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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<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



Christ Meets the Woman of Samaria

## **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.**

## **CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE!**

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 17 – St. Andronicus and Others, Apostles**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy** *Living Intention: Fuselier Family*

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 8:31-42

**Sunday, May 18 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy** *Living Intention: Richard DeFranco*

Readings: Acts 11:19-26.29-30; Jn 4:5-42

**Monday, May 19 – St. Patrick, Bishop Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Reading: Acts 12:12-17; Jn 8:42-51

**Tuesday, May 20 – St. Thalaleus and Others, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 12:25-13:12; Jn 8:51-59

**Wednesday, May 21 – Constantine and Helen, Equal to the Apostles**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 13:13-24 & Acts 26:1-5.12-20; Jn 6:4-14 & Jn 9:39-10:9

**Thursday, May 22 – St. Basiliscus, Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Jn 9:39-10:9

**Friday, May 23 – St. Michael of Synnada, Bishop and Confessor**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 15:5-34; Jn 10:17-28

**Saturday, May 24 – St. Simeon, Venerable**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy** *Living Intention: Pat Perlick*

Readings: Acts 15:35-41; Jn 10:27-38

**Sunday, May 25 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy** +*Angie Kauffmann*

Reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> Finding of the Head of St. John: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mat 11:2-15

Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-38

**St. Andronicus**, Apostle, and others with him. **St. Junia**.

**St. Theodotus** of Ancyra in Galatia (Asia Minor), grain dealer by trade, seeking to recover the bodies of holy women martyrs from quicksand, was himself made to share the same fate in the reign of Diocletian, A.D. 304. **SS. Petrus, Dennis, Andreas, Paul, Christina, Heracleus, Paulinus, and Venedimus, Martyrs**. **SS. Seven Virgins; Alexandra, Thekusa, Claudia, Falina, Evphrasia, Matrona, and Julia**.

**St. Patrick**, Bishop-Martyr of Prusa in Bithynia (Asia Minor) and **his companions**. After many tortures for Christ, he was put to the sword with **Menander and Acadius**, A.D. 363, in the reign of Julian, the Apostate, Emperor.

**St. Thaleus**, Martyr and others. At the sight of his constancy in Faith, Asterius and Alexander, his executioners and other bystanders declared themselves Christians and all shared his fate A.D. 272, in the reign of the Emperor Aurelian.

**SS. Constantine the Great**, King and Equal to the Apostles, and **Helen**, his mother. Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and Byzantine (Constantinople), and became the first Christian Emperor, champion of the Faith and builder of many Christian edifices. He died A.D. 337. **St. Helen**, mother of this Great Emperor, discovered the true Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

**SS. Basiliscus**, Martyr, kinsman of Theodore of Tyrone, was a Christian soldier, crucified at Comona in Pontus (Asia Minor), A.D. 308, with two comrades in the persecution under Maximian Galerius, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Michael**, Bishop of Synnada at Phrygia, was a disciple of St. Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Because of his fearless opposition to the Iconoclast, Emperor Leo the Armenian, he was banished into Galatia and died about A.D. 820.

**The Third finding of the Venerable Head of St. John**, the Glorious Prophet, Baptist and Precursor of our Lord, A.D. 867. At that time, St. Ignatius was patriarch of Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

### **VIRGIN MARTYR GLYCERIA**

She was the daughter of a Roman governor. Becoming impoverished after her father's death, she settled in Trajanopolis, Thrace. During the persecution of Emperor Antoninus (138-161), she was taken to offer sacrifices to the idol of Jupiter. She traced the sign of the Cross on her forehead and, when the Prefect Sabinus questioned her concerning her lamp (for all of them carried lamps in their hands), she pointed to the cross on her forehead and said; *"this is my lamp."* As a result of her prayer, lightning struck the idol and smashed it to pieces. The prefect became angry and ordered her flogged and thrown into prison. The prefect sealed the doors to the prison, determined to starve the Virgin to death. However, an Angel of God appeared to the Martyr and administered heavenly food to her. After a period of time, when the prefect thought that the virgin must have died from hunger, he opened the doors of the prison and was astonished to see her healthy, radiant, and joyful. Witnessing this miracle, **Laodicius**, the jailer, confessed Christ the Lord and was immediately beheaded.

After that, St. Glyceria was thrown into a fiery furnace, but remained unharmed by the fire. Finally, she was thrown to the lions and, praying to God, this holy Virgin gave up her soul to the Lord.

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

**BISHOP'S APPEAL** – **ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT** and we have not yet reached our goal of 100% participation. Please be sure all pledges are completed by May 31, 2014.

**PARISH OFFICES** will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, for the Memorial Day Holiday.

**RUMMAGE SALE MAY 30, 31 & JUNE 1, 2014:** if you are interested in helping, please leave your name and telephone number with Paul in the parish office and our Chairlady, Selina Melancon, will contact you. Also, if you have items you would like to donate, please call the parish office. Thank You!

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and on the Holy Day, Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST** – Please keep our parishioners and benefactors in your prayers. Margaret Schneider has been moved to a care facility in Pahrump. Betty Decker is back in the Summerlin Hills Hospital. Marilyn Illardo has fallen asleep in the Lord on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

### *Fourth Sunday After Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

The fourth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint *John 4:5-42*.

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There, the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (*Gen. 49:22*). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the 10 tribes. In the time of the Romans, it was called Neapolis and, at present, Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost 300 years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.



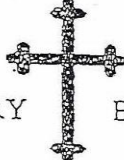
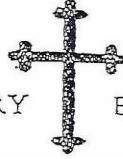
When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (*John 4:5*), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while, the Samaritan woman, mentioned in today's Gospel passage, came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her, many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans, we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the 10 tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity and relocated all these people to Babylon, and the land of the Medes. From there, he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (*John 4:9*). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles, and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine and her feast is kept on February 26.

## ***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!***



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