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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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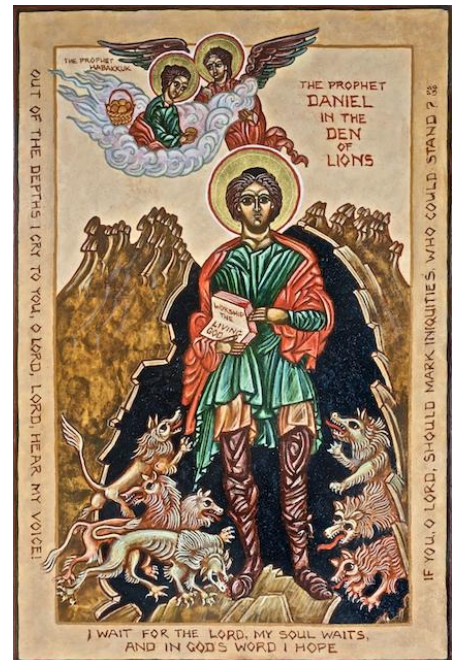
## DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### Parish Served By:

Rt. Rev. Archimadrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor  
Rev. Archdeacon Stephen E. Casmus, M.A.  
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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



Daniel, The Great Prophet

### 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, Dec 14 – St. Thyrusus and Others, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

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

Readings: Eph 5:1-8; Lk 14:1-11

**Sunday, Dec 15 – Sunday of the Forefathers**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Most Rev George Kuzma***

Readings: Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

**Monday, Dec 16 – St. Haggai, Prophet**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Heb 11:17-23,27-31; Mk 9:42-10:1

**Tuesday, Dec 17 – St. Daniel, Great Prophet**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Heb 12:25-26;13:22-25; Mk 10:2-12

**Wednesday, Dec 18 – St. Sebastian and Others, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: James 1:1-18; Mk 10:11-16

**Thursday, Dec 19 – St. Boniface, Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: James 1:19-27; Mk 10:17-27

**Friday, Dec 20 – St. Ignatius, Bishop Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: James 2:1-13; Mk 10:23-32

**Saturday, Dec 21 – Saturday Before Christmas**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**4:00pm - Royal Hours**

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy +*Michael and Maria Coscia***

Readings: Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

**Sunday, Dec 22 – Sunday before Christmas - Of the Ancestors**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Thomas and Jean Cavanaugh***

Readings: Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Mk 1:1-25

**SS. Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Appolonius, Arianus, and Callinicus**, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 302.

**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.

**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.

**St. Daniel, and Three Youths, SS. Hannaniah, Azariah, and Misheal**. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a Centenarian in Persia in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SS. Sebastian and Companions** were put to death A.D. 292, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**St. Boniface**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**St. Ignatius**, "God Bearer," Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch.

**St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 36, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**St. Anastasia**, Great-Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of St. Chrysogonus. She was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith, A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

**SS. Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

## PROPHET HAGGAI

Haggai is the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets. He was of the Tribe of Levi and born in Babylon, during the captivity. He accompanied the first of the Jews on their return to Jerusalem. Upon the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity, he persuaded the people to build the Second Temple at Jerusalem and he proclaimed that the Messiah would appear in this Temple in the last times. He addresses Zerubbabel, who prefigures the coming Messiah, telling of the Fathers' delight in him, and that He has made him as a signet ring to seal with His image and to recapitulate in Himself all things in heaven and on earth.

It is believed that Haggai was buried with the Priests at Jerusalem, since he was descended from Aaron.

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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made our St. Nicholas celebrations a great success again this year.

**TYING OF STRAW** – volunteers are needed for tying the straw. If you can help, please bring your scissors and meet in the parish hall on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, before and after Royal hours.

**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.

## +++ *Christmas Celebrations And Information* +++

**ROYAL HOURS AND CONFESSIONS** will be on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm,

**VIGIL DIVINE CHRISTMAS LITURGY** will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** will be performed prior to Liturgy beginning at 5:00pm on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COOKIES** – Please bring a plate of cookies to share with your parish family after Liturgy on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY** will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30pm. **Royal Hours** is at 10:00am.

**SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

## *PREFESTIVE DAYS OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*

**Isaiah 9:6-7** - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

**Come Lord Jesus, Come!** - How shall we approach this great mystery, our Saviour born in time, a Virgin giving birth, God born as man? We might ask a thousand questions, searching for details and explanations and clarifications. It is a reasonable question, after all; "How can this be?"

Recall a child's wonder in this season of giving. He might inquire how Santa knew that he really needed a bicycle and, however did he manage to carry it in a sleigh? But a child knows that love made it possible.

As children of a heavenly Father, all our answers come with a simple reply. "It is by the power of the Holy Spirit." What do you wish to know about the Christmas feast? What question will you ask your angel? The answer is found in accepting that this feast is a celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit, Who has accomplished such a wonderful miracle. The Spirit of Love, the Lord of Life, the Spirit of Power has overshadowed our world and the Virgin conceived, the cave is illumined, and a world transformed. The questions may be many, but the answer is One. "It is by the power of the Holy Spirit!" A profound confidence in the Spirit of God will calm our restless mind, our searching reason, our yearning soul. Glory be to the Life-Giving Spirit, our answer and our hope.



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