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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 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:

Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

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

Sing to His name; give glory to His praises.

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

Say to God: "How awesome art Thy works."

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

Let all the earth worship Thee and sing to Thee.

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

Glory... Both now...

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

B

The 2nd Antiphon:

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

That Thy way be known upon the earth, Thy salvation among all nations.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks unto Thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

May God bless us and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Refrain: 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

The 3rd Antiphon

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Christ is risen...

So let sinners perish before God, but let the righteous rejoice.

Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen...

D

The Entrance Hymn

In the churches bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

E**Paschal Troparia**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Arabic

AL MA-SIH U-QAM MIN BAI NIL AM WAT
WA WA TI AL MOWT A-BIL MOWT WA
WA HA BAL HI YA LIL LA DHI NA FIL QU-
BUR.

Greek

CHRISTOS ANESTI EK NEKRON,
THANATO THANATON PATEE-SAS, KAI
TEES EN TEES MNEE-MA-SI ZOEEN
KHARISAMENOS

Hypakoe of Pascha – Tone 4

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them, “Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, who dwells in light eternal! Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.”

Kontakion of Pascha – Tone 8

Down to the grave though Thou wentest immortal Lord, yet didst Thou there hurl down death by Thy throne of might and art risen with victory crowned, O Christ our true God, and hast hailed with glad greeting the women that came with myrrh; and unto Thine Apostles hast graciously sent thy peace, O Lord, that grantest the fallen to rise with Thee.

F**Anti-Trisagion (Instead of the Trisagion)**

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

G**THE READINGS****Epistle for Great and Holy Pascha**

**This is the Day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!**

The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles
(Chapter 1:1-8)

In the first words, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them he presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, having been seen by them for forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God. And having assembled together with them, He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said: “You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when they had come together, they asked Him: “Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them: “It is not for you to know the time or seasons, which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Gospel of Holy and Glorious Pascha

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (Chapter 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through Him. He was not the light, but was to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This is he of whom I said, 'he who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

<p style="text-align:center">PASCHAL SERMON St. John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople 398-404 AD</p>
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Whoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord. And if any be weary with fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have toiled from the first hour, let him receive his due reward. If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast. And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any have delayed to the ninth hour, let him not hesitate, but let him come too. And he that has arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Lord is gracious and received the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that has toiled from the first. Yea, to this one he gives and upon that one

he bestows. He accepts works as he greets the endeavor. The deed he honors and the intention he commends.

Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. You first and last receiving alike your reward; you rich and poor, rejoice together. You sober and you slothful, celebrate the day. You that have kept the fast and you that have not, rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake all of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death; for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled Hades when he descended thereto. He vexed it even as it tasted his flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, "Thou, O hell, hast been vexed by encountering him below." It is vexed; for it is even done away with. It is vexed; for it is made a mockery. It is vexed; for it is destroyed. It is vexed; for it is annihilated. It is vexed; for it is now made captive. It took a body and, lo! It discovered God. It took earth, and behold, it encountered heaven. It took what it saw, but was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen and thou art annihilated. Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

After the Reading of the Paschal Homily the Troparion of John Chrysostom is chanted in Tone 8.

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like fire hath enlightened the universe and hath disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness and hath shown us the heights of humility. But as thou

dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

H

The Megalynarion

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice, O ye people. Shine! Shine! Shine! O new Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord has shown on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

I

Communion Hymn

Receive ye the Body of Christ, taste ye the Fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

J

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead...

