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HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE:

Saints of the Day: Apostle Philip, one of the seven deacons; Venerable Theophanes the branded

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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 2**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless ad immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades 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.

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Troparion of the Holy Fathers – Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us

unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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 Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Council**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us!

The reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to Titus (Chapter 3:8-15)

My child Titus, faithful is the saying and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God maybe thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is

subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicos, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Gospel for the Holy Fathers of the 7th
Ecumenical Council**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according
to St. Luke (Chapter 8:5-15)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into the foil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they heard the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with

patience.” As Jesus said this, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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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 Joyce Shadid, Brenda Shadid Wilson, Tad and Debbie Shadid, and Jeff and Renae Shadid for their good health and the good health of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Brent Shadid Wilson, Avery-Michael Wilson, Laney, Kyle, Lucy, and Jack Cobs, and Nicole and Nathan Shadid. It is especially offered in memory of H. K. “Pancho” Shadid (16 years). May his memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Bob Miller for his good health and the good health of his family. It is especially offered in memory of his wife Elaine (15 years), his brothers Richard, Jack, and Donnie, and his granddaughter Chastity. May their memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Faisal and Juman Sweis for their good health of their children Andrew, Alexandria, and Adam. It is especially offered in memory of Juman’s parents George and Aida. May their memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Faisal and Juman Sweis for their good health. It is especially offered in memory of Salwa, Dayfalla, Hmoud, Hamed, Nisreen, Muhsen, Adnan, Jimmy, and Vera. May their memory be eternal!

HOLY BREAD is offered by Steve and Inam Sweis for their good health and the good health of their daughters Jordan and Celine. It is especially offered in memory of Hanna, Rasmieh, and Abraham. May their memory be eternal!

VIGIL CANDLE is lit by the Ladies Aid for their good health and the good health of their families.

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.

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Antiochian Women. Please join us immediately after Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to J. Morgan and Briana (Harroz) Harter, who were married on Saturday, October 10. May God grant them many years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Adam and Melissa Krejci on the birth of their son Antonin Marshall on October 7. He weighed 8lbs. 11oz. and was 21.5 inches long. May God grant him many years!

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 Saturday, October 17, due to a wedding.

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 Chalice if you are communing.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU!! The Food Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who came to help make Kibba last weekend. Due to the tremendous turnout, we were able to complete everything on Saturday and not have to

work on Sunday. We made 500 small pans and 20 large pans. Thank you again.

FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a meeting for all Team Leads and Area/Booth Chairs on Tuesday, October 13, at 5:30pm in the Church Hall. We will be going over final details for the Festival. Please try to attend.

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.

THE LADIES AID wishes to thank everyone who helped with our "Sweet n Savory" bake sale preparations! We're grateful for the time, effort, and fellowship shared as we get ready for the upcoming sale. It was a pleasure meeting so many new faces and we look forward to seeing you at the St. Elijah Food Festival!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – To date we have received 222 Intention to Give Cards for a total of \$1,227,900. *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.



C O F F E E H O U R

October

18 – St. Juliana's Helpers #2

25 – Parish Council

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

October 11-17

Kyle Bottger	Debbie Abraham
Sofia Ene	Dianna Kakish
Mickey Homsey	Mike Malone
Stetson Shadid	Jason Eckard
Charli Swyden	Talia Lane
Musa Alhaj	Don Pendergraft
Farouk Shawareb	Mark Radford
Laith Shawareb	Christian Swearingen
Peggy Soejoto	Carley Akins
Nora Cripe	George Andrew
Boyan Ganchev	Butchie Farris
Nora Haddad	Darren Lister
Gabriel Naifeh	Makeda Worku
Pamela Ryan	Katrina Bitar
Abigail Tamirat	Taryn Ruiz

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

Lee O. Smith	Dr. Julius C. Nayphe
Cecil Ray Garlin	Alfred "Al" Darrell
Ellis H. "Doc" Andrews	Shanbour
Saleema J. Kraker	Arlette Effat Osseiran
Hannibal K. "Pancho" Shadid	Srouji
	Angelina Popow

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 cozy 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!

IMPORTANT UPDATE: FOOD FESTIVAL COUPON SALES

We will be selling coupons today and Sunday, October 18. 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. **THERE WAS A MISTAKE IN PRINTING THE COUPONS WITH THE WRONG YEAR. ALL TICKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE FOOD FESTIVAL!!!**



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Teen Chats

Teen Chats and Family Night will continue this Wednesday, October 14th, from 7-9pm.

This Wednesday, Fr. John will give our Teens a demonstration of how the Lamb for Communion is prepared prior to Liturgy's on Sunday morning.

Teen SOYO is open to all teens in 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.

New Policy: All students grades Pre-K-2nd will need to be picked up at their classroom by a parent/guardian after Liturgy!

Sunday School Questions

- 1: What does it mean to be a servant?
- 2: Who are the leaders of our Church?
- 3: Why is the Church called the Body of Christ?

Sunday School All Saints Party

All Sunday School students and parents are invited to an All-Saints Party on October 28th from 6-7:30pm. The kids can dress up as a Saint of our Church or a Biblical figure! There will be games, food, candy, and fellowship! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Jacob.

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

If one 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: Blaise Cox, Than Cox, Asher Cox, Cal Sherman, Elijah Holzer, Everett Holzer, Scottie Samara, Marcus Anderson, Donald Bolen, George Bolen, Ralph Bolen, Thomas Resz, Sawyer Rowland, Amos King, Amani Wilson, Karam Shawareb, Ernest Simon

BOOKSTORE: Zach Jacobs, Samuel Wilson

WELCOME TABLE: Dax Ewbank

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday</i>	
Oct. 11	Orthros	8:50 am
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Sunday School	
	Antiochian Women Fall Gathering @ the Warr’s	5:00 pm-7:00 pm
	<i>Monday</i>	
Oct. 12	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	<i>Tuesday</i>	
Oct. 13	MDO Board	6:30 pm
	<i>Wednesday</i>	
Oct. 14	Vespers	6:00 pm
	Teen Chats	7:00 pm
	<i>Thursday</i>	
Oct. 15	Orthodox Study Fellowship	10:30 am
	<i>Friday</i>	
Oct. 16		
	<i>Saturday</i>	
Oct. 17	NO VESPERS	