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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

*April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

## **Parish Served By:**

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## **Liturgies and Services:**

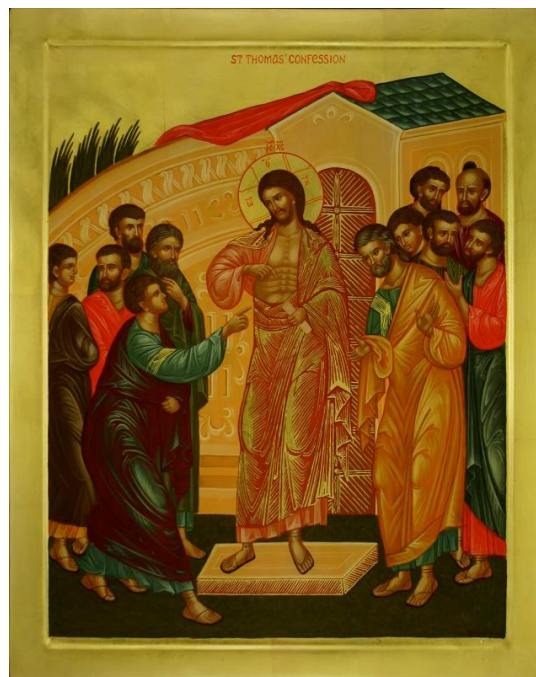
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



Confession of Saint Thomas

## **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, April 26 – Bright Saturday**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Tony Firreno**

Readings: Acts 3:11-16; Jn 3:22-33

**Sunday, April 27 – Thomas Sunday**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Bernice Bartish**

**Breaking of Orthos**

Readings: Acts 5:12-20; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday, April 28 – St. Jason and Sosipater, Apostles**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Reading: Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11

**Tuesday, April 29 – The Nine Holy martyrs of Cyzice**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21

**Wednesday, April 30 – James the Greater, Apostle**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Msgr LaVoy**

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

**Thursday, May 1 – St. Jeremiah, Prophet**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30

**Friday, May 2 – St. Athanasius the Great, Patriarch**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2

**Saturday, May 3 – Passing of Theodosius of the Cave - Venerable**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Charles Corona**

Readings: Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27

**Sunday, May 4 – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy**

**+Deceased members of the Kunkel and Schoeffler Families**

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43-16:8

**St. Basil**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Amasea in Pontus (Asia Minor), was cast into the sea by the order of the Emperor Licinius A.D. 319. Venerable Virgin, **Graphyra**, a Christian handmaid of Constantia, wife of the Emperor Licinius, fled to escape the unlawful attentions of her mater, was pursued, captured, and sentenced to death A.D. 324.

**St. Simeon**, Priest-Martyr, son of Cleopas and kinsman of our Lord, was Bishop of Jerusalem, governed that church for over 40 years, lived over 100 years, and was crucified in the reign of Emperor Trajan A.D. 112. Venerable Father, **Stephen**, Bishop of Vladimir.

**SS. Jason and Sosipater**, Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul in the reign of Nero A.D. 69. **SS. Maximus, Dadas, and Quinctillianus**, Martyrs, beheaded about A.D. 303. Venerable Father, **Cyril**, Bishop of Turov.

**SS. Nine Martyrs at Cyzice**. Venerable, Memnon, Wonderworker.

**St. James the Greater**, Apostle, Brother of St. John the Theologian, was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem A.D. 43.

**St. Jeremiah**, the Second of the Greater Prophets, was of the Tribe of Levi. Tradition states that, at age 55, he was stoned to death at Taphnes, Egypt 590 B.C. by the Jews, who shared his captivity. Venice, Italy holds some of his relics.

Our Holy Father, **Athanasius the Great**, Patriarch of Alexandria. (For the other Feast of this Saint, see the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January).

Death of our Venerable Father, **Theodosius of the Cave**, Hegumen-Abbot, died A.D. 1078, in the reign of Michael VII Ducas, Emperor. **St. Timothy and Maurus, Martyrs**.

**St. Pelagia**, Martyr. Diocletian, Emperor chose her to be the wife of one of his sons. Learning that she was a Christian, this son committed suicide; she was then sentenced and died in torture A.D. 288. Venerable-Mother, **Pelagia**, formerly a public sinner, chanced to hear a sermon by St. Monnus, Bishop of Edessa. Stricken by remorse, she did severe penance in a café on Mt. Olivet. She died about A.D. 457.

***Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is risen!  
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!  
Al-Maseeh qam! Haqqan qam!  
Christo e Risoto! In Verita e Risoto!***

**A most warm and heart-felt thank you to our Cantors, who brought our God's love to our hearts!!! A thank you to all who helped make the Great Fast a spiritual success. Special thank you to all who made the services prayerful. A most grateful thank you to all our helpers, who decorated God's Holy Temple and this is extended to our new helpers, who helped decorate. May the Messiah continue to bless and keep our parish family well! - Papas**

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

**BISHOP'S APPEAL** – There is only one month left for this year's Bishop's Appeal. Please complete all your pledges before May 31, 2014.

**THOMAS SUNDAY** – On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be the Breaking of the Arthos (Codul) in celebration of Thomas Sunday. After Divine Liturgy, a reception will be in the Parish Hall.

### St. Thomas Sunday

Every day during the week of Easter, called **Bright Week** by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The Royal Gates of the Sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (*Jn 20:26*).

It is important to note that the number eight has symbolic significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come, since seven is the number of earthly time. The **Sabbath, the seventh day**, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The "first day of the week, "the day after Sabbath;" stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ's Resurrection (*Mk 16:1, Mt 28:1, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1, 19*) is, therefore, also the eighth day, "the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God (see *Hebrews 4*).

The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday is, thus, the eighth day of the paschal celebration; the last day of **Bright Week**. It is, therefore, called the **Antipascha** and it was only on this day, in the early church, that the newly baptized Christians removed their robes and entered, once again, into the life of this world.

In the Church services, the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the word of the Gospel:

*Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My Hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."  
Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:27-29).*

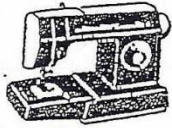
We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes, nor touched His risen body with our physical hands, yet, in the Holy Spirit, we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (*1 Jn 1:1-4*), and so we believe. At each of the daily services until Ascension Day, we sing the **Easter Troparion**. At each of the Sunday services, beginning with Antipascha, we sing the Easter canon and hymns, and repeat the celebration of the "first day of the week" on which Christ rose from the dead. At all the liturgies, the epistle readings are taken from the **Book of Acts**, telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. All of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of St. John, considered by many to be a gospel written particularly for those who are newly baptized into the new birth of Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The reason for this opinion is that all of the "signs" – as the miracles in St. John's Gospel are called – deal with sacramental themes involving water: wine, and bread. Thus, each of the Sundays after Thomas Sunday, with the exception of the third, is dedicated to the memory of one of these "signs."

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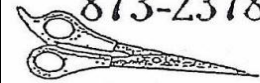
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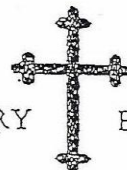
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