K

English: **Christ is risen! / Truly He is risen!**

Arabic: **Al-Maseeh qam! / Haqqan Qam!**

Greek: **Christos Anesti! / Alethos anesti!**

Slavic: **Khristos voskrese! / Vo-istinu voskrese!**

Ethiopian: **Kristos Tenestwal! / Bewnetem Tenestwal!**

Armenian: **Krisdos Hariav Ec Merlotz! / Orhniale Haroutium Krsdosee!**

Romanian: **Hristos a inviat! / Adeverat a inviat!**

Eritrean: **Christos tensiou! / Bahake tensiou!**

Spanish: **Cristo ha resucitado! / En verdad ha resucitado!**

Albanian: **Krishti ungjall! / Vertete Ungjall!**

German: **Christus ist auferstanden! / Er ist wahrhaftig!**

French: **Le Christ est Resucite'e! / Vraiment est Resucite'e!**

Swahili: **Kristo Amefufukka! / Kweli Amefufukka!**

Georgian: **Kriste agsdga! Cheshmaritad agsdga!**

Scots Gaelic: **Criosda a tha a 'pris air Eirig! Gu dearbh tha E a Eirigh!**

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Nanette and Nick Hathaway for their good health and the good health of their children Grace, Nicholas, and Anna. It is especially offered for Grace Elizabeth on the occasion of her birthday (5/6), as well as her graduation from the University of Oklahoma (5/10). May God grant her many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Bobby and Irene Massad for their good health and the good health of Tamara, Joseph, Genevieve, Raya, Michael, and Taryn. It is also offered for the Massad, Mlekoday, Abraham, Tacheny, Abrusley, and Lang families. May God grant them many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Vanda Ghata for her good health and the good health of her children Joseph, Erin, Matthew, George, Jennifer, Lydia, Jamin, Jemma, Sana, Rita, Mary, and Emil. It is especially offered in memory of Subdeacon George, Mary, Aboud, George, Sr., and Lyla, Jesse, Dimitri, and Zeyad. May their memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Sonia Eid for her good health and the good health of her brothers and sisters and their families. It is especially offered in memory of her parents George and Blanch Eid, her brother Ezzat, and her brothers-in-law George Mondalek, Nassar Gholmieh, and Raymond Gebara. May their memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Mike and Gerey Foskin for their good health and the good health of Barry, T. J., Caslyn and Garrett and Ciarra Coates, Angela Collymore, and Larry and Gabriel Hare. May God grant them many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Rob Sandlin for his good health. It is especially offered for the good health of his godparents David and Barbara Sue Wilson and for his godchildren David Williams, Toby Pedford, Julie Ewbanks, Travis Vernier, and Jessie Revilla Sanchez. May God grant them many years!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Samson and Azieb Tesfasselassie for their good health and the good health of their children, Robel and Feven, and for the Tesfasselassie and Ghebrat families. It is especially offered for Robel on the occasion of his college graduation. May God grant him many years!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Marie Chumo for her good health. They are especially offered in memory of her husband Michael Chumo, Jr., and other departed members of the Chumo, Golich, and Popovich families. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by the St. Elijah Choir for their good health. They are especially offered for those stalwarts who are no longer with us. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES AND HOLY BREAD are offered by John and Kathi Larson and family for their good health and the good health of the Yeager, Shadeed, and Larson families. They are also offered in memory of their mother Venice Yeager; fathers Richard Yeager and Gerry Larson; grandparents Ralph and Badia Shadeed; and uncles Michael Shadeed and Paul Anderson. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Anna Harris for her good health and the good health of the Harris and Raschtschenia families. They are especially offered in memory of Terry Harris, Stefan and Stefania Raschtschenia, Mindy

Raschtschenia, and Joyce Harris Council. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Bobby and Irene Massad for their good health and safety. They are especially offered in memory of their parents Shoy, Camilla, Peter, and Julia. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Jeff and Sherrie Massad and family for their good health. They are especially offered in memory of Emil and Katherine Massad. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Gary and Sue Homsey for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchildren. It is also offered on the occasion of the birthday of Benni (5/2). It is especially offered in memory of Benny and Dolores Homsey and John and Quinnie Coury. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Sandra and Jim, Karla and George, Paul and Jennifer, David and Lydia and their families in memory of their parents Sam and Nadia Shadid. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Paul and Jennifer Shadid for their good health and the good health of their family Jessica, Bryan, Ainsley, Colt, Paul Jr., Erika, Trip, Brooks, Peter, Lauren, and Stetson. May God grant them many years!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Paul and Jennifer Shadid for the good health of Charlie and Jimmie Lou Shadid and in memory of Sam and Nadia Shadid. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered in memory of Economos Nayemtallah and Khouria Hafeeza Shadid by their children and great-grandchildren. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Kathleen Callesen for her good health and the good health of her sisters and their husbands, Becky and

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Billy, Shirley and Randall and for Talia, Julius, and Alena Ray. They are especially offered in memory of her husband John, her parents Khairy and Alena, and her sister Pammy. May their memory be eternal!

EASTER LILIES are offered by Alexis Kaiser, Trianna Dalianis, and Cyril Gutzman for their good health and the good health of their family. It is especially offered in memory of Tim Kaiser, her husband and their step-father. May his memory be eternal!

