Susanne Cole on the occasion of her Chrismation this past Sunday. May God grant her many years.

**HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT** is offered **as a 40-day memorial service** for Phillip Edward Haddad by his wife Neena, children Tony, Heather, and Jeff, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Dalal Shawareb and family for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of their husband and father, Haidar Shawareb. May his memory be eternal!

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Rima Qubain and family for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of their husband and father, Zaid Halasa. 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 tablecloth; 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 Fr. Mark and Kh. Susan Wallace on the repose of Kh. Susan's mother, Dixie Monica Shirky, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, May 9. The Funeral Service will be held at St. Elijah tomorrow, Monday, May 16, at 10:30am. May her memory be eternal!

**SYMPATHY** is extended to John Dixon and Grace Farha on the repose of John's grandfather, Vassilios Zikkos, of Charleston, WV, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, May 10. May his memory be eternal!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Deeb and Chelsea Haddad on the Baptism of their daughter Amaya Ann Nova on Saturday, May 7. May God grant them many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Johnny and Martha (O'Brien) Burk, who were married on Saturday, May 7. May God grant them many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Susanne Cole, who was received into the Orthodox Church by the Sacrament of Chrismation on Sunday, May 8. May God grant her many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Layth and Vanda Sweis on the Baptism of their daughter Kristina on Monday, May 9. May God grant them many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Spencer and Caroline (Collins) Shanbour, who were married on Saturday, May 14. May God grant them many years!

**DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST** will take place on Wednesday, May 18, at 9:00am in the chapel.

**SENIOR LUNCH & BINGO** will resume from 12pm-2pm on Thursday, May 19! Come and join in on food, fun, and fellowship!

**MEMORIAL DAY** graveside prayers will be held on Monday, May 30, 9:00am at Fairlawn Cemetery and 10:00am at Rose Hill Memorial Park in the Orthodox Section. In case of inclement weather, we will hold the service in the Church Chapel at 9:00am.

**SAVE THE DATE!** We will celebrate St. Elijah's Centennial on Sunday, August 28, 2022. We happily anticipate celebrating this historical milestone. Watch for upcoming details!

**FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (ALMS BOXES).** Please have your donations into the office this week. We prefer that you count the change in your alms box and write a check to St. Elijah. A check will be written to Food for Hungry People for the total amount collected. Thank you for your donations.

**LADIES AID** will be taking orders for fresh meat pies and talami, all orders to be prepaid. Meat pies will be \$36/dozen and talami \$24/dozen. Please place your orders by Tuesday, May 17, with Cookie Deeba at 405-812-8782 or

Ruby Rahill at 405-760-5386. Pick up your orders on Friday, May 20, between 3pm and 5pm or Saturday, May 21, between 9am and 11am.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE.** To date we have received 122 Intention To Give cards, for a total of \$538,623. Thank you so much for your prompt responses. If you have not returned your Membership Form, please do so soon.



## **COFFEE HOUR**

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

### **May**

22 – St. Ignatius

29 – MDO

### **June**

5 – Antiochian Women

12 - Parish Council

19 - NO COFFEE HOUR - Father's Day

26 - Adult Fellowship

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

### **MAY 15-21**

Kristin Carson  
Korbyn Limber  
Gunner McMillan  
Elizabeth Miller  
Lydia Tamirat  
Shane Henry  
Trey Homsey  
Arabella Resz  
Rawan Shawareb  
Sydney Simon  
Jacob Sweis  
Nicholas Harris  
Lori Pedford  
Fr. John Salem  
Chad Warkentin  
Emile Karam  
Teese Mullings  
Hiwot Tamirat

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

Richard Rahal Simon  
Richard John Shamas Yeager  
Earl Samuel Craig  
Lloyd A. Davis  
Abreza Rahill  
Mary Zelnick  
Minette Ridings Kelson  
Sam H. Bayouth  
Roy Rahill  
John D. Barna  
Floyd "Buddy" Rahill  
Mary Louise Simon

*May 22, 2022  
3pm - 5pm  
St. Elijah Church Hall*

*\*\*\*\* Honoring \*\*\*\**

*Nicholas Shadid Hathaway  
Joseph Anthony Harroz  
Mia Katherine Morrow  
Robert Franklin Naifeh  
Elias Sam Assaleh  
Jackson Zeak Naifeh  
Farris Tamer Shawareb  
Christina Leigh Salem*

*Graduation Celebration Open House*

## **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Our year is coming to a close and what better way to end than with...

**WINE, CHEESE, & CHOCOLATE!**

Join us **TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6:30PM** in the church hall for fun, fellowship, and the **ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS!**

This gathering will be \$15; but, as always, if you need assistance, the Bertha McMurray fund is available!! Cheers!!

## Youth Ministry Updates

### Register for VBS

VBS this year is on the calendar for the week of June 6-10! We are so excited to get back to VBS. Scan the code to register your child for VBS. All youth ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade ('22-'23) school year can be signed up! If you would like to volunteer, our next meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the church prior to VBS set up!



### Summer Activities

We are planning summer activities around all our other programs. Look forward to the return of our Altar Boy baseball Outing, currently planning for a night the week of July 17th. More information to come soon!

Teen SOYO will have a team building night this summer at Threshold Rock Climbing.

Activities are being planned for July after summer camp concludes.

### Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will continue May 18<sup>th</sup>, alongside Family Night! We will meet at 7pm. We will also plan out any Summer activities and continue our discussion on Orthodox understanding of the Trinity. Big surprise that night too! Bring your Basketball Shoes!@

### JOY Ministry

Our next JOY Night will be Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7pm. We will discuss the 40 days of the Pascha season and the feast of Ascension! JOY Night is for all youth grades 1-6, where we gather in faith and fellowship.

### Graduating Senior Dinner

I want to take a moment to send off our High School seniors! We are planning for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. We will meet at Industry, located at 2800 NW 140<sup>th</sup> Street, OKC. Have your Senior RSVP to me by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## May 15, 2022

## CALENDAR

### USHERS:

**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**

	<i>Sunday</i>	
May 15	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	<i>Monday</i>	
May 16		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
May 17	Parish Council	7:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
May 18	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Mid-Pentecost	9:00 am
	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Family Night	7:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
May 19	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	Senior Lunch & Bingo	12:00 pm
	<i>Friday</i>	
May 20		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
May 21	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm