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**Saints of the Day:** Sampson the host of strangers; Mary and Joanna the Myrrh-bearers

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**WORSHIPPING THE ALL-HOLY GOD**

**ISAIAH 57:15**

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

**PRAYER ON ENTERING A CHURCH**

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP**

- Orthros: Red Service Book p. 44
- The Divine Liturgy White Service Book p. 12
- Memorial Service Red Service Book p. 183
- Churching Service Red Service Book p. 216
- Removal of Crowns Red Service Book p. 181

**PRAYER ON LEAVING A CHURCH**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

## WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS

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.

## VARIATIONS IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

USING THE WHITE LITURGICAL BOOKS – TONE 4

**A**

### **The 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon:**

As usual...

**B**

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon:**

As usual...

**C**

### **Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 4, p 96**

**D**

### **The Entrance Hymn:**

O come let us worship...

**E**

### **Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 4, p 96**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

### **Troparion of St. Elijah, p 26**

**F**

### **Kontakion of the Theotokos – Tone 4**

O Undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator: turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us in time, with aid as we cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O

Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

**G**

### **The Thrice-Holy Hymn**

**H**

### **THE READINGS**

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**O Lord, how magnificent are your works.  
You have made all things in wisdom.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified.

Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descent into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it

say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

### **THE GOSPEL**

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them. "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

**I**

#### **The Megalynarion**

It is truly meet...

**J**

#### **The Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord....Alleluia.

**K**

We have seen the true light...

### **OFFERINGS**

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Eric and Abby Marusa for their good health and the good health of their children Wiley and Emilia. It is

especially offered for their daughter Emilia, who was born June 9. May God grant her many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Monty and Florene Thomas for their good health and the good health of their children and grandchildren. It is especially offered in memory of Elmer Deebe. May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Kathi Larson, Gentry, Beckham, and Branick for their good health and the good health of the Yeager, Shadeed, and Larson families. It is especially offered for John on the occasion of his birthday today. May God grant him many years.

**HOLY BREAD** is offered by Katie Massad for her good health and the good health of her children Richard, Judy, Janet, and Jeff, and her grandchildren. It is especially offered in memory of Emil Massad (22 yrs.) and Eddie Aboussie (22 yrs). May their memory be eternal.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME.** We welcome all visitors. We are delighted you are worshipping with us and look forward to meeting you personally.

**COFFEE HOUR** is hosted by 20/40 Fellowship. Please join us in Naifeh Hall following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

**BON VOYAGE** to our young people who are departing for first session of Camp St. Raphael today. We wish them a fun and spiritually enriching week!

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will meet today at 1:30pm for lunch and a business meeting at the home of Jim and Shelly Fox (1205 NW 183<sup>rd</sup> St., Edmond).

**DIVINE LITURGY** for the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul will be celebrated at 8am this Tuesday, June 29. Come and celebrate these two patrons of the Patriarchate of Antioch.

**VESPERS** on Saturday, **July 10**, will be at 4pm due to a wedding.

**ALL YOUNG ADULTS** are invited to 20/40 Fellowship's annual picnic at Stars & Stripes Park (on Lake Hefner) at 4pm on Sunday, July 11. Main dish provided; just bring a side, beverage, or dessert. Questions? Call Leigh Cohlma (316-708-0748) or Johnny Jones III (921-4638).

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all who gave of their time and talents to the PLC Children's Program: teachers Sherrie Assaleh, Haneen Shawareb, Charli Swyden, T. J. Toma, and Susan Wilson; helpers Mary Pendergraft and Jeanette Shadid; Singing Leader Kh. Gigi Shadid; and speakers Barry Toma, Dr. Jeff Shadid, and Subdeacon Joseph. Your ministry to the children was a blessing. God grant you many years!

**HAVE PHOTOS OF THE PLC?** We are assembling a historical book to remember our conference. Please email your photos to [stelijah@stelijahokc.com](mailto:stelijah@stelijahokc.com) or bring them on a disk to the church office. Or, if you still use film, bring your developed photos to the office. Thanks!!!

**THE APOSTLES FAST** continues through June 28. The traditional fast is to abstain from meat, fish, dairy, and alcohol, with the following exceptions: alcohol is allowed in moderation on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends; fish is allowed on weekends.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

**WEEK OF JUNE 27-JULY 3**

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| John Larson           | Janet Jezdan     |
| Susan Silvernail      | Deeb Haddad      |
| Andrea Jones          | Christina Harroz |
| Alexandria Silvernail | Rachel Bolen     |
| Rachel Simon          | Parthena Hatch   |
| Tamerat Atlabachew    | Madelyn Lister   |
| Danielle Alleman      | Mona Spivey      |
| Jimmie Smith          | Dee Musallam     |

**BYZANTINE YOUTH CHOIR**

continues this Tuesday at 5:30pm with Subdeacon Joseph Hazar. Ages 11-20 are encouraged to meet at the gym entrance prior to Open Gym.



