



# ST. ELIJAH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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*Saints of the day:* Venerable Paul of Thebes; John the Hut Dweller; Venerable martyr Pansophios of Alexandria; Venerable Gabriel of Lesnovo

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Paul of Thebes – Tone 8**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a

hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Paul, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**Troparion of St. John the Hut-Dweller – Tone 4**

Since thou hadst with fervor longed after the Lord from thy youth, \* thou leftist the world with its delights and nobly didst strive in valiant ascetic deeds. \* Thou didst pitch thy hut before the gates of thy parents; \* thou didst break the demons' snares, O all-blessed Father. \* And therefore, as is meet, hath Christ God glorified thee, O John.

**Troparion of St. Elijah – Tone 4**

Angelic body, pillar of prophets and their cornerstone, forerunner of the Second-Coming of Christ; thou didst send grace from on high to Elisha to dispel sickness and to glorify lepers, glorious Elijah, thou dost overflow with healing to those who honor thee.

**Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ – Tone 1**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

**F**

### The Thrice-Holy Hymn

**G**

### THE READINGS

#### Epistle for the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In Wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless, the Lord, O my soul!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians (Chapter 3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, who is our life, appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idol worship; for the sake of such things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience; wherein you also once walked, when you lived in these things. But now you also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy and filthy language out of your mouths. Do not lie to one another, having put off the old man with his works; and having put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of his Creator, where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free; but Christ is all, and in all.

#### **Gospel for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**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 Jenny Sanders for her good health and the good health of her family.

It is especially offered **as a two-year memorial service** for her husband Bill Sanders. May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Paul, Jessica and Bryan, Paul, Jr., and Erika, Peter and Lauren, Ainsley, Colt, Trip, and Stetson for their good health and the good health of Jennifer: wife, mom, and Sitty, on the occasion of her birthday today. May God grant her many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Danny Shadid for his good health and the good health of Nina, Stanley, Christopher, Katy, Micah, Noelle, Layla, Linley, Cameron, and Norah. It is especially offered in memory of Kelly Shadid (26 years), Vicky Shadid, and Linda Shadid. 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 Antiochian Women. Please join us immediate after Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Julius and Talia Lane on the birth of their daughter Alena Ray on December 22. She weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. May God grant her many years.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joshua and Jordan Ford, who were received into the Orthodox Church by the Sacrament of Chrismation on Saturday, January 14. May God grant them many years!

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will take place on Sunday, January 22, in the hall immediately after Divine Liturgy. All voting members of the Church are invited to participate. (*Voting membership consists of Orthodox Christians who: 1. are in good canonical standing, 2. attend worship services on a regular basis, 3. partake of the Holy Sacraments, 4. are*

at least 18 years of age and submit a membership card, 5. submit an annual pledge which makes a financial commitment to the temporal maintenance of "The Church," 6. are given a special dispensation on a case-by-case basis by the Parish Priest, 7. may only be a voting member of a single local parish.) A Box Lunch will be provided.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** of all church organizations are due in the church office **NO LATER THAN** tomorrow, January 16.

**SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO** will take place this Thursday, January 19, from 12-2pm. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship.



## **COFFEE HOUR**

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

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
22 - Parish Council	5 - St. Ignatius
29 - Adult Fellowship	12 - Altar Guild
	19 - Adult Fellowship (Meat Fare Sunday)
	26 - Family Night Volunteers (Cheese Fare Sunday)

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

Rothia Naifeh	Saied Wehba
Leo N. Samara	Chehadeh Hamra
Nellie Jabara	Michael Ralph Shadeed
Trudy Rahill	James Nayemtallah
Kalee M (Kelly) Shadid	Shadid
Michael Dee Wehba	Neema Barkett
Bernice Homsey	Josephine Homsey
William Allen Sanders	Edith Kathryn Kraker
Betty Jean Rahill	Melia Samara
Jennie Lee Thomas	

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

**JANUARY 15-21**

Tonya Eastridge

Sonia Eid  
Jennifer Shadid  
Debbi Wehba  
Lisa Winter  
Joe Harroz, Jr.  
Matt Kenmore  
Mark Dancer  
Monte Shawareb  
Abby Abraham  
Lowell Lenhart  
Murphee Ward  
Frank Dancer  
Kayla Eastridge  
Larry Hare  
Lauren Lenhart  
Kaloyan Lupov  
Inam Sweis  
Solomon Tamirat  
Andrea Abdo  
Donovyn Anderson  
Cameron Williams

## **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Due to frozen pipes and flooding at St. Crispin's, we will be having our women's retreat locally at a much-reduced cost.

Kh. Mireille Pavez of Beaumont, TX, will still be our speaker, sharing insights into our "Journey Through Lent."

Stop by our table at Coffee Hour for the latest information and to sign up!

**Round up the family and rustle up some grub at our  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser!**

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm following Vespers

Bring the whole family to enjoy a delicious selection of chilis for dinner! And if you are feeling brave, enter your tastiest chili to be judged for a prize!

We'll have judges to award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, but the People's Choice Award is up to you! Vote for your favorite chili by putting money in their jar during the event. There will be a special prize for each winner!

We will also have a house chili to chow down on plus all the fixin's you might need!

Then grab your partner and do-si-do to the music of our very own Massad and Dean!

