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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

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 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.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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Troparion of the Holy Fathers – Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them

didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Marina – Tone 4

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: * O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, * and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. * I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; * for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: * accept me offered out of longing * to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. * Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in 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 Theotokos – Tone 2

O Undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix, who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Blessed are those who iniquities are forgiven!

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to Titus
(Chapter 3:8-15)

My child Titus, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicos, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Gospel for the Holy Fathers of the 4th
Ecumenical Council**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 5:14-19)

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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 Bobby and Irene Massad for their good health and the good health of Julia Osipenko and the Massad, Mlekoday, Abraham, Tacheny, and Abrusley families, and especially for Bill Massad. May God grant them many years! It is also offered in memory of Leland Massad (21 years). May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Paul, Teresa, and Sarah Mabardy for their good health. It is especially offered for the good health of Jacob "Jake" Blevins on the occasion of his Chrismation. May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Brent, Natasha, and Rayna-Elie for their good health and the good health of the Wilson, Fox, and Shadid families. It is especially offered for Avery-Michael on the occasion of his second birthday (7/16). May God grant him 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.

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Antiochian Women. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kyle and Laney Combs. Laney and their daughter Lucy Taylor

are being churched today. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacob (Raphael of Brooklyn) Blevins, who was received into the Orthodox Church by the Sacrament of Chrismation on Saturday, July 17. May God grant him many years!

FR.'S JOHN & ELIAS WILL BE ATTENDING THE BIENNIAL CLERGY SYMPOSIUM this week (July 18-22) at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA. If a pastoral emergency arises during the week, please call the Church Office of Deacon Ezra. If a situation arises outside of office hours, you can call Fr. John on his cell phone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOKSTORE. We currently need volunteers to work in the bookstore on the 1st and 5th Sundays and an alternate. Please let Tari Tibbits know if you are interested.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE FALL. If your child is or will turn 8 years old during the 2022 calendar year and would like to serve at the Altar, please submit his name to our Youth Director, Anthony Ruggerio, via e-mail (anthony@stelijahokc.com). We will have an Altar Server Workshop sometime in August and we will begin a new schedule after Labor Day.

ST. ELIJAH FOOD FESTIVAL: We're back!! Mark your calendars now. The St. Elijah Food Festival and Bake Sale will be November 4th and 5th, 2022. Let's get excited for this great event!! More details to follow.

BOOKSTORE NEWS - We have received Fr. Jeremy's new book: *Welcoming Gifts - Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life*. We also have Divine Liturgy Books for Children.

JULY IS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MONTH. Look for the little blurb in this bulletin.

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 131 Intention To Give cards, for a total of \$545,963. 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.	
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
24 - Parish Council	7 - St. Ignatius
31 - Adult Fellowship	14 - MDO
	21 - Antiochian Women
	28 - Parish Council

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK</u>	
JULY 17-23	
Etsegenet Dibaba	Reece Rahill
Darlene Johnson	Zachary Sweis
Greg Naifeh	Eleanor Chancey
Bryan Gaston	Mary Haggard
Marco Morrow	Edward A. Shadid
Simon Simon	Joe Andrews
Ray Hibbard	Phil Nasr
Maple Phelps	Joyce Shadid

Today we remember those who reposed in the Lord during this week in years past:	
Rose Massad	Eddie F. Jabara
Vladimir Szczepka	Adnan "Eddie" Salman
Katy Farris	Sweis
Dr. Andrew Cooper John	Carl Frederick Wehba

Youth Ministry Updates

VBS Postponed

VBS is scheduled for 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. All youth ages 4 through 6th grade ('22-'23) school year can be signed up!

We ask that you re-register your child so that we have an accurate count. You may scan the code below to re-register for VBS.



Family Movie Night Out

All families at St. Elijah are invited to our Family Movie night at the Winchester Drive In! The movie will begin at 8:15 p.m. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and a radio speaker! We will have the whole place to ourselves!

The Winchester is located at 6930 S. Western Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73139

Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will begin again this Wednesday night, July 20th. We will meet from 7-8:30 p.m.

We will discuss our future plans of what we want to take away from Teen Chats and what we want to achieve in the coming school year.

Altar Boy Meeting

We will be having our annual Altar Boy Meeting, Thursday, August 11, at 6 p.m. We will have dinner, discuss the importance of serving in the Alta, and go over conduct and procedures.

All boys who will turn 8 years old by the end of the 2022 calendar year are invited to join us behind the altar to serve as an acolyte.

Altar Boy Baseball Outing

We will have our annual Altar Boy Baseball outing this year on Saturday, August 13th. We will meet at church; then drive down to the Bricktown Ball Park to see the OKC Dodgers take on Round Rock Express. RSVP is necessary. Please reach out if your altar boy will be joining us.

Chaperones needed!! Please let me know if you can join us.

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.

July 17, 2022

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE: Michael Koch

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
July 17	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
July 18	Clergy Symposium @ Antiochian Village	
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
July 19	Parish Council	7:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
July 20	NO VESPERS	
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
July 21	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
July 22		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
July 23	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm