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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 16th and 17th, 2021

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WEEKEND LITURGIES:

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

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Monday, 11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, 11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, 11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Thursday, 7:00 PM – Divine Liturgy
Friday, 11:00 AM – Divine Liturgy



Sunday of Zacchaeus

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 16th – Veneration of the Chains of Apostle, St. Peter
5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – Livestream

Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom

Readings: 1 Thess 5:13-23; Lk 17:3-10

Readings for St. Peter: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 21:15-25

Sunday, January 17th – 33rd Sunday After Pentecost /
Sunday Of Zacchaeus

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy

Intention: +Antonio Cladio by David and Jane Petschauer

Readings: 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10

12:30pm – Divine Liturgy Intention: +John – Livestream

Readings: 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10

Monday, January 18th – Our Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril

11:00am – Divine Liturgy Intention: In Loving Memory of Eddie Hein with Panachida

Readings: 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Mk 12:13-17

Readings for the Fathers: Heb 13:7-16; Mt 5:14-19

Tuesday, January 19th – Our Venerable Fathers Macarius of Egypt &
Macarius of Alexandria

11:00am – Divine Liturgy Intention: Jose and Maria Elena Anniversary

Readings: 1 Peter 3:10-22; Mk 12:18-27

Readings for the Father: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

Wednesday, January 20th – Venerable & Divinely Inspired
Father Euthymius

11:00am – Divine Liturgy Intention: +John Eternal Rest

Readings: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23

Readings for the Day: 1 Pet 4:1-11; Mk 12:28-37

Thursday, January 21st – Our Venerable Father Maximus, Confessor

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy Intention: +Chivuta Mircea with Panachida

Readings: 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mk 12:38-44

Readings for Maximus: Heb 11:33-40; Lk 12:8-12

Friday, January 22nd – St. Timothy, Apostle

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

Readings: 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mk 13:1-8

Readings for St. Timothy; 2 Tim 3:1-9; Lk 10:1-15

Saturday, January 23rd – Clement, Martyr, Bishop of Ancyra

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – Livestream

Intention: Robert M. Birthday

Readings: 2 Tim 2:11-19; Lk 18:2-8

Readings for the Saint: Heb 13:7-16; Lk 8:16-21

Sunday, January 24th – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy – Livestream

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

Readings: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Lk 18:10-14

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

Readings: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Lk 18:10-14

16th – Veneration of the Chains of Holy, Glorious, and Illustrious St. Peter, the all praiseworthy Apostle. The chains with which St. Peter was bound in the prison were preserved at the station church on the Esquiline in Rome and, in the Middle Ages, attracted numerous Pilgrims.

17th – Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, Anthony the Great; an Egyptian by birth, who went into the desert during the reign of Constantine the Great in the year A.D. 312. Living to the age of 105, he died A.D. 356. He was a friend of St. Paul the Hermit and was one of the founders of the cenobitical life.

18th – Our Holy Fathers, Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria. St. Athanasius is one of the four great doctors of the Byzantine Rite church: called the “Father of Orthodoxy.” He opposed the Arians with admirable zeal and endured exile for 46 years. He died in A.D. 373. (*Confer May 2*). St Cyril opposed the Nestorians and taught that the divine and human natures in Christ are united in oneness of person and that the Blessed Virgin ought truly to be called the Mother of God. He presided over the 3rd Ecumenical Council at Ephesus, A.D. 431. He died in A.D. 444. (*Confer June 9*).

19th – Our Venerable Fathers Macarius of Egypt, A.D. 373, and Macarius of Alexandria, Monks. Date of deaths, A.D. 395, in the reign of Theodosius the Great, Emperor. — St. Euphrosinia, Virgin.

20th – Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father Euthymius the Great, Hegumen-Abbot, lived at the time of the reign of Arcadius and Honorius, Emperors; died in the year A.D. 473.

21st – Our Venerable Father, Maximus, Confessor, died from tortures, A.D. 662, in the reign of Constans II. His tongue torn out and right hand cut off, he died in prison. — SS. Eugene, Canidius, Valerian, and Aquilas, Martyrs, died by fire, A.D. 292.

22nd – St. Timothy, Apostle, was the most famous disciple of St. Paul during the reign of Emperor Nero and the first Bishop of Ephesus in Asia Minor. — St. Anastasius, Venerable Martyr of Persia, suffered martyrdom A.D. 619, at the hands of Chosroas, during the reign of Heraclius, Emperor.

23rd – St. Clement, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Ancyra, lived in exile for 28 years under several persecutors and died by the sword A.D. 296. — St. Agathangel, Martyr, suffered death also in the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors.

24th – Our Venerable Mother Xenia was of a noble and famous Roman family. Her former name was Eusebia and her parents planning her marriage; she escaped from her bridegroom and, with two handmaids, she fled to Alexandria for refuge.

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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>**

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, ECFI, 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:
Resurrection Triptych John, Baptist:
Nativity Triptych Our Lady:
Resurrection Triptych Apostles:
Prodigal Son:
Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:
Jesus Christ:
Theotokos:
St. Nicholas: *Ron and Sharon Huntington*
Good Shepard:

IRS STATEMENTS – All registered parishioners will be given a 2020 IRS statement for your taxes. If you are NOT registered, but contributed monetarily in 2020, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish or drop in the collection basket. Thank you.

2020 IRS CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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SYNAXARION OF THE LENTEN TRIODION AND PENTECOSTARION

On this day, the Sunday before the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, we commemorate the repentance of the tax-collector, the Holy Apostle Zacchaeus, who desired to behold Christ.

The Holy Fathers placed today's commemoration here to prepare us, little by little, for dawning season of Great Lent. Knowing that we are basically slow to exhibit a desire for repentance, the Holy Fathers, by Zacchaeus' example, teach us in these preliminary weeks, the need to recognize our sins and our need to turn away from them.

Zacchaeus, the Holy Apostle of Christ, was that earnest and wealthy chief tax-collector appointed by the Romans about whom the divine Apostle and Evangelist Luke speaks in his Gospel (19:1-10). As we learn from this passage of the Holy Gospel, Zacchaeus was very short, and hence, due to the crowds, he could not see our Lord Jesus Christ with his own eyes, as he desired when the Lord was passing through Jericho. He, therefore, went up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him. The Lord acknowledged this good will of Zacchaeus and his sincere faith and, as He passed by, He called him by name and announced His wish to be guest in his house, saying to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house" (Luke 19:5).

Zacchaeus accepted this proposal of the Lord with all his soul and he rushed with joy, and received Him in his home and offered Him hospitality with all willingness. It was not only because he believed in Christ with all his soul that he hosted Him with particular willingness, but also because he actively repented for his former sins and he said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor and, if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." (Luke 19:8). True, the Jews could not tolerate this and "they all murmured, 'He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.'" (Luke 19:7); but the Lord, Who knows the hearts of all, saw his disposition and, honoring the power of his repentance, forgave and blessed him and all his house, saying, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham." (Luke 19:9).

Zacchaeus' conversation in this manner offers us two important lessons: first, God's compassion and the signs of sincere and active repentance and second, the fact that correction of evil as far as one is able, is an inseparable proof of sincere repentance. In this manner, the good Zacchaeus exceeded the ordinances of the Mosaic Law in his generosity, for which cause he was accounted worthy of the Lord's Blessing.

After the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Lord, it is said that Zacchaeus was a disciple of the divine Apostle Peter, who afterwards ordained him Bishop of Caesarea. His memory is also celebrated on April 20.

The Holy Fathers, knowing the weakness of human nature in our attempts to change from a sinful, self-centered life to one of humility and repentance, placed this Gospel lesson before us today to instill in us a desire to repent just as Zacchaeus possessed a desire to behold Christ. Having his example before us, let us now prepare ourselves for the approaching struggles of the Great Lent as we set out on our journey to behold Christ's Life-Giving Resurrection.

Through the prayers of the Holy Apostle Zacchaeus, O Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Amen.

Servant of God

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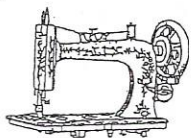
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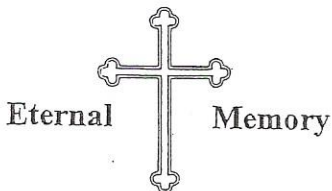
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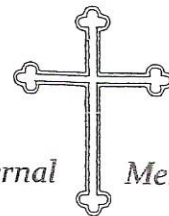


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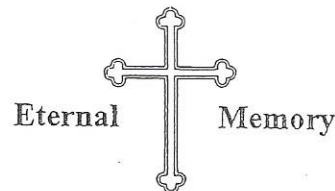
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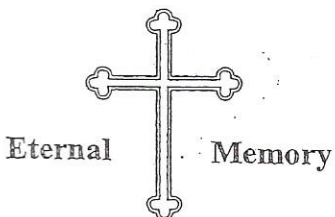


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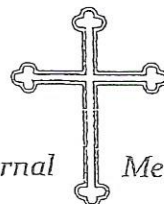
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