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Saints of the Day: Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople;
James of Borovichi, Wonderworker of Novgorod

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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 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 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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Troparion of St. James – Tone 4

Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected,

and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion of 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 for 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 Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

**His sound has gone forth into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians
(Chapter 1:11-19)

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man; for neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me by revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my manner of life in time past in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and destroyed it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age within my nation, being

more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God who separated me, even from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the nations, immediately I did not confer flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and I again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gad'arenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and country. Then the people went out to see what had

happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gad'arenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming through the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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 Annette and Trey Kouri for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchild Erika, Paul, Trip, Jake, and Amanda. It is also offered for the Homsey, Kouri, and Shadid families. It is especially offered for Amanda on the occasion of her 25th birthday (10/24). May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Mike and Gery Foskin for their good health and the good health of Barry, T. J., and Caslyn Toma. It is especially offered for Garrett and Ciarra Coates on the occasion of their wedding. May God grant them many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Esber and Leslie Samara for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchildren. It is especially offered in memory of Dolores Homsey (5 years), Benny Homsey, and Nabeeh

and Adeeba Samara. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Thomas and Christan Resz for their good health and the good health of their children. It is especially offered for Lucile on the occasion of her birthday (10/24). May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Lillian and Rodney Badeen for their good health. It is especially offered **as a 15-year memorial service** in memory of Rhonda, Kathryn, Michael, and Adrienne Lunn. 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 table cloth; someone from our Welcome Ministry would love to greet you.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Garrett and Ciarra (Toma) Coates, who were married yesterday, October 22. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacob and Elaine Simon on the birth of their daughter Leighton Marie on October 20. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. May God grant her many years!

DIVINE LITURGY for St. Demetrios will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 26, at 9am in the chapel.

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped with meat pies and talami! We appreciate all of you.
Bake Sale Committee

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. Despite tough economic times since 2020, we have continued

to stay on track and make needed improvements to the church through your generosity and thoughtfulness. If you have not pledged yet for 2022 (and are able), please take a few moments to prayerfully consider what you can give to support St. Elijah. Thank you all for your kindness!

GREAT VESPERS on Saturday, October 22, will be held at **3pm**. Please note the different starting time.



COFFEE HOUR

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

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
30 - Antiochian Women	6 - Altar Guild
	13 - Parish Council
	20 - Adult Fellowship
	27 - Ladies Aid

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK OCTOBER 23-29

Stacey Tayar	Gabriel Schneider
Amanda Kouri	Rett Rahill
Caroline Naifeh	Michael Akins
Lucile Resz	Joseph Harroz
Joseph Byrnes	Bashar Alasad
Sydney Homsey	Cade Garner
Michael Massad	Mark Sweiss
Caleb Swearinged	

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

Alexandra Massad Shadid
George Richard Cochran
Anna Mae Shadid
Dolores Homsey
George Rahal
Mamie Zakoura
Fred R. Simon

Youth Ministry Updates

Teen SOYO

Teen Chats will resume this week on Wednesday, October 26th, from 7-8:30pm. Teen Chats will continue through October during Bake Sale prep. Jake Phelps will be filling in for me while I am out of town.

Youth Month

October is Youth Month in the Antiochian Archdiocese. This month, Youth will be reading the epistle and helping in various ways in church, such as handing out the bread and helping the ushers in the narthex.

The number one thing that our youth want out of the church is a way to be involved and have ownership over their own projects.

To really help a youth program thrive, we need to take initiative to invite our young people to be involved in different ministry and not simply tell them what to do. Our children get told what to do every day of their life, chores, schoolwork, etc....our youth's involvement should be just as valued as any adult in the church.

An invitation to participate becomes much more meaningful to our youth than having them told they need to help out at church.

Sunday School Registration

Today is the seventh week of Sunday School! Students will line up for communion in the narthex after we recite "I believe O Lord and Confess..." Sunday School is open to all students from Pre-K to 12th grade.

Today's topic is the story of the sacrifice of Isaac. If you have not registered for Sunday school, your child is encouraged to still attend! Our teachers will guide them to the proper class.

Students who have not been baptized or chrismated yet may ask for a blessing from the priest when they approach for communion with the rest of the children.

JOY Night

JOY night will continue Friday, November 18th. We will meet from 6-7pm. JOY night is open to all youth from grades 1-6.

We will continue our lessons about the saints of the church, as we gather in fellowship and faith.

Teen SOYO Outreach

On November 21st or 22nd, during Thanksgiving break, we will gather at church to make Chili for Sister BJ's pantry. More information will be made available soon!

Feel free to contact me with any questions

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Worship and Spiritual Life

Sunday – Orthros at 8:50 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.

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USHERS:

ALTAR SERVERS: Blaise Bittle, Elias Farha, Benaiah Giles, Ephraim Giles, Gabriel Hare, Jude Harroz, Sami Homsey, Sammy Kalil, Luke Newcomb, Karam Shawareb

EPISTLE READER:

ELDERS:

BOOKSTORE: Michael Cole

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Oct. 23	Orthros	8:50 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	<i>Monday</i>	
Oct. 24		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Oct. 25		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Oct. 26	Divine Liturgy	9:00 am
	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Teen Bake Sale Prep	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Oct. 27	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Oct. 28		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Oct. 29	Great Vespers	5:00 pm