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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost / Sixth Sunday of Matthew & Great Martyr Christina of Tyre:

Saints of the Day: New-Martyrs Athanasios of Ikia and Theophilos of Zakynthos; Athenagoras the Confessor; Passion-Bearers Boris (Roman) and Gleb (David)

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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...

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. Christina – 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 the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

**Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans
(Chapter 12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace that was given to us, let each use them accordingly: whether prophecy, let him prophecy according to the proportion of the faith; or ministry let him give himself to the ministry; or the teacher, to the teaching; or he who exhorts, in the exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with

simplicity; he who presides, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Love one another with brotherly affection; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; sharing in the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

Gospel of 6th Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – He then said to the paralytic – "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

H

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

I

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord.... Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT is offered by Susan Wehba for her good health and the good health of the Wehba family. It is especially offered in memory of Carl Fredrick Wehba (1

year) and Cyle Fredrick (4 years). May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Joe and Jill Andrews for their good health and the good health of their family. It is especially offered for Joe, Jill and Kate Andrews, Darlene Johnson, and Billie Bayouth on the occasion of their July birthdays. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD AND WHEAT is offered by Ahlam Swies for her good health and the good health of Sam, Rowan, Philip, Rehan, Chance, Adrianna, Gideon, Noah, and Atticus. It is especially offered **as a one-year memorial service** for Adnan. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Kendal, Brenda, Brent, Natasha, Avery, and Rayna Wilson; Tad and Debbie Shadid; Kyle, Laney, and Lucy Combs; and Jeff, Renae, Nathan, and Nicole Shadid for their good health. It is especially offered for Joyce Shadid on the occasion of her 90th birthday. May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Tad and Debbie Shadid for their good health. It is especially offered for Lucy Taylor Combs on the occasion of her churching last Sunday. May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Sam and Shereen Assaleh for their good health and the good health of their family – Zayna, Elias, and Meera. It is especially offered for their son Elias on the occasion of the Feast Day of St. Elijah (Mar Elias, July 20th). 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 the Parish Council. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

THE HAURAN CONNECTION. Our diocese has supported the Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran in Syria since 2008, through our sister-diocese relationship called “The Hauran Connection.” The Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran is ancient, founded in the first century through the teaching of the *Apostle Timon*. But this historic Archdiocese is now facing very hard times. The Syrian civil war drove out many of the area’s Christians and those who remain are extremely vulnerable. Along with their Muslim and Druze neighbors, they endure severe poverty and a constant threat of violence. Metropolitan SABA of our sister diocese has been working hard to help all the suffering people of this region, both Christian and non-Christian, through open-hearted and open-handed charity. **NEXT WEEK we will take a special collection to support this Archdiocese’s desperately needed relief work.**

FR. JOHN is still at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA. He will return to the office this Friday.

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 you 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 Thursday, August 11th, from 6-8pm. We will start a new team 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.

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 137 Intention To Give cards, for a total of \$552,763. 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.

July	August
31 – Adult Fellowship	7 – St. Ignatius
	14 – MDO
	21 – Antiochian Women
	28 – Parish Council

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

JULY 24-30

Adonis Albotros	Ruby Rahill
Gray Gonzalez	Richard Samara
Andrew Harroz	Mona Rahal Bahou
Shane Shadid	Abby Marusa
Blake Stacy	Kathryn McMillan
Jill Andrews	Rose Naifeh
Rodney Badeen	Robert Abraham
Jacob Kopepasah	Jacob Alexander
Julius Lane	Sherry Hutchison
Lydia Shadid	Ella Powers
Salman Swies	Mike Sleem
Derek Cohlma	Sima Swaiss

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

Anita Shadid	James D. Wehba
Dale Adil Wehba, Sr.	Lucille Barkett
Ragiq Dakhil Sweiss	Stephen Pristash
Mary Ann Mason	Mary Jamil Dakil
Robert Zeak Naifeh	Saleem A. Rahhal
Josephine Naify	Anna Chirolek
Zaid Naeem Halasa	Najeeba Nellie Shadid
Albert Abdallah Cohlma	

Youth Ministry Updates

VBS is NEXT WEEK

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 be Tuesday, August 16th (the last week of Summer!). The movie will begin at 8:15; be sure to bring lawn chairs and a radio speaker! We will have the whole place to ourselves! Popcorn will be provided; you can bring your own drinks and snacks!

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

Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will begin again this Wednesday night, July 27th. 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 Altar, 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 Cohlma (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 24, 2022

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE: Michael Cole

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
July 24	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
July 25		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
July 26		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
July 27	Vespers	
	<i>Thursday</i>	
July 28	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
July 29		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
July 30	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm