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OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Nov 30th & Dec 1st, 2013

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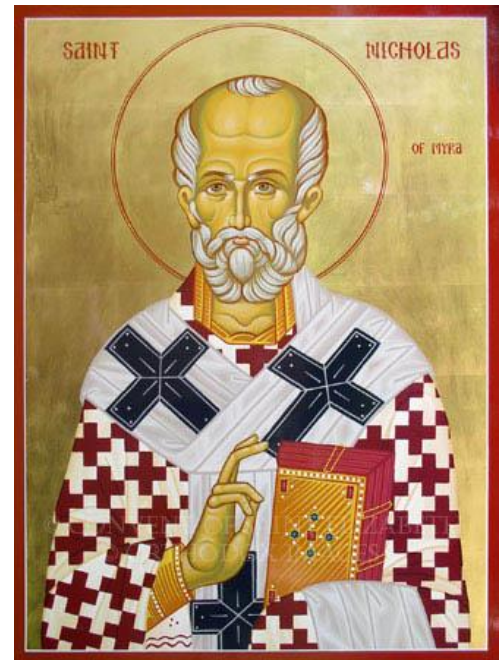
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



Saint Nicholas of Myra

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 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy

+Deceased Members of the Ritzo and Guerrero Families

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 1:35-51

Sunday, Dec 1 – 28th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Editha T. Velasco*

Readings: Col 1:12-18; Lk 18:18-27

Monday, Dec 2 – St. Habakkuk, Prophet

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Heb 3:5-11.17-19; Lk 20:27-44

Tuesday, Dec 3 – St. Zephaniah, Prophet

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Heb 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-19

Wednesday, Dec 4 – St. Barbara – Great Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy - +*Ann Tigrath*

Readings: Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7.10-11,20-24

Thursday, Dec 5 – St. Sabbas, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy of St. Nicholas +*Margaret Kocienski*

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

Friday, Dec 6 – Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop

9:00am - Third Hour

11:00am – Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Vivona and Marazano Families

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

Saturday, Dec 7 – St. Ambrose, Archbishop

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy +*Deceased members of the Sacino Family*

Readings: Eph 2:11-13; Lk 13:18-29

Sunday, Dec 8 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost/Maternity of the Holy Anna

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Richard and JoAnn DeFranco*

Readings: Col 3:12-16; Gal 4:22-31; Lk 17:12-19; Lk 8:16-21

St. Andrew, the “First-called” Apostle, brother of St. Peter the Prince of the Apostles. He was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. Tradition has it that he was crucified on a cross shaped in the form of an X at Patras in Achiia (Greece) A.D. 60, under the reign of Nero, Emperor.

St. Nahum, Prophet. One of the Minor Prophets, lived in the 7th century B.C. He saw the fulfillment of his prophecy of the destruction of Ninive. **St. Filaret**, the “Almsgiver” and **St. Ananias**, Martyr.

St. Habakkuk, one of the Twelve Lesser Prophets, of the Tribe of Simeon, lived in the 5th century B.C. His relics were discovered in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great, about A.D. 379.

St. Zephaniah, Prophet, said to be of the Tribe of Simeon, foretold the judgments of God upon Jerusalem and the ultimate conversion of the Jews. He lived in the 7th century B.C. Our Venerable Father, **Theodulus**, was Prefect of Constantinople A.D. 320.

St. Barbara, Great Martyr, endured death A.D. 290 during the reign of Diocletian and Maximianus, Emperors. Our Venerable Father, **St. John Damascene**, Doctor of the Church, born in Syria, educated by St. Comas, succeeded his father as the Caliph’s Vizier. He distributed his possessions among the poor, retired to the monastery of St. Sabbas at Jerusalem. Laboring and writing much, he championed the “Faith against the Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Isaurian, and was sentenced to have his right hand cut off. It was miraculously restored by Our Blessed Lady. By him was composed the beautiful “Canon of the Resurrection.” He lived to be 104 years old, died in the 2nd half of the 8th century A.D.

Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **St. Sabbas**, Hegumen-Abbot. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church against the Eutychian heretics. He died at the age of 94, A.D. 532, in the reign of the Emperor Justinian the Great.

Our Holy Father, **Nicholas**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the “Wonderworker.” He is the Patron of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Faithful. He also used his large inheritance to assist the poor. He is a very popular Saint among the various nations; also here in the U.S.A. He died in the middle of the 4th century, A.D. (Confer May 9).

GREAT MARTYR BARBARA

Saint Barbara’s father, the pagan Dioscorus, was a rich and illustrious man in the Syrian city of Heliopolis. The fame of her beauty spread throughout the city and many sought her hand in marriage, but, despite the entreaties of her father, she refused all of them. She learned about Christ from a pious woman. When her father knew about this, he seized his sword and would have cut off her head there, but, fortunately, the maiden escaped and took refuge in a mountain, where she sheltered in the cleft of a rock.

In the end, her father found out where she was and handed her over to the provincial Governor Marcian. The Saint was tortured and beheaded by her father, together with her companion Juliana. The wrath of God was not slow to punish both torturers, Marcian and Dioscorus; they were struck by bolts of lightning.

In the 6th century, the Relics of St. Barbara were transferred to Constantinople. Six hundred years later, a part of them was transferred to Kiev by Barbara, the daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Alexius Comnenus, who married the Russian Prince Michael Izyaslavich. They rest, even now, in Kiev’s St. Vladimir Cathedral. Two parts of her Head are to be found at Montenetuni, Italy and at the Great Cave monastery (Kalavryta, Greece), and a large part of her Relics at St. Mark’s Cathedral, Venice.

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

ST. BARBARA Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7:00pm.

VIGIL OF ST. NICHOLAS Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 5th, at 7:00pm.

ST. NICHOLAS Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, December 6th, at 11:00am.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 12th, at 7:00pm.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION will be taken at both Liturgies the weekend of November 30 and December 1. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER

One of the great Church Fathers. Saint Nicholas was born in Patara (Lycia, Asia Minor). As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas, from the very day of his birth, revealed to people the light of his future glory as a Wonderworker. Pious and inclined to silence, he was educated in theology and, while still young, was ordained priest by his uncle, Bishop Nicholas of Patara.

Upon the death of Archbishop John of Myra, he was elected in his place when an Angel made known to the Synod of Bishops that they should choose him. He remained a great ascetic, appearing to his flock as an image of gentleness, kindness, and love. This was particularly precious for the church during the time of the persecution of Diocletian. St. Nicholas, locked up in prison, together with other Christians for refusing to worship idols, sustained them and exhorted them to endure the fetters, punishment, and torture.

He took part in the First Ecumenical Council, where, fired with zeal for the Lord, he assailed the heretic Arius with his words and also struck him upon the face. For this reason, he was deprived of the emblems of his Episcopal rank and placed under guard. But, several of the Holy Fathers had the same vision, seeing the Lord Himself and His Mother, returning to him the Gospel and Omophorion.

He reposed in peace, glorified by miracles. In 1087, his Relics were stolen by the Latins and transferred to Bari, Italy. Today, a part of them are to be found in his Basilica in Bari and his right palm in the Church of St. George the New in Bucharest.



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