

Parish established in 1991 - Church blessed in October, 1997

OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2120 Lindell Road, Las Vegas, NV 89146 – (702) 873-5101

E-mail: OLOWIS@embarqmail.com – Website: www.OurLadyOfWisdom.net

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

September 14th & 15th, 2013

Parish Served By:

Rt. Rev. Archimadrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor

Rev. Archdeacon Stephen E. Casmus, M.A.

Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

Rose Watkins, Christodoulah

Kehaulani Harker, Matriarch – William Griffith, Patriarch

Toni Ritchey, Secretary – Claire Lynott, Finance Officer

Donna Logan, Prayer Line Coordinator (873-2378)

Liturgies and Services:

Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

Third Hour – Sunday: 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy – Sunday 10:30 AM

Third Hour – Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: 15 minutes before each Liturgy or by appointment



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy +*Ida Griffith*

Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11;13-20;25-28;30-35

Sunday, Sept 15 – Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Bob and Pearl Bussey*

Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-38

Monday, Sept 16 – St. Euphemia, Great Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Eph 4:25-32; Lk 3:19-22

Tuesday, Sept 17 – St. Sophia and Others, Martyr

9:00am Third Hour

Readings: Eph 5:20-26; Lk 3:23-4:1

Wednesday, Sept 18 – St. Eumenius, Bishop

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Eph 5:25-33; Lk 4:1-15

Thursday, Sept 19 – St. Trophimus and Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Eph 5:33-6:9; Lk 4:16-22

Friday, Sept 20 – St. Eustace and Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Eph 6:18-24; Lk 4:22-30

Saturday, Sept 21 – Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *Living Intention: Members of the Decker Family*

Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-29; Jn 8:21-30

Sunday, Sept 22 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Susan Schatz*

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 5:1-11

Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross. Discovery of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord suffered, together with the nails, is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem A.D. 326. In the Church of Jerusalem, erected by St. Helen over the Sepulchre of Our Lord, the Patriarch St. Macarius elevated the Cross and all the people beholding it cried out, "Lord, have mercy!"

St. Nicetas, the Great Martyr, was a Goth and a victim of the fury of King Athanaric, ruler of the nations settled about the Danube. He was a disciple of the celebrated Ulphilas (Theophilus). He was burned to death about A.D. 78.

St. Euphemia, the Great Virgin-Martyr. She was burned at the stake for the Faith of Christ, in the city of Chalcedon, in the reign of Galerius, about A.D. 107.

SS. Sophia and her Three Daughters, Faith, Hope, and Charity. These three virgins suffered death for Christ while still children, under the Emperor Hadrian. Three days later, their mother, praying at their tomb, passed away.

Our Venerable Father, **Eumenius**, Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortyna on the Island of Crete, was conspicuous for his charity. He died in exile in the latter half of the 3rd century.

SS. Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedont, Martyrs. They were tortured and beheaded as Christians, most probably at Antioch about A.D. 277.

SS. Eustace (Placidus), the Great Soldier-Martyr, and his wife, **Theopista**, and their sons, **Agapius and Theopistus**, Martyrs put to death as Christians under the Emperor Hadrian A.D. 118.

St. Quadratus, registered in the old Martyrologies as a Disciple of the Apostles and successor of St. Publius as Bishop of Athens, where he died by sword some time before A.D. 130.

ST. SOPHIA AND MARTYRS, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

St. Sophia came from Italy of a rich and devout family. After her husband died while she was still young, she decided to remain a widow. She brought her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love, to imitate the virtues whose names she had given them. Living at Rome during the persecution of the Emperor Adrian, they were arrested for their Christian faith.

St. Faith, who was 12 years old, was brought to trial first. She boldly dismissed the tyrant's flatteries, and deprecated his shameless deeds and vain plots against the Christians. The infuriated Emperor had her stripped, mercilessly beaten, and her breasts torn off, whence there flowed, not milk, but honey. Finally, she was beheaded.

St. Hope, who was 10 years old, was brought in next. She was beaten and cast into a raging furnace and, after many other tortures; she too, died by the sword.

St. Love, the third of the sisters, was 9 years old. She was hanged on a gallows and chained so tightly that her limbs were broken by the bonds. She was then thrown into a furnace, from which she was delivered by an Angel, and finally beheaded.

St. Sophia reposed three days after, on the tomb of her daughters.

++++ *Parish Information and Important Dates* +++++

PARISH LUAU - Our 5th Annual Autumn Luau will be on Friday, September 27th, from 6:30pm until 11:00pm. An all-you-can-eat buffet of traditional island foods will be served. Live Hawaiian entertainment will begin at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. If you are planning to attend, please mail back your R.S.V.P. no later than Sunday, September 22nd.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - Special Priests' Medical Insurance Collection will be taken on Sunday, October 6, 2013. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletins the rest of this month.

Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi) has helped thousands of couples in all stages of disillusionment!!

