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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and the After-Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ:

Saints of the Day: Martyr Dometios of Persia; Hieromartyr Narcissus, Patriarch of Jerusalem;
Sozon of Nicomedia

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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.

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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:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Who coverest Thyself with a light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory... Now...

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

B

The 2nd Antiphon:

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Glory... Now...

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

C

Troparion of the Transfiguration – Tone 7

Verse: Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. Blessed is the people who knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of Light, glory to Thee.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Transfiguration – Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of Light, glory to Thee.

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 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Lord will give strength unto His people.
Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God; bring
unto the Lord glory and honor!**

The reading is from St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 1:10-17)

Brethren, I beseech you by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing and that there be no schisms among you, but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same resolve. For it has been indicated to me concerning you, my brethren, by those who are of the household of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

Now what I mean is this; that each one of you says, "I am for Paul," or "I am for Apollos," or "I am for Cephas," or "I am for Christ": Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas; other than that I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made void.

Gospel of 8th Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore He saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And Jesus said "Bring them here to me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Then Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

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 Karla, Kasey, Adam, Alexandra, Sophie, Charlie, Demi, and Livie Cohlmiia for their good health. It is especially offered for George on the occasion of his 70th birthday this week. May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Omar Sweis for his good health and the good health of Heyam, Ramez, Randy, and Amir. It is especially

offered in memory of his parents Salwa and Daifalla Sweis. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Vanda Ghata for her good health and the good health of her children Joseph, Erin, Matthew, George, Jennifer, and Jamin. It is especially offered in memory of her parents Mary and Aboud Kassawat, her nephew Jesse Abbagh, and her husband and Subdeacon George. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Samson, Azieb, Robel, and Feven for their good health and the good health of their families. It is especially offered in memory of Ghebrat, Zewdi, Dawit, Yohannes, and Eyob. May their 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 St. Ignatius. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to Marie Chumo on the repose of her brother, Milo Colich, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, July 31, in Westminster, CA. May his memory be eternal.

THE DORMITION FAST began on 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.

PARAKLESIS SERVICE. In lieu of Vespers, the Paraklesis to the Theotokos will be celebrated at 6pm on Wednesday, August 10.

Join us for this special service of supplication to the Mother of God during the Dormition Fast.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS will be celebrated on Monday morning, August 15, at 9am in the chapel. The Theotokos reposes in peace after promising to pray for all Christians before the throne of God. Come celebrate the Mother of God, who is spiritually the Mother of all Christians.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S BOARD 2022-23. Today we will swear in the new board members that were elected on May 24, 2022: Courtney Chancey, CeCe Floyd, Milena Ganchev, Brittany Ham, Jan Klopp, Michelle Morrow, Rowan Nasr, and Mary Pendergraft. May God grant them many years.

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 Thursday, August 11th, from 6-8pm. We will start a new team schedule after Labor Day.

SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO will take place on Thursday, August 18, from 12pm-2pm in the Church Hall! Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship! We are going to take a few minutes during lunch to present some services that are available in the Metro OKC area specifically for Seniors.

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.

VIGIL CANDLE is lit by Teese Mullings for our military serving in harm's way. May they be kept safe from every enemy and adversary.



COFFEE HOUR

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

August

14 - MDO

21 - Antiochian Women

28 - Parish Council

September

4 - Adult Fellowship

11 - St. Ignatius

18 - MDO

25 - Antiochian Women

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

AUGUST 7-13

Bjorn Douglass	Taylor Sleem
Laura Alasad	Katrina Szczepka-Eppler
Dru Alleman	Mark Tayar
Sandra Baskerville	Charlie Ward
Sam Coury	David Hanks
Vandie Newman	Johnny Limber
Lauren Shadid	Malek Massad
Luke Warr	Dino Shadid
George Cohlmi	Zane Shadid
Gayle Ruffin	Buster Simon
Rachel Lewis	Kendal Wilson
Spyridon Karousos	Wesley Addition
Kim Koop	Karla Cohlmi

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

Andries C. Schalk
Zakia M. Jabara
Souhail George Khammar
Mabel Hodge
John Robert Dutcher
Gene Eddie
Lawrence M. Tayar
Magdalena Sofronow
Belaka Gebriel Atalay
Robert Gazelle
Ed Adeeb Kouri

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

Thank you to our VBS Volunteers!!!

We had a very successful week at VBS last week! For our first VBS back since 2019, we had over 80 children participate, 40 adult volunteers, and 30 teen volunteers throughout the week.

Our teachers did an amazing job with your children, teaching the faith and making the whole week so much fun! No matter how much preparation is put into the week, it comes down to the volunteers and teachers on how much fun our children have!

A huge thank you goes out to our directors Brittany Ham, Veronica Warr, Tina Harroz, and Sherry Colmia for their tireless work to make VBS a possibility.

Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will continue alongside Family Night this week. We will gather on Wednesday, August 10th, at 7 p.m. They have been doing some work in the Teen Room. I think I am going to need some help moving all the furniture back!

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.

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.

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.

August 7, 2022

USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE:

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Aug. 7	Orthros	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
Aug. 8	Choir	7:00 pm
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Aug. 9	MDO Board	6:30 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Aug. 10	Paraklesis	6:00 pm
	Family Night & Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Aug. 11	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	Altar Server Meeting & Training	6:00 pm
	<i>Friday</i>	
Aug. 12		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Aug. 13	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm
	Altar Server Baseball Outing	