**COFFEE HOUR**

Below is the schedule of those who have volunteered to host coffee hour on upcoming Sundays.

July

4 – Cultural Ministries  
11 – Choir  
18 – St. Elijah Feast Day  
25 – Adult Fellowship

August

1 – Dr. Naji & Courtney Karam  
8 – Nila Dutcher  
15 – Ladies Guild Chicken Dinner  
22 –  
29 –

Please take a look at the "History of St. Elijah Timeline," which is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please note any comments, questions, or corrections. We would like to

have this timeline completed  
in time for our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

celebration.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our Goodie Bag sponsors/Workers and Registration Desk Workers. We had dozens of comments all weekend about the wonderful Goodies and the superb help from registration. You guys are AMAZING!!! God Bless you always.

Crest Foods – Bruce and Tina Harroz

By Invitation Only – Sandy Childress

Dentistry by Design – Dr. Edward Harroz, Jr., and  
Dr. Edward Harroz III

Henry Schein Supply Co. – Tammi Walls

Oklahoma City Chamber – Ruby Rahill

Oklahoma Executive Printing – Nick and Terri Kakish

Patterson Dental – Bob Maness and Terry Saunders

Sooner Printing – George Salamy

Magid Assaleh

Erin Learned

Marie Chumo

Joe Leslie

Karla Cohlmi

Mike Mettry

Kasey Cohlmi

Charlotte Osborne

Nila Dutcher

Alexandrea Rahill

Sandra Farha

Debbie Shadid

Edward Harroz III

Stacy Shadid

Jessica Harroz

John Simon

Natalie Homsey

Tami Simon

Kathy Killam

Marcia Stacy

Jim Kirkpatrick

Connie Summers

Juanita Krause

Teen SOYO

Check out St. Elijah's award winning scrapbook!

It's on the counter next to the Bible bowl trophy in the hall.

**Teen Chats will meet in the Teen Room from 7 to 9 this Wednesday!**

First session of Camp St. Raphael starts today! Please pray for safe travel for all our campers and counselors and a safe and fruitful camping season for everyone at CSR! YABOY!!!

Congratulations to Nora Haddad for winning the junior division of this year's oratorical festival!

Also, congrats to Laney Wagoner on being elected the President of DOWAMA SOYO.

**Open Gym will resume after Camp, but Teen Chats are still meeting! Be here Wednesday!**

Congratulations to our adult Bible Bowl Team! Jeannine Crouch, Kory Warr and Joe Ghata won first place and brought home another trophy to St. Elijah!

## Worship and Spiritual Life

Every Sunday – Sunday School after Communion – Adult Class at 9:30 am. **No classes during the summer.**  
Matins at 9:20 am – Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Bible Study – Thursdays at 10:30 am; nursery provided  
Every Saturday – Vespers at 5 pm followed by Confession Every Wednesday – Confession by appointment

## Study

### ST. ANDREW FAMILY NIGHT!

Wednesday Nights 7-9 pm. Runs in 8-week blocks. A full Program of Seminars and Classes for Adults, Children and Youth for both Orthodox and Non-Orthodox.

## Fellowship & Parish Development

Coffee Hour – Sundays following the Divine Liturgy 20/40 Fellowship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7 pm  
Ladies Aid – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 1 pm Teen Chats – Wednesday Nights during Family Night  
Adult Fellowship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday following Vespers Ladies Guild – as scheduled and announced  
Parish Council – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm Choir – see Al Mamary  
St. Barnabas Ministries – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10:00 am

## Membership

To become a member you need to pray with us at our worship services, complete the Inquirer's Classes, pledge your financial support, and meet with our priests. We welcome you on your journey of faith and invite you to learn of the ancient and unchanging Holy Orthodox Church.

## JUNE 27, 2010

**USHERS:** Sam Assaleh, Steve Farha, Bob Floyd, David Farris, Dean Haddad, Tamer Shawareb, Dr. Sam Musallam, Bobby Prater

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Brent Wilson, Jared Eastridge, Samuel Wilson, Bill Cohlma, Joseph Eid, Alexander Weddington, Sam Kakish, Zach Homsey, Will Holdsworth

**EPISTLE READER:** Mike Mettry

**ELDERS:** Boulos Ayyat, Dr. Bryce Bliss, Monty Thomas, Gregory Farha, Gary Homsey, Trey Kouri

**KANDELIFT:** Jeff Massad

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Kory Warr

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

## CALENDAR

### *Sunday*

June 27 Camp Raphael Session One Begins

### *Tuesday*

June 29 Divine Liturgy – Ss. Peter & Paul 8:00 am  
Exercise 8:30 am

### *Wednesday*

June 30 Teen Chats 7:00 pm

### *Thursday*

July 1 Exercise 8:30 am  
Orthodox Study Fellowship 10:30 am

### *Friday*

July 2 Exercise 8:30 am

### *Saturday*

July 3 Vespers 5:00 pm

## *THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP FAITHFULNESS*

“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38