

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

December 11, 2022

Saturday, December 10th

5:00pm Vespers Liturgy **SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

Intention: Sophie Babish Reggin+

Sunday, December 11th SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

9:30am Adult Education: St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

10:10am Third Hour

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom

St. Nicholas Festival following Liturgy

Monday, December 12th

6:00am Jesus Prayer

7:30am Matin 8:30

8:30am Divine Liturgy **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom

5-6pm Fr. Nathan God with us Online Seminar *On the Incarnation*

Tuesday, December 13th

6:00am Jesus Prayer

11:00am 3rd Hour and Anointing in commemoration of St. Lucy

11:20am Divine Liturgy *Intention: Mark Gatdula*

Wednesday, December 14th

6:00am Jesus Prayer

11:00 pm Divine Liturgy Helpers of St. Nicholas

Intention: Arthur Gatdula

12:00pm Helpers of St. Nicholas Homeless Ministry

5:00pm Women's Bible Study: Ephesians

6:30pm Compline

Thursday, December 15th

11:00 Divine Liturgy (ten days till Christmas procession)

Friday, December 16th

6:00pm Men's Bible Study: 2 Peter

7:00pm Compline

Saturday, December 17th

5:00pm Vespers Liturgy **SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Intention: Eddie Hein+

Sunday, December 18th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

9:30am Adult Education: St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

10:10am Third Hour

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom

Pot Luck following Liturgy

N.B, CONFESSION is available before and after every service.

Otherwise, please contact Fr. Nathan Symeon to set up an

appointment

10th - **SS. Mennas Hermogenes and Eugraphus**, Martyrs, were tortured and beheaded during the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors, A.D. 304, for spreading Christianity in Egypt.

11th - Our Venerable Father, **Daniel**, Stylite, imitating St. Simeon in the mode of austere life, he spent 30 years on his pillar, miraculously healing many sick people. He died A.D. 492, at the age of 80.

12th - **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our Venerable Father, **Spiridon**, Wonderworker. Bishop of Tremefia. In the persecution under Galerius, Emperor, Spiridon, with many other Christians, was condemned to lose an eye and to slave in the mines. He lived as late of A.D. 347.

13th - **SS. Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 302, at Sebaste in Armenia, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. **St. Lucy**, VirginMartyr, endured shameful tortures and indignities. Finally, a sword was thrust through her throat A.D. 304, at Syracuse, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

14th - **SS. Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Apollonius, Arianus, and Callinicus**, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 303.

15th - **St. Eleutherius**, Priest-Martyr, endured death A.D. 120, in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Our Venerable Father, Paul of Latra, was a Holy Hermit in Greece, about A.D. 880, in the reign of Basil Macedo, Emperor. **Father, Stephen**, Confessor, Abbot of Sodrozh.

16th - **St. Haggai**, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon and that he lived to see the second temple 516 B.C.

17th - **St. Daniel, and SS. Three Youth, SS Hannaniah, Azariah and Mishael**. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5th century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nabuchodnosor of Babylon, but miraculously came out unscathed.

18th - **SS. Sebastian and Companions** were put to death A.D. 202, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

ST. NICHOLAS PAGEANT – Please bring your St. Nicholas Icon for procession during Liturgy on Sunday, December 11th.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL is this Sunday, December 11th after Liturgy. There will be Breakfast; adults \$10.00 and children \$3.00; bake sale, hot chocolate bar, cakewalk and St. Nicholas Crafts! We are also collecting gloves for the poor. See you there!

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION will be taken this weekend and next. Please remember those Sisters and Religious Brothers who served the church and now are in need. Thank you in advance for your kind gifts.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Divine Liturgy will be on Monday, December 12th at 8:30am.
















MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.

ADULT EDUCATION is held each Sunday morning from 9:30am until 10:10am, we will study the work of St. Ignatius, which teaches us the orthodox approach to theology, Bible Study, and the spiritual life.

BIBLE STUDY for women continues every Wednesday at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. **BIBLE STUDY** for men is on Fridays at 6:00pm.

