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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

## **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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Kehaulani Harker, Matriarch – William Griffith, Patriarch

Toni Ritchey, Secretary – Claire Lynott, Finance Officer

Donna Logan, Prayer Line Coordinator (236-4930)

## **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 Annunciation

## **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, March 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**11:00am - All Souls Liturgy**

Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +All Souls**

Readings: Heb 10:32-38; Mk 2:14-17

**Sunday, March 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Fast**

**Veneration of the Cross**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Armida Garcia**

Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

**Monday, March 24 – St. Zachary, Venerable**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**5:30pm - Soup Supper**

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Anngela Maranzano**

Reading: Gen 8:21-9:7; Prov 11:19-12:6

**Tuesday, March 25 – Annunciation of the Theotokos**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Russ and Marie Whitmyer**

Readings: Heb 2:11-18; Lk 1:24-38

**Wednesday, March 26 – Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**7:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts +Rev. Thomas Langenfeld**

Readings: Gen 9:18-10:1; Prov 12:23-13:9

**Thursday, March 27 – St. Matrona, Venerable**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Gen 10:32-11:9; Prov 13:19-14:6

**Friday, March 28 – St. Hilary and Stephen, Venerable**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**7:00pm - Scripture Teaching**

Readings: Gen 12:1-7; Prov 14:15-26

**Saturday, March 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**11:00am - All Souls Liturgy**

Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Dora Long**

Readings: Heb 6:9-12; Mk 7:31-37

**Sunday, March 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**John Climacus, Venerable**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Pat Daly**

Readings: Heb 6:13-20; Mk 9:17-31

**St. Basil**, Priest-Martyr, Presbyter of the Church in Ancyra, was thrown to the wild beasts in the arena at Caesarea in Palestine A.D. 363, under Julian the Apostate. Venerable **Isaak**, Monk.

**St. Nicon**, Venerable-Martyr and two hundred disciples fled the persecution in Palestine to a refuge in Sicily, where they were put to death A.D. 250, under Decius, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father, **Zachary**, and **James**, Confessor. Our Holy Father, **Artemius**, Bishop of Thessalonica, a Seuleucian by birth; he was elevated to the Bishopric by St. Paul the Apostle. **St. Artemon**, Martyr-Presbyter of Laodicea, was burned to death A.D. 305, under Diocletian, Emperor.

**Annunciation of the Theotokos**, made by the Archangel Gabriel. (This Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated from the 5<sup>th</sup> century.)

**Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel**. His chief ministry to mankind was his appearing to the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she was chosen Mother of the Messiah. St. Gabriel was also the Angel sent to Zachary to announce the conception of St. John the Baptist.

Our Holy Mother, **Matrona of Seluna, Martyr**, was imprisoned and cruelly tortured with fire to death.

Our Venerable Father, **Hilary**, Monk, and **St. Stephen**, Wonderworker, died during the reign of Leo the Armenian. **St. Jonas** and his brother, **St. Barachisius** of Bethasa, Martyrs, and others, suffered cruel tortures under King Sapor of Persia and died A.D. 327, in the reign of Constantine, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father, **Mark**, Bishop of Arethusa, and **Cyril**, a Palestinian Deacon, and other Martyrs, suffered death from tortures under Julian the Apostate A.D. 362, for destruction of idol temples.

Our Venerable Father, **John Climacus**, Hegumen-Abbot, born in Palestine. At the age of 16, he declined a brilliant worldly future and retired to a Monastery on Mt. Sinai, where, at the age of 75, chosen Hegumen-Abbot. He wrote the famous "Ladder of Perfection." He died A.D. 605. Venerable **John the Silent**, Bishop of Colonia, in Armenia. Resigned his Bishopric and retired into the Monastery of St. Sabbas, where, concealing the fact that he was a Bishop, he did menial work. Called for ordination by St. Sabas, his true state was revealed in confidence. Aged 104, he died A.D. 558.

## ST. GREGORY THE DIALOGIST, THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME

Born in Rome of patrician parents – his mother was St. Sylvia – he became Praetor, or Mayor, of the city before he was 30. He soon resigned the office, turned his ancestral home on the Caelian Hill into a Benedictine monastery in honor of St. Andrew the Apostle, and became a monk there (this was the seventh monastery he founded; he built six others in Sicily).

After the death of Pope Pelagius II, he was chosen Pope (590). He fled from his honour and authority, hiding himself in the mountains. As Pope, he was exceptionally charitable. All of his income was used for building shelters and hospices for the needy. Often he invited less fortunate men and served them at table.

He spent his time writing beneficial books. He is also called Dialogist because he wrote a book under that name in which he extolled the miracles of the Italian Saints. He also composed the "Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts," which is celebrated on Wednesday and Fridays of the Great Lenten Season. He reposed in peace in 604.

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

**THANK YOU** to the parishioners who brought bread, cheese and bologna to make sandwiches for the homeless. And a thank you to all of the parish family hands that helped make the sandwiches. 174 sandwiches were made and given out. Thank you! Thank you!

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**SOUP SUPPER TEACHING** – After each Monday Soup Supper during the Great Fast, Ms. Rose Watkins will be teaching the Tradition of Fasting.

**GREAT FAST TEACHING** – Teaching from Scripture on the Lives of the Apostles will be held each Friday during the Great Fast at 7:00pm beginning on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**REMINDER** -The Church asks each of us to go to Confession and Holy Eucharist at least once during Pascha (Easter) each year to stay in communion with the Church.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL has begun!!!** This year's parish goal is \$14, 800.00. The Eparchy is asking for a sacrificial offering of \$200.00 per household. The parish will receive a percentage of all the monies collected over our parish goal. This money will become part of our new ECF building fund. It is also our parish goal to obtain 100% from our parishioners. The Bishop's Appeal ends on May 31, 2014. May God bless your generous sacrifice.

**FILM NIGHT-** On April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm, we will be showing "The Passion of Christ" film in the Parish Hall. Please try to make it part of your Lenten meditations.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** is scheduled for September 20-30, 2014. Cost, all inclusive, from Las Vegas is only \$4,299.00. Deposits are due by Easter Sunday.