Pay at the door - \$10/Adult, \$5/Children 10 and under, \$30/Family Maximum

Chili entry sign up today during Coffee Hour!

## On-Line Giving

### 4 Options for On-line Giving

- **St. Elijah Website** - Click Donate at upper right corner of website. Use the drop down to select the Fund you are contributing to.
- **Text To Give** - To: 73256/ Click Return/ Under Text Message type in - stelijah / Click Send (green arrow). You will get a message - click on the blue link. Click on the dollar amount and type in amount you wish to give and click General Fund. At the bottom click GIVE. You will then get a text message with your receipt. \* **Note – there is not a Memo option at this time for Text to Give; therefore, unless you are just giving to your Pledges, please use the other options.**
- **App** - Go to Apple Store (or) Android - App is "Realm Connect"
- **Realm Website** - onrealm.org
- **NOTE: The only people that will have access to your Contribution Information will be the Church Secretary and the Church Financial Accountant**

\* Note - At this time the only option is to give to the following Funds:

- **General Fund**
- **Flowers TDN Fund** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make sure you enter the deceased name in the **Memo** field)
- **Candle / Holy Bread** \_\_\_\_\_ (You can enter something in the **Memo** field)
- **Families in Need** \_\_\_\_\_ (You can enter something in the **Memo** field)
- **Other Contributions** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make sure you enter the something in the **Memo** field)
- **Bake Sale Fund** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make sure you enter the something in the **Memo** field)
- **Adult Fellowship Fund** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make sure you enter the something in the **Memo** field)
- **Antiochian Women Fund** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make sure you enter the something in the **Memo** field)

# Venerable Paul of Thebes



Commemorated on [January 15](#)  
[Troparion & Kontakion](#)

Saint Paul of Thebes was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Left orphaned, he suffered many things from a greedy relative over his inheritance. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius (249-251), Saint Paul learned of his brother-in-law's insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city and fled into the wilderness.

Settling into a mountain cave, Saint Paul dwelt there for ninety-one years, praying incessantly to God both day and night. He sustained himself on dates and bread, which a raven brought him, and he clothed himself with palm leaves.

Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning Saint Paul. Saint Anthony thought that there was no other desert dweller such as he. Then God said to him, "Anthony, there is a servant of God more excellent than you, and you should go and see him."

Saint Anthony went into the desert and came to Saint Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and Saint Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. Saint Paul disclosed to Saint Anthony that for sixty years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of Saint Anthony's visit. The next morning, Saint Paul spoke to Anthony of his approaching death, and instructed him to bury him. He also asked Saint Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from Saint Athanasius. He did not really need a garment, but wished to depart from his body while Saint Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, Saint Anthony beheld the soul of Saint Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. Saint Anthony mourned for him, and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how he would bury the body, for he had not remembered to bring a shovel. Two lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws.

Saint Anthony buried the holy Elder, and took his garment of palm leaves, then he returned to his own monastery. Saint Anthony kept this garb as a precious inheritance, and wore it only twice a year, on Pascha and Pentecost.

Saint Paul of Thebes died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. He did not establish a single monastery, but soon after his end there were many imitators of his life, and they filled the desert with monasteries. Saint Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

In the twelfth century Saint Paul's relics were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Peribleptos monastery of the Mother of God, on orders of the emperor Manuel (1143-1180). Later, they were taken to Venice, and finally to Hungary, at Ofa. Part of his head is in Rome.

Saint Paul of Thebes, whose Life was written by Saint Jerome, is not to be confused with Saint Paul the Simple (October 4).

## Youth Ministry Updates

### Teen Chats

Teen Chats will continue Wednesday, January 11th, alongside Family Night. We will meet from 7-9pm and will continue our discussion on the lives of the saints.

### WAMP Registration

WAMP registration is now open! We will be back at Cross Point Camp this year. The website can be found below. If you registered for camp this summer, then your information should still be stored in the account. If not, you can follow the link below and create an account ahead of time.

[events.circuitree.com/campstraphael](https://events.circuitree.com/campstraphael)

### WAMP Bus

A bus will be provided for all WAMP participants. The WAMP bus will be leaving from St. Elijah about 4pm on January 13th and return around 12pm on Monday, the 16th. If your child would like to take the bus, please let me know.

### Sunday School

Sunday School will continue in TODAY, January 8th.

Students will still dismiss from church at their regular time. 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.

We will continue learning about the book of Genesis and begin our lesson on Joseph and his brothers.

### JOY Night

JOY night will continue Friday, January 20th. 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 for fellowship and faith.

### Vacation Bible School

VBS will be June 5th - June 9th from 1-4pm. Registration will be made available at the end of the month. If you would like to volunteer this year, please reach out to me with any questions.

Feel free to contact me with any questions

[anthony@stelijahokc.com](mailto:anthony@stelijahokc.com)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## January 15, 2023

### 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 Koch

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

## CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Jan. 15	Orthros	8:50 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	<i>Monday</i>	
Jan. 16		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Jan. 17	Orthros followed by Liturgy	9:00 am
	<b>@ St. George Greek Church</b>	
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Jan. 18	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Family Night	7:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Jan. 19	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sr. Bingo and Lunch	12:00 pm
	<i>Friday</i>	
Jan. 20	JOY Ministry Night	6:00 pm
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Jan. 21	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm