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OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 24th & 25th, 2014

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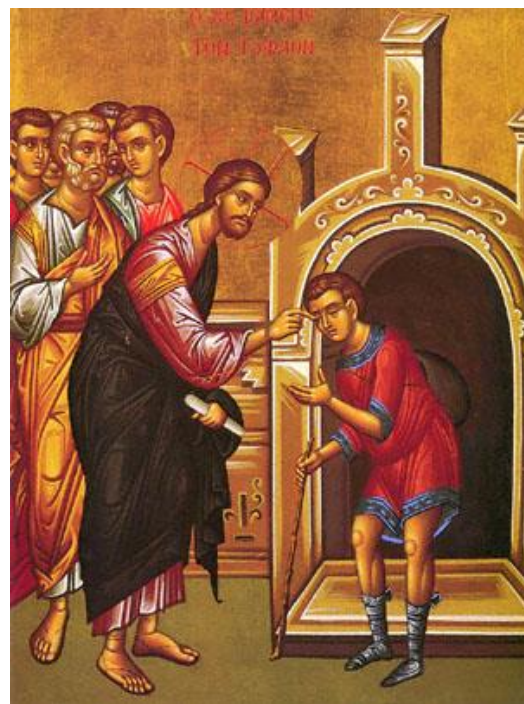
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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 Healing the Man Born Blind

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 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*

Readings for the Baptist: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mat 11:2-15

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

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

9:00am - Third Hour

Reading: Acts 17:1-15; Jn 11:47-56

Tuesday, May 27 – St. Therapont, Bishop Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Acts 17:19-28; Jn 12:19-36

Wednesday, May 28 – St. Nicetas, Bishop

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy of Ascension *+Marge Wilgus*

Readings: Acts 18:22-28; Jn 12:36-47

Thursday, May 29 – Ascension of our Lord

9:00am - Divine Liturgy *+Mary Bertzos*

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy *+Lana Thompson*

Readings: Acts 1:1-12; Lk 24:36-53

Friday, May 30 – St. Isaac, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 14:1-11

Saturday, May 31 – St. Hermas, Apostle, Hermeas, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *+Rosemarie Zorne*

Readings: Acts 20:7-12; Jn 14:10-21

Sunday, June 1 – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy *+Margaret Lynott*

Readings: Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Jn 17:1-13

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.

Our Venerable Father, **Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain**, Stylite, spent 45 years on a pillar, lived to the age 85, died A.D. 574. Venerable **Nicetas** the Stylite, Wonderworker.

St. Carpus, Apostle, one of the 70 Apostles and considered by some Greek authors as Bishop of Berea, by others as Bishop of Berylus, and by some as Bishop of Crete.

St. Therapontus, Priest-Martyr, died for the Faith A.D. 259, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father, **Nicetas**, Bishop of Chalcedon, A.D. 836 – **St. Helladius**, Priest-Martyr. – **St. Eutyches**, Martyr in Miletus.

St. Theodosia, Venerable-Virgin Martyr of Tyre who, on seeing some martyrs led to their execution, asked them to pray for her. She was seized, tried, tortured, and cast into the sea A.D. 308, in the reign of Constantine and Galerius, Emperors.

Our Venerable Father, **Isaac**, Monk in Dalmatia, A.D. 374, in the reign of Emperor Valentinian.

St. Hermas, Apostle, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans (16:14) – **St. Hermas**, Martyr, A.D. 141, in the reign of het Emperor Antoninus Pius.

St. Justin, Martyr, a great philosopher, was born in Sichein in Palestine. He delved deeply into philosophical meditations, became a convert to Christianity with others, wrote Apologies for the Christian Religion, and a Dialogue with the Jew Tryphon. He was beheaded in Rome, A.D. 167, in the reign of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

Our Holy Father, **Nicephorus**, Patriarch of Constantinople. Our Holy Father, **Alexander**, Archbishop of Constantinople. He resolutely stood against the Arian heresy, assisted at the Council of Nicaea. The awful death of Arius is regarded as a response to the Saint's prayer for deliverance from the evils of this heresy. He died A.D. 340, in the reign of Emperor Constantinus.

NAN MARTYR THEODOSIA OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Theodosia was born as the result of the prayers of her mother to the Holy Martyr Anastasia, who appeared to her and said that she would give birth. Her parents dedicated her to God and, at the age of seven years, presented her to a convent. After the death of her parents, Theodosia inherited a vast estate and, from that estate, she ordered three icons from a goldsmith; one of the Savior, one of the Mother of God, and one of St. Anastasia. The rest, she distributed to the poor. She suffered in 717, during the reign of the Iconoclast Emperor Leo IV, the Isaurian.

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL – ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT Please complete your Bishop's Appeal pledges this week. Remember, this is a parishioner's obligation 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 26th, 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 28th, at 7:00pm and on the Holy Day, Thursday, May 29th at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

The sixth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint *John 9:1-41*.

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (*see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the Second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great*). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because, when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (*John 5:14*); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But, the Lord answered that this was for the Glory of God. Then, the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means 'sent') was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay – not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (*John 9:8-9*); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!



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