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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost / Seventh Sunday of Matthew & Holy and Just Eudokimos
of Cappadocia: *Saints of the Day*: Righteous Joseph of Arimathea;
Germanos, Bishop of Auxerre**

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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 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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Troparion of St. Eudokimos – Tone 4

The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell * preserveth thy body uncorrupted after thy death, O saintly Eudokimos; * for in living modestly and chastely, O blest one, * thou didst keep thy flesh free of all stain and defilement; with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all be saved.

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 Transfiguration – Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans (Chapter 15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his

neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

Gospel of 7th Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 9:27-35)

At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud and saying, "Have mercy on us, O Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.

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 the Foskin and Toma families for their good health. It is especially offered for Garrett Coates on the occasion of his Chrismation. May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Jill, Nick, and Taylor Sleem and Marcus and Kate Kinan for their good health. It is especially offered for Mike Sleem on the occasion of his 65th birthday. May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Erika and Dr. Paul Shadid, Jr., for their good health and the good health of the Shadid and Kouri families. It is especially offered for their son Paul Alan (Trip) Shadid III on the occasion of his Baptism. It is also offered for his godparents Amanda Kouri and Peter Shadid. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Thomas and Christan Resz for their good health and the good health of their family. It is especially offered for Thomas Michael on the occasion of his birthday (8/2). May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Dr. Paul and Jennifer Shadid for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchildren Jessica, Bryan, Ainsley, and Colt; Paul, Jr., Erika, and Trip; and Peter and Lauren. It is especially offered for Paul, Sr. on the occasion of his birthday today and for Trip on the occasion of his Baptism. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Woodie and Carla Berry for their good health and the good health of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and godchildren. It is especially offered for their goddaughter Susan Wilson on

the occasion of her birthday today. May God grant her 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 Adult Fellowship. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony and Alyson Moses on the baptism of their son Jett Anthony on Sunday, July 24. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Erika Shadid, Jr., on the baptism of their son Paul Alan III on Saturday, July 30. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to William Garrett Coates, who was received into the Orthodox Church by the Sacrament of Chrismation on Saturday, July 30. May God grant him many years!

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. **TODAY we will take a special collection to support this Archdiocese's desperately needed relief work.** THE COMMEMORATION LIST of the clergy of our Sister Diocese in Syria: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA; Priest George (who serves Daraa); Priest Peter (who serves Znebe); Priest Philip (who serves Al Oslha, A Dara, and Shahba); Priest George (who serves Salkhad, Aramman, Malah, Anz, and Om Aromman); Priest Samaan (who serves Al Korayya, Tisiya and Maarbeh); Priest Elia (who serves Izraa and Mthbeen); Priest Timon (who serves Kharaba and Irra); Priest Paul (retired); Priest Nicola (who serves Al-Sweda); Priest Spiro (who serves Al-Sweda and Irra); Subdeacon Basem and Subdeacon Mihiyar for whom we offer prayers that their work in His Vineyard may flourish.

THE DORMITION FAST begins tomorrow, Monday, August 1. During this Fasting Season, it is traditional to abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, and alcohol. Alcohol in moderation is allowed on Saturdays and Sundays; fish and alcohol are allowed for the Feast of the Transfiguration. The fast ends with the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, which will be celebrated on Monday, August 15.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD will be celebrated on Friday evening, August 5, with Divine Liturgy at 6pm in the chapel and the traditional blessing of the grapes at the end of liturgy.

PARAKLESIS SERVICE. In lieu of Vespers, the Paraklesis to the Theotokos will be celebrated at 6p on Wednesdays, August 3 & 10. Join us for this special service of supplication to the Mother of God during the Dormition Fast.

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@steljahokc.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 copies of the newly revised *Archdiocesan Pocket Prayer Book*.

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 138 Intention To Give cards, for a total of \$553,163. 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>August</u>	<u>September</u>
7 – St. Ignatius	4 – Adult Fellowship
14 – MDO	11 – St. Ignatius
21 – Antiochian Women	18 – MDO
28 – Parish Council	25 – Antiochian Women

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
JULY 31-AUGUST 6

Arsine Basmadjian	Maya Shadid
Eric Marusa	Ellen Young
Paul Shadid	Ralph Bolen
Susan Wilson	Solange Douglass
Bobby Prater	Kathy Ham
Falon Prator	Taylor Homsey
Joshua Cohlma	Darren Morton
Meredith Morrow	Molly Newcomb
Dale Osborne	

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

Victor R. Razook	Joseph Richard Homsey
Michael J. Semenoff	Addy S. Kouri
Neimer Henry Bird	Eva Reafa Ablah
Nicholas Addy Adwon	Virgil Cosma
Salwa D. Sweis	

FAMILY NIGHT
BEGINS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

ARABIC COFFEE HOUSE
Conversations with Fr. John

INSIGHTS TO THE
DIVINE LITURGY
Taught by Fr. Elias

INQUIRER'S CLASS
Taught by Deacon Ezra

TEEN CHATS
Conversations with Anthony

CHILDREN
Anna Harris and Our Wonderful
Staff of Teachers

NURSERY
Joy and Julie

Vespers 6pm ~ Classes 7-9pm

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 Cohlmiia (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 31, 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 31	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Aug. 1	Dormition Fast Begins	
	Vacation Bible School	1:00 pm
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Aug. 2	Vacation Bible School	1:00 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Aug. 3	Vacation Bible School	1:00 pm
	Paraklesis	6:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Aug. 4	Vacation Bible School	1:00 pm
	<i>Friday</i>	
Aug. 5	Vacation Bible School	1:00 pm
	Divine Liturgy for the	6:00 pm
	Feast of the Transfiguration	
	of Our Lord	
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Aug. 6	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm