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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE:

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens;

Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria

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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 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...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 1**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

D**The Entrance Hymn**

O come let us worship.

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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.

Ordinary 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 every intercede for those who honor thee.

F**The Thrice Holy Hymn****G****THE READINGS****Epistle for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!**

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians (Chapter 9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."; now He, who supplies the seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (Chapter 6:31-36)

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

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The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

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Communion Hymn – Tone 8

Praise the Lord... Alleluia.

J

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by Judy and Mike Malone for their good health and the good health of Michelle, Eric, Jeana, Bobby, Falon, and Brynn and for the good health of the Taylor, Malone, Hogan, and Prater families. It is especially offered in memory of their mother and sister, Velma Taylor. May her memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Anna Harris for her good health and the good health of the Harris and Rachtschenia families and her godchildren. It is also offered for loved ones with birthdays – Kaleb Pedigo, John Rachtschenia, Jenny Jenkinson, and Trai Bray. May God grant them many years!

It is especially offered in loving memory of Terry Harris. May his memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Woodie and Carla Berry for their good health and the good health of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and godchildren. It is especially offered on the repose of Carla's brother Johnny (10/8) and in memory of Carl, Margaret, Tasha, Nelda, and Leonard. 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 like to greet you.

WELCOME TO DOWAMA TEENS, CHAPERONES, AND CLERGY, who have traveled from far and wide to partake in the Annual Basketball Tournament and Retreat. A special welcome to our Archiepiscopal Vicar of our Diocese of Wichita & Mid-America Rt.. Rev. Calinic Berger and our Retreat Master Jack Corbin, Director of the Antiochian Archdiocese Department Young Adult Ministry. May God grant all of our visitors many years and safe return home!

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by the Altar Guild. Please join us immediately after Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH – For decades our Archdiocese has designated the month of October as Youth Month. Our teens will be assisting and serving the faithful in various ways during this time.

THERE WILL BE NO GREAT VESPERS on Saturdays, October 10 and 17, due to weddings.

A NOTE REGARDING COMMUNION WHEN SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: We ask all parishioners who are not Sunday School students or teachers to please wait in their pew until all of the Sunday School has gone

through the Communion line. Our ushers will let you know when to proceed to the Chalice if you are communing.

ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL concludes today at 4pm. Their festival is held on their church grounds at 2101 NW 145th Street.

DIVING LITURGY for the Feast Day of the Apostle Thomas will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 6, at 9am in the chapel.

SFEEHA & TALAMI WORK DAYS HELP:

We will be making our world famous Talami, Sfeeha, and Cheese Talami on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 12th-14th, from 9-5. We need everyone's help to make over double what we sold in the freezer section of our Sitti's Kitchen last year. Whether you can come for 1 hour, 2 hours, or the whole day, please make an effort to come at some point to help. Please call Craig Abraham at 405-640-2600 with any questions.

KIBBA WORK DAYS HELP: We will be making our world famous Kibba again TODAY, October 4th from 12-5. We need everyone's help to make over 500+ pans to sell in the freezer section of our Sitti's Kitchen. Whether you can come for 1 hour, 2 hours, or the whole day, please make an effort to come at some point. Please call Craig Abraham at 405-640-2600 with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – To date we have received 201 Intention to Give Cards for a total of \$1,186,920. ***Thank you so much for your prompt responses!*** If you have not returned your Membership Form, please do so when you get a chance. Even if one cannot afford to pledge, it is still important to fill out your Membership Form for our database and for our credentials and records that are sent to the Diocese and Archdiocese.

October

11 – Antiochian Women

18 – St. Juliana's Helpers #2

25 – Parish Council

Interested in volunteering at the Food Festival? It is a great way to make new friends, help St. Elijah OKC, and be part of one of the most fun weekends of the year!

Sign-ups will begin next Sunday, October 11, during coffee hour! Questions about volunteering? Just ask Brittanny Ham (405-403-8015) or Courtney Chancey (405-919-0058).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

October 4-10

Mary Johnston	Bev Mennem
Heyam Sweis	Michael Powers
Isaac Anderson	Izolda Vardosanidze
Maricel Constant	Shara Shadid
Angela Michael	Gregory Shanbour
Blaise Bittle	Kay Lehman
Ryan Capshaw	Alaysia Pedford
David Wilson	Greg Stewart
Gideon Conerly	Julia Mettry

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

Florene Elizabeth	Bessie Marie Adwon
Barkett Smith	Rose Peterson
Najeeba Cohlma	Alexander V.
Lola May Tayar	Cherniavsky
Agnes "Toots" Wehba	Alfred Kraker
Elaine JoAnn Miller	Harry Richard Homsey
Elizabeth Fingerut	Velma Taylor
Ameen Elkouri	



COFFEE HOUR

SOUP'S ON, SISTERS!

Ladies, you're all invited to our Antiochian Women's Fall Kickoff on Sunday, October 11, from 5-7pm. We'll be gathering in the home of Veronica Warr for a dozy evening of soups, salad, and sisterhood! The cost is just \$10 and registration is available at the Antiochian Women's table during Coffee Hour. We want everyone to be able to join us! If the cost is a concern, please speak with Fr. Elias or Fr. John about assistance through our Kh. Bertha Fund. We can't wait to gather with you!

FOOD FESTIVAL COUPON SALES

Over the next two Sundays, we will have a Food Festival table set up in the hallway to sell Food Festival Food Coupons. These coupons can be used in all sections of the Food Festival and they make it more convenient when purchasing food items. The cost/value per coupon is \$30.00. We will accept credit card, checks, cash, and Realm. You may order yourself via the QR Code provided and we will have them for you at the church to pick up. Remember, you have to order in \$30.00 increments. Please call Craig Abraham at 405-640-2600 with any questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Teen Chats

Teen Chats and Family Night will continue this Wednesday, October 7th, from 7-9pm.

Teen SOYO is open to all teens 7th-12th grade. We gather to learn about our faith and build bonds of fellowship in context of the Orthodox Church.

Sunday School continues Today!

After the communion Prayer, "I believe O Lord and I confess," all students grade Pre-K - 12th are asked to go to the back of the Church in the Narthex to line up for communion.

Those who are not Orthodox, please inform your child's teacher so they know that your child will only receive a blessing. After they receive communion or a blessing, they will go to Sunday School.

Also, students, please put away all devices during the Sunday School time.

New Policy: All students grades Pre-K-3rd will need to be picked up at their classroom by a parent/guardian after Liturgy!

Sunday School Cancelled for 7th-12th Grade

Because of the basketball tournament, Sunday School is cancelled for grades 7th-12th. We will resume Sunday School next Sunday!

DOWAMA SOYO Basketball Tournament

A big welcome to all the participants of the DOWAMA SOYO Basketball Tournament and Retreat. We are so excited to have you with us at St. Elijah.

JOY Ministry

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is a ministry specifically catered to our youth grades 1st-6th. This ministry is focused on allowing our younger youth to build fellowship among each other, while also teaching them important Orthodox traditions.

We will hold our 2nd lesson on "Becoming Like Christ" on Friday, October 9th, from 6-7pm.

Sky Zone Teen Event

On Wednesday night, October 21st, from 6:30-8pm, our Teens are invited to have a night of fun at the Trampoline Park. Address: 2525 S. Broadway, Edmond, OK 73013.

It will be \$10.00 per person! Please RSVP to Jacob by Wednesday, October 14th, to secure a spot. We are asked to arrive by 6:10pm so the kids can check in and prepare before their 90 minutes of jumping.

If anyone cannot pay, please reach out to Jacob. We do not want money to be a reason someone is not able to come!

If you have any questions, please contact Jacob at jacobb@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 YAFAM (Young Adult Fellowship) – events as announced
Ladies Aid – Meetings as announced Teen Chats – Wednesday Nights
Adult Fellowship – Meetings as announced Antiochian Women Board – every 1st 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.

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ALTAR SERVERS: Benaiah Giles, Sammy Kalil, Harrison Homsey, Ephraim Giles, Micah Hicks, Samuel Hicks, Max Murray, Henry Davis, Elias Farha, Nicholas Sanders, Simon Vantine, Sami Homsey, Caius Moore, Hadrian Moore, Cyrus Smith, Caleb Yearous, Graham Chancey

BOOKSTORE: Don Pendergraft, Gage Cleveland

WELCOME TABLE: Lisa Winter

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Oct. 4	Orthros	8:50 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	Adult Fellowship Meeting after Liturgy	
	<i>Monday</i>	
Oct. 5		
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Oct. 6	Liturgy	9:00 am
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Oct. 7	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Oct. 8	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 pm
	<i>Friday</i>	
Oct. 9	JOY Ministry	6:00 pm
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Oct. 10	NO VESPERS	