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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

#### WEEKEND LITURGIES:

5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday: Saturday 30 May, 11:00 AM – **Live Streaming**  
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM – **Live Streaming**  
Third Hour: Sunday 10:00AM  
Divine Liturgy – Sunday 10:30 AM – **Live Streaming**

#### WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Tuesday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**  
Wednesday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**  
Thursday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**  
Friday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**



Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Nicene Council

### Our Lady of Wisdom Mission Statement

*Our mission is to foster a Catholic and Godly renewal with worship through the awe-inspiring Liturgy of the Byzantine Catholic Church; in order to bring the message of the Living Lord to the faithful and seekers of truth.*

### Parish Membership

The Family of Our Lady of Wisdom is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries (Sacraments)
- who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church
- who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love
- who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor
- who will attend Liturgical Services on Saturday or Sunday, and on the Great Holy Days
- who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)
- who will participate in the yearly Bishop's Appeal

**For registration information, please contact the Parish Office.**

## CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Michael of Synnada, Bishop-Confessor**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: Souls in Purgatory by Marianne Hein*  
Readings: Acts 20:7-12; Jn 14:10-21

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Of Fathers At 1<sup>st</sup> Nicean Council**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30 – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*  
Readings: Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Jn 17:1-13

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Finding of the Head of John the Baptist**  
Readings: 2 Cor 4:6-15, Mt 11:2-15

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Carpus, Apostle**  
**6:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: Gutierrez family*  
Readings: Acts 21:26-32; Jn 16:2-13

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Therapont, Bishop-Martyr**  
**6:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: Rico healing*  
Readings: Acts 23:1-11; Jn 16:15-23

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Nicetas, Bishop**  
**6:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: Victor & Becky Thanksgiving*  
*39<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*  
Readings: Acts 25:13-19; Jn 16:23-33

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Theodosia, Venerable Martyr**  
**6:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: Rico healing*  
Readings: Acts 27:1-44; Jn 17:18-26

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**11:00am – Divine Liturgy with Panachida – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: + People of Our Lady of Wisdom*  
Readings: 1 Thess 44:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

**5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: Rico healing*  
Readings: Acts 28:1-31; Jn 21:15-25

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Pentecost Sunday**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming**  
*Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*  
Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Jn 7:37-52; 8:12

23<sup>rd</sup> – **Our Venerable Father and Confessor, Michael**, Bishop of Synnada at Phrygia, was a disciple of St. Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Because of his fearless opposition to the Iconoclast, Emperor Leo the Armenian, he was banished into Galatia and died about A.D. 820.

24<sup>th</sup> – **The Third Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John**, the Glorious Prophet, Baptist and Precursor of our Lord, A.D. 867. At that time, St. Ignatius was Patriarch of Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

25<sup>th</sup> – **Our Venerable Father, Simeon** of the Wonderful Mountain, Stylite, spent 45 years on a pillar; lived to the age 85, died A.D. 574. — **Venerable Nicetas the Stylite**, Wonderworker.

26<sup>th</sup> – **St. Carpus, Apostle**, one of the 70 Apostles and considered by some Greek authors as Bishop of Berea, by others as Bishop of Berylus, and by some as Bishop of Crete.

27<sup>th</sup> – **St. Therapont, Priest-Martyr**, died for the Faith A.D. 259, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

28<sup>th</sup> – **Our Venerable Father, Nicetas**, Bishop of Chalcedon, A.D. 836 — **St. Helladius, Priest-Martyr**. — **St. Eutyches, Martyr** in Miletus.

29<sup>th</sup> – **St. Theodosia, Venerable-Virgin Martyr of Tyre**, who, on seeing some martyrs led to their execution, asked them to pray for her. She was seized, tried, tortured, and cast into the sea A.D. 308, in the reign of Constantine and Galerius, Emperors.

30<sup>th</sup> – **Our Venerable Father, Isaac**, Monk in Dalmatia A.D. 374, in the reign of Emperor Valentinian.

31<sup>st</sup> – **St. Hermas, Apostle**, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans (16:14) — **St. Hermas, Martyr**, A.D. 141, in the reign of Emperor Antoninus Pius.

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### EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2020

The Eparchial Appeal (formally Bishop's Appeal) has begun. The pledge form and information for the appeal has been sent to you directly from the Bishop's office. Again, this year, we are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ. Checks are to be made out to the Eparchy of Phoenix; write "Eparchial Appeal 2020" in the memo. Our parish goal is \$19,177.58 Please support. Our Lady of Wisdom has raised \$11,605.00 toward our goal.

**+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++**

**Due to the Coronavirus and  
Directives from our Bishop and Eparchy,  
All our Services are Private for the protection and safety of the Faithful.  
Our Private Liturgies will be livestreaming through ZOOM.US**

**100 DAYS TO KILL THE GOLIATH** February 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>; 50 days of preparation for the **RESURECTION PASCHA** and 50 days of thanksgiving in preparation for **PENTECOST**. Fathers, we will lead our families through the spiritual journey together.

**SANCTUARY AND TRIPTYCHS LAMPS** – The Sanctuary and Triptychs Lamps are very special candles that remain perpetually lit to honor Our Lord Jesus' Eucharistic and Mystical Presence. If you are interested in sponsoring a vigil candle, the usual donation is \$10.00. Forms are in the back of the church. Please fill them out and, along with your donation, place in the collection basket or see Fr. Milan.

