

Parish established in 1991 - Church blessed in October, 1997

OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Parish Served By:

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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



The Nativity

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 21 – Saturday Before Christmas

9:00am - Third Hour

4:00pm - Royal Hours and Confessions (Bundle Straw)

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; Mt 1:1-25

Monday, Dec 23 – Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete

9:00am - Third Hour (Royal Hours)

7:00pm - Royal Hours and Confessions

Readings: James 2:14-26; Mk 10:46-52

Tuesday, Dec 24 – Vigil of Christmas, Eugenia Martyr

9:00am - Third Hours (Royal Hours)

7:00pm - Vigil of Christmas +*Wilmer and Mary Shinn*

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-10

Wednesday, Dec 25 – Christmas Birth of our Lord

10:00am - Royal Hours

10:30am - Christmas Liturgy

Intention: Our Lady of Wisdom Parishioners, living and deceased

Readings: Gal 4:4-7; Mt 2:1-12

Thursday, Dec 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +*Norbert Buller*

Readings: Heb 2:11-18; Mt 2:13-23

Friday, Dec 27 – St. Stephen Protomartyr

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +*Kenneth Free*

Readings: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Mt 21:33-42

Saturday, Dec 28 – 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *Living Intention: Sean Collins*

Readings: 1 Tim 6:11-16; Mt 12:15-21

Sunday, Dec 29 – Sunday after Christmas David, Joseph and James

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Grace and Kathy Jackson*

Readings: Gal 1:11-19; Mt 2:13-23

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.

SS. Eugenia, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God and St. Joseph, her Spouse. The flight of the holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from Holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. **St. Euthymius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts, he was scourged to death A.D. 840, under the Emperor Theophilus.

St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33 by the Jews (Acts 7.58). Our **Venerable Father and Confessor, Theodore**, brother of St. Theophanes, and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts, Theodore was imprisoned where he died A.D. 842.

SS. 20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day A.D. 286, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors.

The Holy Innocents, 14,000 in number, in Bethlehem and within the borders of Judea, put to death for Jesus Christ by the order of King Herod. Our **Venerable Father, Marcellus**, Hegumen-Abbot of the monastic order of the Acoemetes, so named because they recited their Divine Office day and night without interruption. He died about A.D. 485.

MARTYR SEBASTIAN AND HIS COMPANION

St. Sebastian was born in Narbonum, France and he received his education in Milan. Under the co-reigning emperors Diocletian and Maximian, he occupied the position of head of the imperial guards. He was respected for his authority and was loved by the soldiers and those at court. He was a secret Christian, not out of fear, but so that he could provide help to the brethren during the time of persecution. The Emperor Diocletian personally interrogated him and, seeing the determination of the Holy Martyr, he ordered him taken out of the city, tied to a tree, and shot with arrows. He gave strength to the Martyrs **Zoe, Tragylinus, Claudius, Tiburtius, Mark, and Marcellinus**.

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

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 23rd, 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 23rd, at 7:00pm,

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

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

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

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

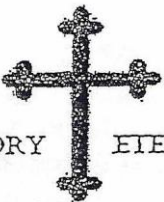

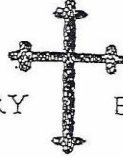
SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 26th, at 7:00pm.

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

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD Vigil Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31st, at 6:30pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2014 - BAPTISM OF JESUS – GREAT BLESSING OF WATER. Please bring your containers to take home Blessed Jordan Water.



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