You can save your marriage!! Is your marriage suffering from distress? Poor Communication? Misunderstanding? Are you considering Separation or Divorce? Give your marriage a new beginning!! Join us for the upcoming **Retrouvaille Weekend – OCTOBER 18-20, 2013!** Call **Chuck and Carol Moore at (702) 604-1006.**

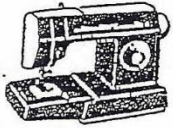


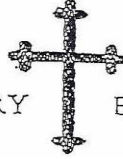
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Feast of the Holy Cross is one of the greatest feasts of the Eastern Churches. It is frequently mentioned in ecclesiastical writings and always has, as its object, the Triumph of Christ, His Resurrection, and the Veneration of the Holy Cross, the sign of victory over death. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was first instituted in order to commemorate the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection on September 13, 335. The Emperor Constantine built this church and the one in Bethlehem, and they are both in existence today. The Church of the Resurrection had five naves and, in the interior, a circular structure covered by a dome, which protected the sanctuary of the Sepulcher or Tomb of Christ. The date of September 13 was chosen in order to supplant the pagan feast of the Temple of Jupiter in Rome.

The second historical event, which is the source of our present feast, was the return of the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, under Emperor Heraclius. The wood of the cross had been preserved in the Church of the Resurrection until May 4, 614, when the Persians captured Jerusalem, burned the Church of the Resurrection, and carried off the Cross. After the victory of Emperor Heraclius over the Persians, the Cross was returned to Jerusalem on September 14, 628. It is said that the Emperor, dressed in his royal vestments, carried the Cross through the streets of Jerusalem. He was stopped by the Patriarch, who demanded that he remove his splendid vestments in order to become more like the scorned Christ. The Emperor agreed and walked through the streets barefooted. A crowd of faithful accompanied him and prostrated before the Holy Cross.

*We bow down to the Tree of your Cross, O Lover of Mankind,
since You, the Life of all, were nailed upon it.
O Savior, You opened Paradise to the thief who turned
to You in faith. You counted him worthy of blessedness
when he confessed to You, crying: O Lord, remember me!
As You accepted him, also accept us as we call out:
We have all sinned; in your merciful kindness,
do not forsake us.*



<p>Reliance Sewing Service Bob Bistrek, CEO Certified Service Technician</p>  <p>5316 Litton Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89146 Phone: (702) 870-6870 Fax: (702) 870-1319</p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory</i></p> <p>- of -</p> <p>Ida Marie Boehmer Griffith</p>  <p>MEMORY ETERNAL</p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory</i></p> <p>- of -</p> <p>Charles and Margaret Griffith Elaine Griffith Cech William and Ida Boehmer</p> 	<p>Beauty and The Best Hair and Nails <i>Where the Best is not Expensive!</i> 2475 S. Jones Blvd., #5 Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>873-2378</p>  <p>Donna Logan</p>
<p><i>Las Vegas</i> Athletic Clubs <i>Belong!</i> Present this ad for a free week Trial Membership</p>	<p><i>In Memory Of</i></p> <p>Rebecca Ellen Glantz</p>  <p>Memory Eternal</p>	<p><i>In Memory of</i></p> <p>the Gibbons & Pype Families</p> <p>Eternal Memory</p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i></p> <p>Anna & Harry Eliades</p> <p>- and -</p> <p>Marie & Michael Della Iacono</p> <p>Memory Eternal</p>
<p><i>In Loving Memory</i></p> <p>- of -</p> <p>Anthony A. Aird</p>  <p>MEMORY ETERNAL</p>	<p> <i>Huntington</i> Jewelers Since 1950</p> <p>A Full Line Jewelry Store Specializing in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Insurance Appraisals * Fine Hand Engraving * Computer / Laser Engraving * Custom Manufacturing <p>& Jewelry Repairs 702-878-3677 huntingtonjewelers.com 7385 W. Sahara, Suite #1 Las Vegas, NV 89117</p>	<p> GREEN LIGHT PLUMBING</p> <p>Fast-Affordable-Sustainable 914-8100 - Available 24/7 10% Off When Mentioning This Ad. <i>Family-Veteran-Locally Owned over 40 years</i> OLoFw Parishioner www.greenlightplumbing.com License #19693 C-1</p>	
<p>Catholic War Veterans Of the USA, Inc.</p> <p>Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 and Auxiliary Las Vegas, NV <i>For God, Country and Home</i></p> <p>For further info, call: (702) 254-7534 (702) 686-5666</p>	<p>LOSE WEIGHT SAFELY & GET HEALTHY NO Pills ... NO Injections ... NO Surgery ... Call Judi Stone, Health Coach @ (702) 808-9008 or e-mail me @ WtControl4U@aol.com</p>	<p><i>In Memory of the Third Matriarch</i></p> <p><i>Emily Buttle</i></p>  <p>MEMORY ETERNAL</p>	<p><i>In Memory of the First Matriarch</i></p> <p><i>Vita Vivona</i></p>  <p>MEMORY ETERNAL</p>