FR. NATHAN has a new phone number: 702-321-5820.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week: Ali Adams, December 10; and Christine Bartish, December 13; *God Grant You Many Happy Blessed Years!*

<p>In Loving Memory of Fr. Francis Vivona</p> <p>Founding Pastor of Our Lady of Wisdom Italo-Greek BCC</p>  <p><i>Memoria Eterna</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Fr. Stephen Casmus Karen Casmus Alicia Casmus</p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>First Matriarch</i> Vita Vivona</p> <p>George & Margie Mauro</p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>His Grace, Bishop</i> <i>Gerald Dino</i></p>  <p><i>Memoria Eterna</i></p>
<p><i>Servant of God</i></p> <p>Robert Handcox</p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>Mary Marlene</i></p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>Ben and Helen Zientek</i></p>  <p><i>Memoria Eterna</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>Lorraine Plank</i></p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>
<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>Dolores, Howard,</i> <i>Michael, Jamie and</i> <i>Joseph St. George</i></p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Rebecca Ellen Glantz</p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>Cecilia Eliades</i></p> <p>Harry & Anna Eliades Michael & Marie Della Iacono</p>  <p><i>Memoria Eterna</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i></p>  <p><i>John and Margaret Lynott</i> <i>and</i> <i>Jacqueline Purches</i></p>
<p>*****</p> <p>In Loving Memory of WILLIAM GENE STONE M.D.</p>  <p>*****</p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Carol Bistrek, RN/OCN</p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>	<p><i>Las Vegas</i> <i>Athletic Clubs</i></p> <p><i>Belong!</i></p> <p>Present this ad for a free week Trial membership</p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>Robert Mouch</i></p>  <p><i>Eternal Memory</i></p>

December 13th — St. Lucy and the Italo-Greek Tradition: St. Lucy is the Patron Saint for healing. In the Italo-Greek tradition, the eyes are specifically anointed with the Oil of Gladness, with the Gospel book held over the person's head. The Anointing Prayers are from an ancient ritual of the Byzantine Church. It is believed that Lucy lived between the 3rd and early 4th centuries (usually between 283 and 394 A.D.) The particular tradition of the Italo-Greek Church – that of anointing the eyes – comes from a strong devotion to St. Lucy. There is a tradition sometimes mentioned that she gave her eyes to her betrothed when he complimented her on her beauty and, because of her faith in God, she was given a new set of eyes. This may be only a legend, as her name means "light", and eyes are figuratively connected with the "light of a person's soul". It was to St. Lucy that people from her hometown of Siracusa prayed in Sicily at the time of starvation in the 17th Century. It is told that the people were saved when a ship carrying wheat crashed. In thanksgiving, we do not eat things made from flour on her day – only things made from boiled wheat and honey. Or, they eat potatoes or rice in the form of arancini (golden croquettes shaped and fried to the color of orange and filled with chopped meats). In Palermo, everyone eats cuccia (a dessert of whole-wheat cooked in water, then mixed with sweet ricotta). The Third Hour is celebrated in honor of St. Lucy. After the Hour, the eyes of the Faithful are anointed with the holy Oil of Healing. Holy cards of St. Lucy are distributed after Divine Liturgy to the Faithful. Anointing of Eyes

December 15th — Traditions for 10 days before the Nativity On December 15th, 10 days before the celebration of the Nativity, in the Italo-Greek Catholic Church, a table is placed in the center of the church and on it is placed a 3-branch candelabra with 3 unlit candles – a symbol of the awaiting of the Savior's arrival on the 3-Branch Candelabra Centered in Church. It is that candelabra that is carried in procession in the Divine Liturgy, asking and searching for the Christ, Whom we come to find in the cave in Bethlehem. Three-Branch Candelabra Enters Church That candle represents the paramony of Christmas (birth, death and resurrection of Christ). In the Byzantine tradition, paramony is observed as a strict fast day (if able, the faithful are to refrain from food until evening). It is the paramony that suggests what will happen to Jesus in the time of His adult life. In the Icon (the triptych over the North side altar, which has been closed since November 14th), we show that paramony by the fact that Jesus is wrapped like a little mummy. He's really in burial clothes and you do not see a manger in our Icons. Rather, you see what looks like a cave, a little tomb. As, in the Icon, you'll see the Virgin Mary and Jesus in a cave, representing the paramony of the coming of what will happen to Jesus' body. His Body would be placed in a tomb. The 3-branch candelabra is then lit at the time of the entrance of the procession on the Vigil of Christmas into the Church.