HOLY EASTER EGGS are offered by Harvey and Debbie Homsey, Toni Burch, Tina and Todd Lewis, Annette and Trey Kouri, and Nanette and Craig Abraham for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchildren. They are especially offered in memory of their parents Harry and Yevonne Homsey. May their memory be eternal!

HOLY CROWN is offered by Harvey and Debbie Homsey for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchildren. It is especially offered in memory of their parents John and Fran Samara. May their memory be eternal!

INCENSE is offered by Imad and Dolas Eid for their good health and the good health of their children Mary and Joseph and the St. Elijah parishioners. May God grant them many years!

HOLY OIL is offered by Mary Sweis for her good health. It is especially offered in memory of Zaki Sweis and Nayef Daoud. May their memory be eternal!

OIL FOR HOLY WEEK is offered by Franklin and Eddi Naifeh and Jeaneen Naifeh for their good health and the good health of their families. It is especially offered in memory of Zeak, Rose, Selma, Paul, Robert Zeak, and James Thomas. May their memory be eternal!

PASCHAL FEAST – All are welcome in the Hall after Divine Liturgy for a Paschal Feast. For those who did not bring a basket, we will share a few of our favorite things as we celebrate the joy of Pascha.

POST-PASCHAL FASTING – The Great Fast is finally broken after Divine Liturgy on Pascha and all kinds of food and drink are permitted throughout the week following Pascha (known as “Bright Week”). There is **No Fasting** on Wednesdays and Fridays, not only during Bright Week, but until the Feast of the Ascension, the whole of forty days (this was the decision of the Holy Synod of Antioch in 1997).

AGAPE VESPERS will be celebrated this evening (Sunday) at 5pm.

OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, May 6.

ST. GEORGE FEAST DAY will be celebrated this Bright Wednesday, May 8, in our chapel, which is dedicated to the Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer. Orthros will begin at 8am and Divine Liturgy at 9am. When the Feast Day of St. George falls during Great Lent, his Feast Day is celebrated on Monday of Bright Week; but in the Diocese of Wichita, it is our tradition to celebrate the Feast on Bright Wednesday.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (ALMS BOXES) – Please bring your Food for Hungry People donations to the church this week or next week. We prefer that you count the money collected in your box and **submit a check for the total** made out to “St. Elijah” and earmarked “FFHP.”

DOWAMA PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE will be hosted by St. Michael Church in Beaumont, TX, from June 12-15, 2024, at the MCM Elegante Hotel & Conference Center. To learn more, go to www.dowamaplc.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. To date we have received 134 Intention to Give cards, for a total of \$768,614. Thank you so much for your prompt responses. If you have not returned your Membership Form, please do so when you get a chance.



COFFEE HOUR

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

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
12 – Mother’s Day – No Coffee Hour	2 – No Coffee Hour 9 – Parish Council
19 – Ladies Aid	16 – Father’s Day - No Coffee Hour
26 – Antiochian Women	23 – Altar Guild 30 – Adult Fellowship

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

R. J. Massad
Mark Koss
Victoria C. Samara Walter
Sherry Kay Nayfa
Meheret Zewdu
Jimmy David Farris
Anna Kostonkevich
(Saida) Sadie Taylor
Josephine Cohlmiya Shadid

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

MAY 5-11

Bret Keel
Ruby Pendergraft
Mike Worku
Syrak Worku
Karen Hanna
Grace Hathaway
Dimitri Marusa
Samara Pedford
Christina Salem
Rachel Stoitzev
Anne Baskerville
Leilah Naifeh
Debbie Williams
Natan Almazan
Tyler Williams
Bailey Bird
Paul Shadid
John Baskerville
Einass Sweis
Georgina Tobin
Hanna Chancey
Antoinette Moses
Ernest Simon

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 YAFAM (Young Adult 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 Jaylen Crain (405-219-6540)

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.

May 5, 2024

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5:00 PM ON TUESDAY**

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
May 5	Agape Vespers	5:00 pm
	<i>Monday</i>	
May 6	OFFICE CLOSED	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
May 7		
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
May 8	Orthros	8:00 am
	Divine Liturgy	9:00 am
	<i>Thursday</i>	
May 9	St. Elijah Charities	9:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
May 10		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
May 11	Great Vespers/Confessions	5:00 pm