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Letter from Parish Council Chairman:

October 2014

Dear St. Elijah Parishioners,

I hope all is well. Fall is in full swing at St. Elijah with the visit of Bishop Basil, the start of Sunday School, preparation for the Bake Sale, and a new school year for MDO. Speaking of the Bishop, we had a wonderful weekend with His Grace. The weekend started with Vespers and a reception in the church hall where we listened to the Bishop talk about the recent Assembly of Bishops he attended, as well as we were able to ask questions. The next morning was Hierarchical Liturgy followed by our annual Banquet. I want to thank the following for all of their help with organizing the weekend - Fathers John and Jeremy, Jeff Massad, Deacon Ezra, and Otis Thomas. Special thanks to Nunu and Clayton Farhood and Ned and Stacy Shadid for helping provide delicious food for dinner and lunch.

Also, during the Banquet, the Genesis Award and Acolyte of the Year Award were handed out. Congratulations to the Chanters and Hospitality Committee for being recognized as two groups who are such great examples of commitment to St. Elijah. Also, David Tait was the other recipient of the Genesis Award, because of his service to St. Elijah and the Prison Ministry. Laura Tait, David's widow, received the award in his honor. Also, congratulations to Joseph Pendergraft for being recognized as Acolyte of the Year.

General Maintenance/Repairs: The final repairs to the church are underway and we expect to have everything finished up in the next 30 days. The roofers are making final repairs so we can get our warranty. The copper work is all complete, but there are a few minor repairs we want them to correct that we saw on the walk-through. The person doing the joint repairs is almost finished and is just working on a few details.

Major Church Repairs on Church AC/Heating and Duct Repairs: We have received the mechanical cost estimates of the repair from the engineer at CEC and have also received some preliminary numbers on the construction portion of the repairs. The numbers we are getting are only a best estimate until we put the repairs out for bid. We are looking at \$500K to \$750K. Once this is repaired, it will take care of the problem for generations to come. The Parish Council is looking at every option available to see what the best course of action will be for the church and how we will pay for this permanent fix. As we get more information, we will make sure to update you.

Planned Giving Committee: This committee is continuing to put items in the bulletin in an effort to educate and motivate our parishioners about planning for the future and leaving a legacy to the Church. Please watch the bulletin over the next several months to see what they are doing.

Audit Committee: The Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and the auditors from Cole and Reed had a meeting mid-September to go over the final review of our balance sheet audit. Based on the findings, everything went very smoothly and we received good news on their findings and that everything was right in line where it should be. They had a few recommendations for us to implement that will help when we conduct a full audit. I want to personally thank Denise Mettry for all of her hard work and efforts to get this completed. She truly has been incredible as she has worked to improve all of our processes and bring everything up to date in regards to the treasury.

Past Presidents Meeting: Before the board meeting, I called a meeting of the Past Presidents. We had 8

of our 13 past Presidents in attendance. The purpose of the meeting of our past Presidents is to begin the discussion of what does the future look like for St. Elijah. The meeting went well and we plan on meeting again to discuss priorities for the future.

Bake Sale Update: The Bake Sale will be held on October 24th and 25th. Workdays have been posted in the bulletin and we need everyone to help with preparation. Whether you can come for an hour, 3 hours, or the whole day, please make every effort to be there as much as possible. We need everyone to pitch in and make this Bake Sale a great success.

St. James in Stillwater: The Parish Council was approached by Father Mark and the church in Stillwater to look at potentially providing a loan to help them with construction of their new sanctuary. During the September meeting, the board voted to potentially loan the church money up to \$65K. The amount has not been settled on because we are working out details with St. James. This loan will have to be approved by the Archdiocese. As more information comes forth, I will keep you posted.

Mark your calendars for these important dates:

October 3-5 - DOWAMA Teen Soyo Basketball Tournament
October 9 - Senior Outing to Braum's Farm
October 24-25 - St. Elijah Bake Sale.

Please watch the bulletin or see our web-site for other important dates.

Please feel free to contact me or any council member if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



Craig Abraham
Parish Council Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

DOWAMA SOYO Basketball Tournament - **Friday-Saturday, October 3-4**
Senior Outing To Braum's Farm - **Thursday, October 09 @ 7:45am**
St. Elijah Food Fest and Bake Sale - **Friday-Saturday, October 24-25**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Sign Up For Bake Sale Workdays](#)

MEETINGS

MDO Board - **Tuesday, October 14 @ 6:30 pm**
Parish Council - **Tuesday, October 21 @ 7:00pm**



The Culinary Cupboard Needs You



Our annual Bake Sale is quickly approaching and hopefully you are preparing your Culinary Cupboard contributions. We desperately need your items to satisfy our faithful patrons who return year after year to purchase your goodies. Please consider doubling and tripling your donations this year so we don't disappoint. That being said, please know...no matter how much you bring, whether two items or 20, it is all very much needed and appreciated!

Please note this year we will be accepting your items in the Church Hall on Thursday, October 23rd, from 8:30am-7pm.

Volunteers are needed to help check in on Thursday and during the Bake Sale; so please call

Megan Gonzalez at 503-9948,
Stephanie Naifeh at 650-3590,
or Meagan Homsey at 708-8061.

BAKE SALE WORKDAYS AND TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 28th	Cabbage Rolls & Grape Leaves	After Divine Liturgy- 9:00pm
Monday, September 29th	Cabbage Rolls & Grape Leaves	2:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday, October 1st	Mamoul & Ghyourabia	9:00am-3:00pm
Thursday, October 2nd	Mamoul & Ghyourabia	Noon-8:00pm
Saturday, October 4th	Vermicelli & Syrup	9:00am-Noon

2014 OCMC Mission Team, We Need YOU

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is seeking 10 volunteers to help fill teams that will serve in Albania, Tanzania, and Uganda later this year.

The **Albania** team departing on September 17th will lead spiritual retreats for clergy wives, women lay leaders, and women's groups.

The **Tanzania** team departing on October 27th will offer theological training for the clergy of the Metropolis of Mwanza.

The **Uganda** team, also departing on October 27th, will offer Christian stewardship workshops to clergy and laity in various communities.

Are you able to serve on one of these teams? If so, you are urgently needed! Without 10 additional volunteers, these teams may not go.

Please visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx, or contact OCMC's Teams Department by e-mail at teams@ocmc.org or by phone at 1-877-463-6784 for more information and to apply.

COOKBOOK - Culinary Companion II

The Ladies Aid of St. Elijah Orthodox Christian Church
15000 North May Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Please send _____ copies of Culinary Companion II at \$20.00 each, plus \$4.00 postage, handling and insurance per copy.

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St. Elijah Sunday School

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OCTOBER 2014 - Teen Month

SUNDAY	BOOKSTORE	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EPISTLE READER	ELDERS
10/5	Janet Jaime	Anjoulie Alhaj Renee Haddad Caslyn Toma Ella Powers Anne Baskerville Kaylee Warkentin Robel Tesfaselassie Jacob Crouch	Joseph Pendergraft Emile Karam Joshua Cohlmi Kristian Khoury Boris Ganchev Joseph Harroz Nicholas Hathaway Ian Baker Emerson Wyrick	Sophie Powers	Cecil Garner Harvey Homsey Nick Kakish Michael Mettry Dr. Gary Rahill James Shadid
10/12	Tari Tibbits	Grace Hathaway Jordan Sweis Sophia Silvernail Lauran Alasad Danielle Alleman Zayna Assaleh Cole Powers Mark Crouch	David Baskerville Andrew Sweis Tate Hammersley Sam Patty Caleb Swearingen Michael Salem Bo Naifeh Blaise Bittle Sam McClellan	Joseph Pendergraft	Afeef Hamra Dr. Richard Homsey Jim Kirkpatrick Robert Miller Steven Rahill Dr. Jeff Shadid
10/19	Lawrence Clemens	Eva Baskerville Amanda Kouri Marlee Morrow Margo Naifeh Sima Swaiss Alexandra Sweis Zach Homsey Andrew Assaleh	Joseph Eid Isaac Wilson Alexander Weddington Konstantin Ganchev Roman Baker Conner Swearingen Jack Naifeh Samuel Shadid Amir Sweis	Anna Kakish	Ellis Hanna Bill Johnson Bobby Massad Richard Moorad Danny Shadid Bruce Harroz
10/26	Norma Jabara	Isabelle McLamb Abby Abraham Celine Sweis Audrey Alasad Mackenna Morrow Ruby Pendergraft Andrew Sweis Boris Ganchev	Cole Harroz Jacob Crouch Preston Silvernail Alec Karam David Tamirat Adam Sweis Farris Shawareb Sami Swaiss Nathan Shanbour	Christian Swearingen	George Cohlmi Ned Shadid Dr. Randall Kakish Dr. Paul Massad Russell Moses Franklin Shadid

October 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			9a-3p Mamoul & Ghyourabia 6:15p Vespers 7p Teen Chats	Noon-8p Mamoul & Ghyourabia 10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship	DOWAMA SOYO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 8:30a Exercise 9a-Noon Vermicelli & Syrup 5p Vespers	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School 8:50a Matins 10:00a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - Family of Sam & Nadia Shadid ***Cultural Ministries After Liturgy-9p Baklawa	5p-9p Baklawa 7p Choir Rehearsal 	NO MATINS 8:30a Exercise 5p-9p Baklawa	8a-2p Sfeeha 6:15p Vespers 7p Teen Chats	7:45a Senior Outing to Braum's Farm 10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship	8:30a Exercise 	5p Vespers
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 8:50a Matins 10:00a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - Choir After Liturgy-6p 		7a Matins 8:30a Exercise 10:30a Bible Study w/Fr. Basil 4p-9p Pita Bread Prep 6:30p MDO Board	6:15p Vespers 7p Teen Chats	NO ORTHODOX STUDY FELLOWSHIP 4p-9p Pita Bread Prep	8:30a Exercise 9a-3p Yuknee Meat	5p Vespers
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 8:50a Matins 10:00a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - Choir After Liturgy-9p Set up of Hall for Bake Sale	9a-Noon Short Bread & Scones 7p Choir Rehearsal	7a Matins 8:30a Exercise 2p-9p Hummus 4p-9p Pita Chips 5p-9p Hummus Pkgg Baked Goods 7p Parish Council 	6:15p Vespers 7p-9p Hummus Pkgg & Baklawa Pkgg for Food Line (Teen SOYO)	9a-2p Ruz & Yuknee for Baked Goods 10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship Noon-3p Marinate Chicken	B A K E S A L E NOV  	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:50a Matins 10a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - 20/40 Fellowship		7a Matins 8:30a Exercise 10:30a Bible Study w/Fr. Basil	6:15p Vespers 7p Teen Chats 7p Family Night	10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship 	8:30a Exercise	10a Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn 5p Vespers