



# ST. ELIJAH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**First Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday;**

*Saints of the Day:* Apostle Jude (Thaddeus), brother of the Lord; Venerable Zenon of Palestine;  
Martyr Zosimas the Soldier at Antioch in Pisidia

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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**

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### Troparion of All Saints – Tone 4

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the 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 All Saints – Tone 8

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, \* the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. \* Through their earnest entreaties, \* keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, \* through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

**F**

### The Thrice Holy Hymn

**G**

## THE READINGS

### Epistle for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints)

**God is wondrous in His saints.  
In the churches bless ye God!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (Chapter 11:33-40; 12:1-2a)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight the foreign armies. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking, scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and

mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

### **Gospel of Sunday of All Saints**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

**H** **The Megalynarion**  
It is truly meet...

**I** **Communion Hymn**  
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous;  
praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.

**J** We have seen the true light...

## **OFFERINGS**

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Afaf, Elaine, and Mary Asal for their good health. It is especially offered **as a memorial service** for their beloved husband and father Atif Asal. May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Sam and Azieb Tesfaselassie for their good health and the good health of their children Robel and Feven and their families. It is especially offered for Feven on the occasion of her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. May God grant her many years!

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Ahlam Swies for her good health and the good health of her children and grandchildren. It is especially offered for Rehan and Chance Conerly on the churching of their son Atticus. May God grant him many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Stan and Bonnie Naifeh for their good health. It is especially offered for Nicole and Oliver Tobin on the churching of their daughter Georgina James Tobin, born on May 10. May God grant them many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Stan and Bonnie Naifeh for their good health. It is especially offered for Kyle Naifeh and Brooke Chapman on the churching of their son Knox Wilder Naifeh, born on January 18. 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 tablecloth; someone from our Welcome Ministry would love to greet you.

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY.** Enjoy Father's Day.

**FR. ELIAS** is serving today at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Fr. John will be serving there next Sunday, June 26. And on Sunday, July 3, the brothers and sisters of the St. George community will be worshipping with us.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Oliver and Nicole Tobin. Nicole and their daughter Georgina James are being church-ed today. May God grant them many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Chance and Rehan Conerly. Rehan and their son Atticus Isaac are being church-ed today. May God grant them many years!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael and Molly Massad on the occasion of the removal of their wedding crowns. May God grant them many years!

**THIS YEAR'S APOSTLES FAST** will begin tomorrow, Monday, June 20, and last until the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29. It is traditional fasting discipline to abstain from meat, dairy, and wine on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with katalysis (exception) for fish and wine on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

**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!

**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.

June	July
26 - Adult Fellowship	3 - St. Ignatius
	10 - MDO
	17 - Antiochian Women
	24 - Parish Council
	31 - Adult Fellowship

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

**JUNE 19-25**

Dorothy Pishkin  
Matthew Solomon  
Eleanor Dunkin  
Debbie Shadid  
Michael Allen  
Nikolai Raschtschenia  
Aiden Swearingen  
Sherri Assaleh  
Alyson Moses  
Sami Swaiss  
Chad McClellan  
Callen Duthie  
Dominique Gross  
Margo Naifeh

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

Fadia Barkett Samara  
Emil Richard Massad  
Terry Lee Smith  
Shaker Farha  
Antoine N. "Tony" Abyad  
William James Pasta Jr.  
Beder Moorad  
Martha Margaret Nayphe

### **Blue Jean Drive for the Homeless Shelter**

The Raven Project has been contacted by the Homeless Alliance and they are in desperate need of jeans for men. The jeans can be new or used and the sizes they need are as follows: waist - 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40. Length can vary, so do not worry about this. Please place your jeans in the bins by the office door. Questions, please call Craig Abraham at 405-640-2600 or Erin Ghata at 405-410-9456. Thank you for your donations.

## Youth Ministry Updates

### VBS Postponed

Due to a large COVID outbreak among our St. Elijah Community, we have elected to postpone our VBS week until August 1-5. We apologize for anyone who will not be able to participate because of the last-minute schedule change, but the safety of our family members is our top priority.

Registration will continue to stay open until August. We ask that you re-register your child so that we have an accurate count. You may scan the code below to register your child for VBS. All youth ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade ('22-'23) school year can be signed up!



### Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will gather again on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7pm alongside Family Night.

### CSR Bus

We have a bus taking our campers down to CSR for Session 1. The bus will arrive to St. Elijah by 1pm on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The bus will make a stop in Norman at Holy Ascension to pick up our friends down there. Our campers should arrive at Cross Point Camp in Kingston, OK, around 4pm.

The bus will return to St. Elijah on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15pm.

### Upcoming Summer Events

- ~ Altar Boy Baseball Outing
- ~ Teen SOYO Summer Outings
- ~ Family Ministry Movie Night at the Drive-In

More information to come soon.

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.

## June 19, 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>	
June 19	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	<i>Monday</i>	
June 20		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
June 21	Parish Council	7:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
June 22	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Family Night	7:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
June 23	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
June 24	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist	9:00 am
	<i>Saturday</i>	
June 25	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm