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The Commemoration of the Placing of Theotokos' Robe in Blachernae & Fourth Sunday of
Matthew; *Saints of the Day*: Juvenaly, Archbishop of Jerusalem; The New-Martyrs of
Samothrace; Archbishop John Maximovitch of Shanghai & San Francisco

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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 SABA, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North 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...Both 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 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

D

The Entrance Hymn

O come let us worship...

E

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Troparion for the Placing of the Theotokos' Robe – Tone 8

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash which by thy seedless childbirth have

remained incorrupt; for in thee, nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and Great Mercy to our souls.

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 for the Placing of the Theotokos' Robe – Tone 4

O godly shelter that dost cover all mankind, * the sacred robe that covered thy sacred body * hast thou bestowed on all the faithful graciously, * O pure Virgin, as a robe * of divine incorruption. * As we celebrate with love * its august deposition, * we cry to thee with faith, O graced of God: * Rejoice, O Lady, thou boast of the Christian race.

F

The Thrice Holy Hymn

G

THE READINGS

Epistle for the Theotokos' Robe

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (Chapter 9:1-7)

Brethren, the first tabernacle had ordinances of the divine services and an earthly sanctuary. For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which were the candlestick, and the table, and the bread of the offering, which is called the Sanctuary. And behind the second veil stood the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies; having a

golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid roundabout with gold, which contained a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the two tablets of the covenant; and above it the two Cherubim of glory overshadowing the Ark's lid; of these things, we cannot now speak in particular. Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the divine services; but into the second the high priest enters alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the ignorance of the people.

Gospel of 4th Sunday after Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Chapter 8:5-13)

At that time, Jesus entered Caper'naum, and a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those around him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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 Amos and Brittany Ham for their good health and the good health of their children. It is especially offered for Matt and Christen Ham on the occasion of their Chrismation and for their children Marick, Andrew, and Corbin on the occasion of their Baptism. May God grant them many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Randy and Kathy Rahill for their good health and the good health of the Madeline Rahill, Gann, and Bene families. It is especially offered on the occasion of the birthdays of Eli Bene (7/7) and Chelsey Rahill (7/10). May God grant them many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Vanda Ghata and family for their good health and the good health of her children Joseph, Erin, Matthew, George, Jennifer, Jamin, and baby Lydia. It is especially offered **as a three-year memorial service** for Subdeacon George. May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Adam and Melissa Krejci for their good health and the good health of their family. It is especially offered for Zechariah, Bethany, Benjamin, Noah, Daniel, and Andrew Gaskins on the occasion of their reception into the church. May God grant them many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Sally and John Limber for their good health and the good health of Korbyn, Kailey, Matt, and Annabelle. It is especially offered for Annabelle on the occasion of her first birthday (6/30). May God grant her many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Johnny Burk for his good health. It is especially offered in memory of his father Roy (13 years). May his 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 the Altar Guild. Please join us immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Paul Baskerville on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America on June 21. Thank you to everyone who has assisted and guided him. May God grant him many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew and Lauren Hesser on the birth of their son Benjamin Harrison on June 24. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 17.5 inches long. May God grant him many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Zechariah, Bethany, Benjamin, Noah, Daniel, and Andrew Gaskins who were received into the Orthodox Church on June 27; Zechariah and Bethany by the Sacrament of Chrismation and Benjamin, Noah, Daniel, and Andrew by the Sacrament of Baptism. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew, Christen, Marrick, Andrew, and Corbin Ham who were received into the Orthodox Church on June 29; Matthew and Christen by the Sacrament of Chrismation and Marrick, Andrew, and Corbin by the Sacrament of Baptism. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to David and Charli Swyden on the Baptism of their daughter Martha Louise on July 1. May God grant them many years!


CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Office will re-open on Wednesday, July 5.

FR. JOHN will be serving as a session priest at the Antiochian Village from July 2 through July 15. **Dn. EZRA** is on vacation through July 8. The Office will still be open during the week. Just a reminder, Kay is in the office Monday through Friday from 1-5.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE FALL. If your child is or will turn 8 years old during the 2023 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 any Altar Server Workshop on Thursday, August 3, from 6-8pm and we will begin a new serving schedule after Labor Day.

JULY IS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY MONTH. Look for the little blurb in this bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. To date we have received 118 Intention to Give cards, for a total of \$577,232. Thank you so much for your prompt responses. If you have not returned your Membership Form, please do so when you get the chance.

	COFFEE HOUR
Below is the schedule of those who will host Coffee Hour on upcoming Sundays.	
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
9 – Adult Fellowship	6 – Parish Council
16 – St. Ignatius	13 – Ladies Aid
23 – MDO	20 – Family Night
30 – Antiochian Women	Volunteers
	27 – Altar Guild

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

Sadie Silsby	Valerian Popow
Lorine Cohlma Mady	Joan Nayfa Thomson
Diamond J. Kraker	Kenneth C. Arbogast
Salwa “Sally” Simon	Joseph Farris, Sr.
Saied	Fahim George Ghata
Lamy S. Shadid	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

JULY 2-8

Samuel Kalil
Madelyn Lister
Scottie Samara
Caroline Shanbour
Mona Spivey

Vivien Carson
Maya Shawareb
Sophie Cohlma
Michaela Todd
Bill Cohlma

Evan Ewbank
Jett Moses
Brenda Shadid Wilson
Gabriel Calderon-Nikolozski
Christina Waters

July is Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) Awareness Month

OCPM corresponds with prisoners to provide personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, and catechism and study courses. OCPM publishes their own books and icons, which have been designed for use in prison and are printed to meet the stringent rules of prison mailing rooms. OCPM catechizes prisoners in the Orthodox faith through a series of correspondence study courses. OCPM trains Orthodox priests and lay persons to visit and counsel those in prison and provide the Sacraments. OCPM advocates for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith so that priests can enter correctional facilities. To learn more or to donate, go to www.theocpm.org

THE GIFT WORKSHOP #1 @ ST. ELIJAH, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24

The Senior Outreach Committee is hosting The Gift Workshop the first four (4) Thursday's in August from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at St. Elijah. You will be guided through an interactive workshop to document your personal, legal, medical, financial, real estate, passwords, preferences, and emergency contacts impacted by a move, crisis, or any transition in your life. \$199 per couple or individual. Three (3) ways to register. Please contact Karen Hanna at 405-923-1704 with any questions.

https://villagesokc.helpfulvillage.com/events/1740-the-gift-workshop-%231-@-st_-elijahs-,-8_3,-8_10,-8_17,-8_24

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.

July 2, 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: Don Pendergraft

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
July 2	Orthros	8:50 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	<i>Monday</i>	
July 3	NO ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS	
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
July 4	OFFICE CLOSED	
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
July 5	Vespers	6:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
July 6	NO ORTHODOX STUDY FELLOWSHIP	
	<i>Friday</i>	
July 7		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
July 8	Great Vespers/Confession	5:00 pm