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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

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January 2nd and 3rd, 2021

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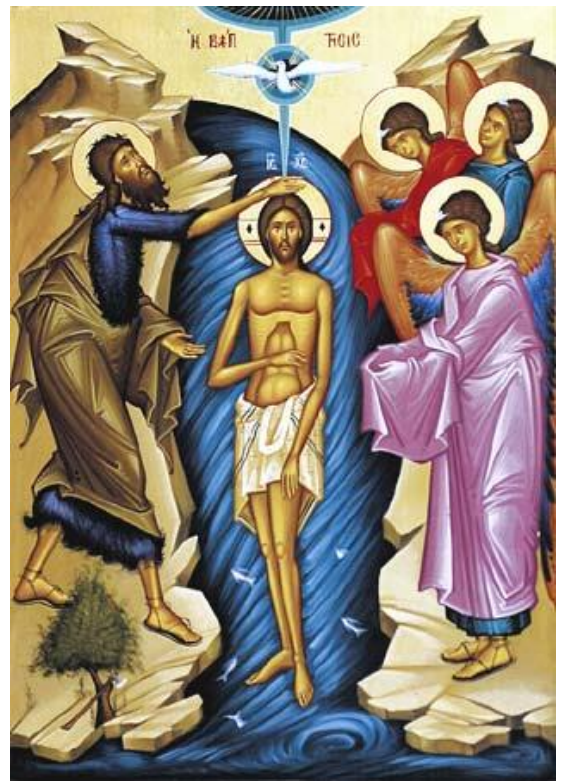
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WEEKEND LITURGIES:

Saturday, 5:00 PM – Vesper Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**
Sunday, 10:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**
12:30 pm – Divine Liturgy

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Tuesday, 7:00 PM – Vigil Theophany Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**
Wednesday, 10:30 AM – Theophany Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM – Theophany Divine Liturgy
Thursday, 7:00 PM – Divine Liturgy
Friday, 11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy



Theophany of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2nd – Saturday Before Theophany

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**

Intention: +Chivuta Mircea

Readings: 1Tim 3:14-4:5; Mt 3:1-11

Sunday, January 3rd – Sunday Before Theophany

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**

Intention: +Fr. Stephen E Casmus & Karen Arthur Casmus by Bettie Arthur

Readings: 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8

12:30pm – Divine Liturgy *Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*

Readings: 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8

Monday, January 4th – Synaxis of 70 Apostles

Readings: James 2:14-26; Mk 9:42-10:1

Readings for the Apostles: Romans 8:8-14; Lk 10:1-15

Tuesday, January 5th – Vigil of Theophany

7:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy: Anointing-Myrovanie – **Livestream**

Intention: +Rebecca Glanz with Panachia

Readings: 1 Cor 9:19-27; Lk 3:1-18

Wednesday, January 6th – Theophany of Our Lord

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: Anointing-Myrovanie

Great blessing (Consecration) of the Water

Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom

Readings: Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy: Anointing-Myrovanie

Intention +Frank Knusel

Readings: Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

Thursday, January 7th – Synaxis of St. John, the Glorious Prophet

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy *Intention: +Mary Margaret Birthday*

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 1:29-34

Readings for the Day: James 4:7-5:9; Mk 10:17-27

Friday, January 8th – Our Venerable Father George

11:00am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Steve Drechsler by Patty Drechsler*

Readings: 1 Pet 1:1-2:10-12.2:6-10, Mk 10:23-32

Saturday, January 9th – Saturday after Theophany

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**

Intention: +Mel Rybarczyk

Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11

Sunday, January 10th Sunday after Theophany

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy – **Livestream**

Intention: +Bishop Gerald N Dino

Readings: Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

12:30pm – Divine Liturgy *Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*

Readings: Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

2nd – **Our Holy Father, Sylvester**, Pope of Rome, under his Pontificate was held the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea A.D. 325, the decrees of which were approved by him. He died A.D. 335, during the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.

3rd – **St. Malachy, Prophet**. 400 B.C. — **St. Gordius, Martyr**, who suffered death A.D. 320, during the reign of Licinius, Emperor.

4th – **Synaxis of 70 Apostles, whose names St. Dorotheus recorded.** — **Our Venerable Father Theoktistus**, Hegumen-Abbot in Cucume of Sykeleia.

5th – **SS. Theopemptus and Theonas**, Martyrs, martyred A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian. — **Syncletica, Venerable** — **St. Micah, Prophet**.

6th – **Theophany, or Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.** One of the oldest feasts in the East, it has been traced back to the beginning of the 2nd century. The Western Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Eastern Church in the 3rd century.

7th – **Synaxis of St. John, the Glorious Prophet, Precursor, and Baptist**, who baptized our Lord Jesus Christ in the River Jordan.

8th – **Our Venerable Father, George**, The Chozebite, and **Emilian**, Confessor. They were martyred A.D. 820, in the reign of Nicephorus Gennicus. — **Our Venerable Mother, Dominika**, of Carthage, who lived in the year A.D. 374, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. — **SS. Juliana and Basilissa**, martyred A.D. 300, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

9th – **St. Polyeucte, Martyr**, suffered death A.D. 244, during the reign of the Decius or Valerianus. — **Eustratius, Venerable**, endured death in the reign of Leo Iconomachus, Emperor.

10th – **Our Holy Father, Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**, consecrated in A.D. 372, brother of St. Basil the Great. Died A.D. 395. — **Dometian, Venerable, Bishop of Melite**, died A.D. 570, in the reign of Justinus the Younger — **Our Venerable Father, Marcian**, Presbyter and Treasurer of the great Church of Holy Wisdom; died A.D. 489

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+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

**Due to the Coronavirus and Directives from our Bishop and Eparchy,
Services will be livestream according to the bulletin. Please go to our website for the Livestream links
<https://ourladyofwisdom.net>**

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS: Mark your calendars and watch for further information:

- **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD** Divine Liturgy will be on January 6th at 10:30am followed by Great blessing (Consecration) of the Water.

HOUSE BLESSING – Make an appointment for your house blessing before January 15: House blessing season runs from Theophany (Jan. 6) until the day before the Great Fast (Feb. 14, 2021). Now is the time to book an appointment to have your house blessed.

REMINDERS – 2021 Weekly Contribution Envelopes were recently distributed to parishioners. If your contributions are cash, please use your envelopes whenever possible. However, if you need to use the envelopes in the back of the church, write your name, date, and the amount on the envelope. When writing checks to the church, be sure to write on the memo line what it is for (Building Fund, ECFL, Holy Day, Special Collection, etc.) unless it is a normal weekly contribution. This will ensure all monies are recorded correctly. Thank you.

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: *Testimony of my love for and of my dependence on Jesus and Mary*

Resurrection Triptych John, Baptist:

Nativity Triptych Our Lady: *Testimony of my love for and of my dependence on Jesus and Mary*

Resurrection Triptych Apostles

Prodigal Son:

Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:

Jesus Christ: *Donald Iglinski by Leona Iglinski*

Theotokos:

St. Nicholas:

Good Shepard:

FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the Divine Revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34. John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the One Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:11*).

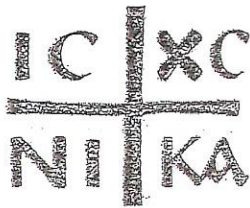
The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (*Matthew 3:15*). John consented and baptized Jesus. When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on Him. When this happened, a voice came from the heaven and said, "This is My Son, the Beloved, with Whom I am well pleased." This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ's baptism in the Jordan was "Theophany," a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. It was also a "Theophany" in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father's testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of "manifestation" or "revelation" is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, "Christ has appeared and enlightened the world." Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Christian celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.

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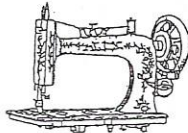
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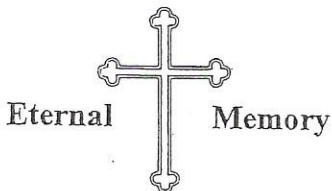
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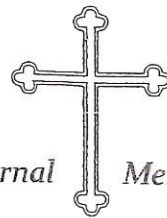


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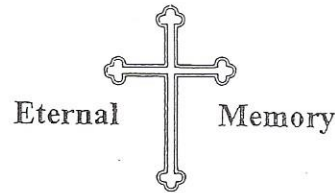
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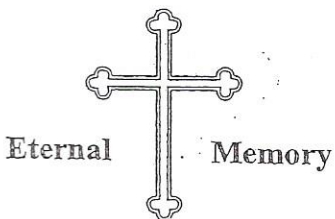


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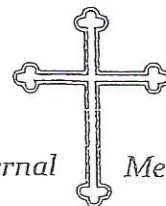
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