**SANCTUARY AND TRIPTYCHS INTENTIONS:**

**Nativity Triptych Joseph:** *Herman & Donna Miller with family*

**Resurrection Triptych John, Baptist:** *Andrew & Jo Ann Morris with family*

**Nativity Triptych Our Lady:** *Tracy & Kelly Nault with family*

**Resurrection Triptych Apostles:** *Matthew Nelson with family*

**Prodigal Son:** *Joseph & Jessica Noll with family*

**Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:** *Louis Nunziata with family*

**Jesus Christ:** *Brian & Soraya Orion with family*

**Theotokos:** *David & Jane Petschauer with family*

**St. Nicholas:** *Lorraine Plank with family*

**Good Shepard:** *Claire Pype with family*

**INVISIBLE PRIEST** applies to our Byzantine Priests A comment reported on the Portland, Maine, TV station, Channel 6: “We could take a cue from Orthodoxy, whose priests stand with their backs to their congregation, leading a liturgy that is neither clever nor impassioned, but simply beautiful, like stone smoothed by centuries of rhythmic tides. It’s an austere ritual, in the sense of — there’s nothing new here; it’s sublime, in the sense of — creating a clearer view into Heaven. The priest can be any priest. Who he is, what he looks like, how he speaks, and what he thinks matters little. He hasn’t written the service that he officiates. It isn’t about him or his prowess. He’s an interchangeable functionary draped in brocaded robes, obscured by incense and, as such, never points to himself, a flawed human, pointing ever and only to the Perfection of the Mysterious Divine. That is the role of every priest or preacher — invisibility, while making God seen.”

**From the Catechism “Christ our Pascha” IV.**

### **THE PERSONAL PRAYER OF THE CHRISTIANA. THE NEED FOR PRAYER**

[You] need to pray always and not lose heart. (*Lk 18:1*) The mature prayer of the Christian has two dimensions: liturgical and personal. This prayer is called to fulfil the task of unceasing worship. Jesus Christ teaches us “to pray always and not lose heart” (*Lk 18:1*; see *Lk 11:5-8*). The apostle Paul, in turn, calls us to “pray without ceasing” (*1 Thes 5:17*). The life of the Christian—beginning from the Holy Mystery of Baptism, when the person is immersed (the literal meaning of the word baptism) in the life of the Most Holy Trinity, chrismated by the Holy Spirit and joined to Christ in Holy Communion—this life becomes a time of prayer, filled with praise, thanksgiving, and glorification of the Creator. Our life is then transformed into a prayerful state, or stance, a constant readiness of the heart. Christians should ceaselessly cultivate this state: “They ‘pray without ceasing’ who join prayer to works that are of obligation, and good works to their prayer ... It is only in this way that we can understand the injunction ‘pray without ceasing’ as something that we can carry out.”<sup>2</sup> Saint Basil the Great, in his Rules, coupled work to sevenfold liturgical prayer in the course of the day, in order thus to consecrate the entire day to the Lord.<sup>3</sup> Personal or private prayer always has an ecclesial dimension. Saint Cyprian teaches: “When we pray, we pray not only for ourselves but for the entire people, because we all are one people ... Christ himself, our teacher and master, desired that each would pray for all, as He, having gathered all within Himself, brought them to the Father.”<sup>4</sup> Therefore, those who pray in the name of Christ, always pray in the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the Church. Christians, who praise the Lord or thank him or ask for something for themselves or for others, become the voice of their neighbor. The basis of this prayer is the common partaking of Christians in Christ’s priesthood, for the sanctification of the world. You, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. (*Jude 1:20*)

1 See JOHN CASSIAN, *Conferences*, 10,14: SCh 54,95.

2 ORIGEN, *On Prayer*, 12,2: PG 11,452.

3 See BASIL THE GREAT, *The Longer Rules*, 37,2-3: PG 31,1009.

4 CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE, *On the Lord’s Prayer*, 8.

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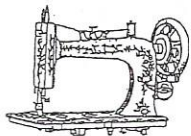
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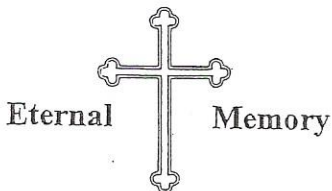
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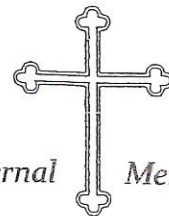


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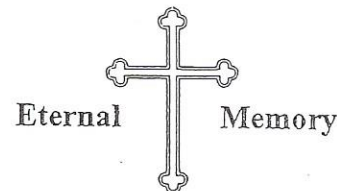
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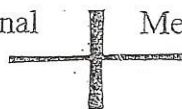


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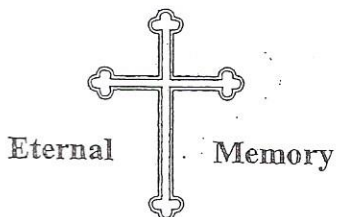
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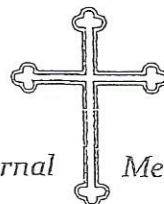
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