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OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

November 16th & 17th, 2013

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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



Entrance of the Holy Theotokos

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, Nov 16 – St. Matthew, Apostle - Evangelist

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Harvey Terry

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday, Nov 17 – 26th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +George Raya

Readings: Eph 5:9-19; Lk 12:16-21

Monday, Nov 18 – Sts. Plato and Roman, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 1 Tim 5:1-10; Lk 17:20-25

Tuesday, Nov 19 – St. Obadiah, Prophet

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 1 Tim 5:11-21; Lk 17:26-37

Wednesday, Nov 20 – St. Gregory the Decapolite, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 1 Tim 5:22-6:11; Lk 18:15-17.26-30

Thursday, Nov 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Deceased members of the Wine Family

+Panahida for Ann Anderson

Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42;11:27-28

Friday, Nov 22 – St. Philemon and Others, Apostles

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Tim 1:1-2.8-18; Lk 19:12-28

Saturday, Nov 23 – St. Amphilochius and Gregory, Bishops

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy + William Brennan

Readings: Gal 5:22-6:2; Lk 10:19-21

Sunday, Nov 24 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Betty Englehardt

Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 13:10-17

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. His early Apostolic work was concerned with the Jews for whom he wrote his First Gospel in their own Aramaic tongue. He was martyred in Africa by fire.

Our Holy Father, **Gregory**, “**Taumaturgus**,” i.e., Wonderworker, Bishop in Neocaesarea: died A.D. 270 in the reign of Emperor Aurealin. Tradition states that he was instructed concerning the Holy Trinity by the Theotokos and St. John the Evangelist.

SS. Plato and Roman, Martyrs; the former suffered death A.D. 296; the latter A.D. 304.

St. Obadiah, Prophet, is of the Twelve Minor Prophets, having lived in the 9th century B.C. **St. Barlam**, Martyr, was a pious peasant, who was imprisoned and tortured for the Faith at Antioch, A.D. 304, in the persecution under Diocletian and Galerius, Emperors.

Our Venerable Father, **Gregory** of Decapolis, suffered much in the Iconoclastic persecution under the Emperor Leo the Armenian. Our Holy Father, **Proclus**, Archbishop of Constantinople, was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom. He died A.D. 446 in the reign of Theodosius the Younger, Emperor.

Presentation in the Temple of the Holy Theotoko and Ever-Virgin Mary. (This Feast was introduced in Constantinople about the year A.D. 700).

SS. Philemon and Others with him. Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul the Apostle, suffered martyrdom A.D. 68 under the Emperor Nero. **St. Caecilia**, one of the most famous Virgin Martyrs; she converted to Christianity her betrothed and his brother. She was seized and suffocated with the steam of a heat bath in her own mansion. She died, probably in the reign of Septimus Severus, Emperor.

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013, THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL THOSE OF THE PARISH, WHO ARE GOING WITH FR. FRANCIS TO THE HOLY LAND. THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE PARISH AT 6:00 PM. THERE WILL BE INSTRUCTIONS AND A MOVIE ABOUT THE HOLY LAND. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING.

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

SCRIPTURE STUDIES – will be taught each Friday night in November at 7:00pm in the Church. Mr. Matthew St. George will be teaching on the Gospel of St. John Chapters 13 through 17.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 7:00pm. **Divine Liturgy** will be celebrated on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00pm.

THANKSGIVING VIGIL Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:00pm.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – This year, more than ever, there is a need for sharing and giving. Please donate non-perishable food items for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets. Place your items next to the St. Nicholas Icon in the Church. Thank you.

CANDY – Lots of candy is needed for our upcoming Saint Nicholas Celebration. Please pick up a bag or two as a donation to the church. Please drop off the candy in front of the St. Nicholas Icon before Friday, November 30th.

SPECIAL DAY – Registered Parishioners, please keep your calendar free and plan on spending the day with us at the Church on Sunday, December 8th.

THE STORY OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

The venerable tradition passed on by her family was that, at three years of age, when Mary was ready to awaken to an awareness of social life, she asked her parents, Joachim and Anne, to present her to the Temple of God in order to prepare herself for the awesome role she was to play in this world. Her parents agreed and brought her to the Temple as an offering and as a precious gift of thanks for the goodness of the Lord to them.

Around this event, Christians developed a celebration that only hearts aflame with love for the Lord Jesus Christ, her Son, could imagine and produce. They surrounded it with dignity and solemnity, in order to bring out its meaning and show their infinite respect for Mary to the Lord. They told the event not simply as historians reporting a fact, but as troubadours of beauty and love. Their imagination soared beyond the confines of human limitations and introduced humanity to a new order of things, where our insight is sharpened and our sensibility purified. We are totally convinced that Mary's supreme dignity, as future Bearer of God, merits her not only to enter the Temple, but to penetrate to the most sacred place of the Temple, the "Holy of Holies." This part of the temple is called the "Holy of Holies" because it contained the "Shekhina," the Glory of God, with the Manna, the Rod of Aaron, and the Tablets of the Ten Commandments. Mary was no mere receptacle of signs and symbols, as was the Temple. She was more sacred and holier because she was to contain Glory Himself, the One Whom nothing can contain, the God of all:

*The holy one, the all-blameless one,
moved by the Holy Spirit,
enters the Holy of Holies,
to be fed by an angel.
She will become a most holy Temple
to our most Holy God,
Who, by dwelling in her,
sanctified the whole creation
and divinized our fallen nature.*

(Office of the Feast)

Mary is a subject of joy, and of admiration and love. God is pleased at the sight of a beautiful little girl surrendering to a way of life, which is a mystery, even to herself. She walks straight to meet the High Priest, who is filled with joy at her sight. Angels "admire and rejoice," and Joachim and Anne forget their sorrow and overcome the breaking of their heart to look at her "with fullness of joy."

"Theotokos"

Archbishop Joseph Raya



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