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Saints of the Day: The translation of the relics of Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch;
New-martyr Demetrios of Chios

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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.

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

VARIATIONS IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

USING THE WHITE LITURGICAL BOOKS – TONE 8

A

The 1st Antiphon:

As usual...

B

The 2nd Antiphon:

As usual...

C

The 3rd Antiphon:

Troparion of the Resurrection –

Tone 8, p 102

D

The Entrance Hymn:

O come let us worship...

E

Troparion of the Resurrection –

Tone 8, p 102

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our resurrection: O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion of St. Ignatius – Tone 4

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Troparion of St. Elijah, p 26

F

Kontakion of the Presentation of our Lord –Tone 1

Thou, who didst sanctify the virginal womb by thy nativity and didst bless the hands of Simeon, hast come this day and saved us, O Christ God. Grant peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom thou hast loved, O only Lover of mankind.

G

The Thrice-Holy Hymn

H

THE READINGS

THE EPISTLE

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

God is known in Judea, His Name is great in Israel!

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are a temple of the living God, even as God has said: "I will dwell in them, and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." "Therefore come out from among them, and be separate," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; and I will receive you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me," says the Lord Almighty." Having therefore these promises, O beloved one, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered

her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

I

The Megalynarion

It is truly meet...

J

Praise the Lord from the heavens...

K

We have seen the true light...

OFFERINGS

HOLY BREAD is offered by John and Kathi Larson for their good health and the good health of the Yeager and Shadeed families. It is especially offered for Gentrey on the occasion of her birthday (1/25). May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Courtney and Najj Karam for their good health and the good health of their children Emile, Alec, and Gabriella. It is also offered for the Shadid and Karam families. It is especially offered for Alec on the occasion of his birthday (1/25). May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by the Greg Farha family for their good health. It is especially offered for Nancy for a speedy recovery from knee surgery. May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered in grateful thanksgiving by Kory and Veronica Warr on the occasion of the churching of their son, Isaac. May God grant him many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by the children and grandchildren of Sam and Nadia Shadid for their good health and the continued good health of the Shadid and Samara families. It is especially offered for Nadia on the occasion of her 75th birthday today (1/29). May God grant her many years.

HOLY BREAD is offered by Nicole Thomas for her good health and the good health of Jennie Thomas; Ed, Laurel, and Forrest Thomas; and Virgil, Danielle, Brendan, and Carter Smith. It is

especially offered in memory of her dad Ed Thomas (3 years). May his 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 immediately following Divine Liturgy. Visitors are especially welcome.

SYMPATHY is extended to Erick Porter on the passing of his step-mother Jackie Porter last Tuesday. May her memory be eternal.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly re-elected officers of the Mom's Day Out Board of Trustees:

- Dr. Michael Morrow, Chair
- Karen Hanna, Vice Chair
- Sandra Baskerville, Secretary
- Michael Mettry, Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS to the members and newly elected officers of the Parish Council, who will be installed today:

- Craig Abraham, President
- Jeff Massad, Vice President
- Dr. Tad Shadid, Secretary
- Dr. Raymond Cohlmiya, Treasurer
- Sandra Baskerville
- Jim Farha
- Harvey Homsey
- Mike Malone
- Bob Maness
- Dr. Sam Musallam
- Erick Porter
- Dr. David Simon
- Dr. Jim Stewart
- Kory Warr
- Mike Worku

May God grant them many years.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kory and Veronica Warr. Veronica and their son Isaac Gene are

being church'd today. May God grant them many years.

SaGE: GRADES 5-7 will meet today after Sunday School. Participating children should go to the Teen Room directly from their Sunday School class. Lunch will be provided, and we'll finish up about 2pm.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION. We will celebrate the Presentation of our Lord this Wednesday, February 1: 5:30pm Matins; 6:30pm Divine Liturgy. The Greek Church will be joining us. Please bring a dish for the potluck dinner to follow.

ST. BARNABAS has had a name change. The new name is St. Elijah Ministries. The next meeting will be this Thursday, February 2, at 9:30am.

FEAST OF ST. PHOTIOS. We will join the Greek Church on Monday, February 6, for 9am Matins followed by Divine Liturgy.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Fr. John will be leading a biweekly Bible study on the Epistle to the Romans at 10:30am beginning Wednesday, February 8. Everyone is welcome! (At this time, nursery will not be available during this Bible study.)

20/40 FELLOWSHIP will meet for bowling at Heritage Lanes at 7pm on Friday, February 10. All young adults ages 21 to 40ish are invited. Questions? Call David Swyden (229-4303) or Greg Stewart (401-1744).

SAVE THE DATE! 6pm, Saturday, February 11 – Fundraising Dinner celebrating the work of Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. Individual tickets and tables available for purchase from the church office. See flier in this bulletin.

FR. JEREMY HAS MOVED. His new address is 1627 Sheffield Road, The Village, 73120.

ST. ELIJAH PRE-K is now enrolling for Fall 2012. Please call 639-2679 for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
WEEK OF JAN. 29-FEB. 4

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| Nadia Shadid | Mark Loftis |
| Carmen Swearingen | Mary Sweis |
| Catherine Fraysur | Nazek Sweiss |
| Jan Farha Klopp | Chris Waters |
| Franklin Naifeh | Dina Hammam |
| Cookie Deeba | Lucy Shanbour |
| Charlie Homsey | Neil Woodward |
| Raegan Coffey | Olivia Holdsworth |
| Erica Kouri | Gary Rahill |



COFFEE HOUR

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

| <u>February</u> | <u>March</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 - Christina Mityas Alhaj | 4 - |
| 12 - Choir | 11 - |
| 19 - Adult Fellowship | 18 - |
| Meatfare Breakfast | 25 - Lenten Fish Dinner |
| 26 - Parish Council | |

Today we remember those who passed away during this week in years past:

Jim Haddad
Jack Ellis Wehba
Pauline Szczepka
Charles Edward "Chuck" David
Louis Farris
"Big" Ed Thomas
Saleema El Khouri
Bruce Merhige Farris
Katherine Varis
Margaret Drake Campbell
Helen B. "Buster" Naifeh
Kamil D. Eddie, Jr.
Frank Varis

Roses are red,
Your eyes will be
damp,
If you don't get a form
And you miss out on
WAMP!

Please see Erin,
And get yours today.
We will go to WAMP,
And all shout,
"Hooray!"

Registration for the YES
OKC Trip is now open! The
trip is March 9-11. Visit
www.yesnorthamerica.org
and sign up today!

Teen Chats will not meet
this Wednesday due to
Matins @5:30 and Liturgy
@6:30 for the
Presentation of Our Lord!

Sunday School Scoop

Review Questions:

1. What does Jesus say to the woman when she kneels before him and says, "Lord help me?"
2. What do you think Jesus means by the children's "bread"?
3. Who are the children?
4. Who are the dogs?

Upcoming Events

TODAY: SAGE (Sex and God Education) Grades 5-7. The Program begins after Sunday School. Participating students should go directly to the Teen Room after Sunday School.

Camp St. Raphael (YABOY!)

**Applications for 2012 are
now online! Send yours in
soon. Spots fill up fast!
www.campstaphael.com**

Worship and Spiritual Life

Sunday – Matins at 8:50 am – Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am
 Tuesday – Matins at 7:00 am
 Wednesday – Vespers at 6:15 pm
 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 – Adult Class at 9:00 am. **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
 Ladies Aid – Meetings as announced
 Adult Fellowship – 3rd Saturday following Vespers
 Parish Council – every 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm
 St. Barnabas Ministries – To be determined
 20/40 Fellowship – monthly as announced
 Teen Chats – Wednesday Nights
 Antiochian Women’s Guild – as scheduled and announced
 Choir – see Al Mamary (364-8904)

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. 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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USHERS: Ken Gasper, Kane Hammersley, John Larson, Steven Morris, Phil Nasr, Dr. Shea Samara, Jared Cox, Blake Stacy

ALTAR SERVERS: Zachary Crouch, Joseph Eid, Emile Karam, Sam Kakish, Harrison Keel, Caleb Swearingen, Kristian Khoury, Joseph Harroz, Nicholas Hathaway, Sami Swaiss

EPISTLE READER: Nicholas Farha

ELDERS: Ellis Hanna, Dr. Randall Kakish, Harry Wallace, Mark Morrow, Dr. Scott Samara, Ned Shadid, Farouk Shawareb, Mike Malone

PARISH COUNCIL: Bob Maness

BOOKSTORE: Magid Assaleh

CALENDAR

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| <i>Sunday</i> | | |
| Jan. 29 | SaGE Program for Grades 5-7 begins following Sunday School | 11:30 am |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | | |
| Jan. 31 | Matins | 7:00 am |
| | Exercise | 8:30 am |
| | OCF @ OU | 9:00 pm |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | | |
| Feb. 1 | Vespers | 6:15 pm |
| | Teen Chats | 7:00 pm |
| <i>Thursday</i> | | |
| Feb. 2 | Exercise | 8:30 am |
| | Orthodox Study Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| <i>Friday</i> | | |
| Feb. 3 | Exercise | 8:30 am |
| <i>Saturday</i> | | |
| Feb. 4 | Vespers | 5:00 pm |

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