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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## **Parish Served By:**

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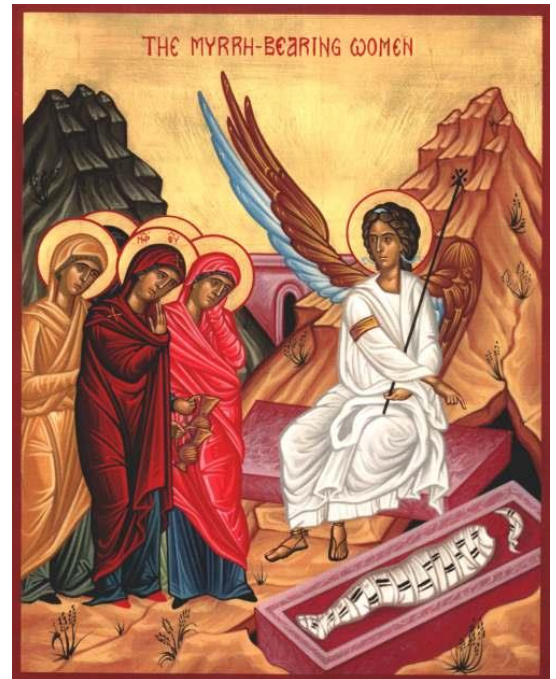
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



The Myrrh-Bearing Women

## **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 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

Readings for Theodosius: Hebrews 13:7-16; Lk 6:17-23

**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 15:45-16:8

**Monday, May 5 – St. Irene, Great Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Reading: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Jn 4:46-54

**Tuesday, May 6 – St. Job, Venerable**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 8:5-17; Jn 6:27-33

**Wednesday, May 7 – Appearance of the Sign of the Cross**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy of St. John +Angelo and Angela Howell**

Readings: Acts 8:18-25; Jn 6:35-39

**Thursday, May 8 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: 1 John 1:1-7; Jn 19:25-27.21:24-25

**Friday, May 9 – Translation of the Relics of Nicholas of Myra**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Acts 8:40-9:19; Jn 6:48-54

Readings for St. Nicholas: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23

**Saturday, May 10 – Simon the Zealot, Apostle**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

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

Readings: Acts 9:19-31; Jn 15:17-16:2

Readings for Simon: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 13:54-58

**Sunday, May 11 – Sunday of the Paralytic Man**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Harley and Diane Mann**

Readings: Acts 9:32-42; Jn 5:1-15

Death of our Venerable Father, **Theodosius of the Cave**, Hegumen-Abbot, died A.D. 1078, in the reign of Michael VII Ducas, Emperor (Confer August 14). SS. **Timothy** and **Maurus**, Martyrs

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

**St. Irene**, Glorious Martyr, daughter of the Emperor Licinius and his wife Licinia, suffered courageously for Christ and, by many miracles, thousands were converted to Christianity. She died A.D. 315, in the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. Venerable Father, **Nicephorus**, Hegumen.

**St. and Venerable, Job, the “Patient.”** He was “simple and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil.” He likely lived about 1500 B.C.

**Commemoration of the appearance of the Sign of the Cross**, formed by the stars in the heavens over Jerusalem, extending from Calvary to Mt. Olivet, A.D. 346. **St. Acacius**, Martyr, testified for the Faith A.D. 299, in the reign of Emperor Maximian.

**St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist**, the beloved of Jesus. He labored much in preaching the Gospel and was alone of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He wrote a Gospel supplementary to the three other Gospels, three Epistles, and the mysterious Book of the Apocalypse. Having lived 102 years, he died in the reign of the Emperor Trajan. Our Venerable Father, **Arsenius the Great**, tutor to the two sons of Theodosius, Emperor, declined all worldly honor, retired in the desert in Lower Egypt. He died at the age of 95 A.D. 450.

**Translation of the Venerable Relics of our Holy Father, Nicholas, Wonderworker, from Myra to Bari (Italy)** A.D. 1096, in the reign of Alexis Comnenus, Emperor. **St. Isaias**, Prophet. He was the First of the Greater Prophets, a descendant of the royalty, son of the prophet, Amos, and lived 700 B.C. Tradition tells us he was sawn in two by the order of King Manasses of Judea. **St. Christopher**, Martyr, a convert to Christianity, was put to death for the Faith in the reign of Decius A.D. 250.

### **RIGHTEOUS JOB THE LONGSUFFERING**

He was the grandson of Abraham and lived in Arabia about 2000 years before Christ. He was an honorable, God-fearing man and very wealthy. In the 79<sup>th</sup> year of his life, God permitted difficult temptation to befall him through Satan, as it is written in detail in the Book of Job. In one day, Job lost all his enormous estates, his sons, and his daughters. After that a terrible disease befell him and his entire body was covered with sores, from his head to his feet, and Job lay on the rubbish heap outside the town and, with a piece of potsherd, scrapped away the puss from his wounds. Job did not murmur against God, but patiently ended all sufferings to the end. That is why God restored his health, gave him much greater riches than he had possessed before, and as many sons and daughters – seven sons and three daughters – as he had had before. Job lived for a total of 258 years, constantly glorifying and praising God.

## ++++*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.**

### ***THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, AND ST. NICODEMUS***

Today, we take our last longing look back at Pascha in the persons of the Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women, St. Joseph of Arimathea, and St. Nicodemus.

Why are these people important to us? Why should we care about them? What do they have to teach us?

They are important to us and we should care about them because they are, perhaps of all the saints in heaven, our most likely and accessible role models. Think about the different ranks of saints: “Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Ascetics, and every righteous spirit made perfect in the faith”. While these categories are not totally inaccessible to us, you wouldn’t call most of us likely candidates for most of them:

- Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists? Their ranks are, for the most part, full.
- Preachers? More than most others, this calling is in God’s hands and not something we can strive for.
- Martyrs and Confessors? We should thank God every day that our faith does not come at the cost of our lives.
- Ascetics? We are all called to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses and follow Christ, but few to the extent of the sainted monks and nuns of the Church.

But this last category—“Every righteous spirit made perfect in faith”—this perhaps has possibilities. And it is in this light that we should look at the Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women, St. Joseph of Arimathea, and St. Nicodemus.

Who were they? According to the Gospels, St. Joseph and St. Nicodemus were members of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Jews and the myrrh-bearers were the “women who followed Jesus from Galilee” (*Mt 27:55*), most of whom, it seems, were named “Mary.” But, think about it: Who were they? What sort of people were they? St. Joseph and St. Nicodemus were men with careers, wives, and children; men with responsibilities, both professional, to their communities, and to their families. And the myrrh-bearers were, literally, the mothers “of James and Joses, and of Zebedee’s sons” (*Mt 27:56*).

It is these ordinary people—people very much like you and me—who we remember today; these “righteous spirits made perfect in faith” who the whole Church holds up as examples and role models—holds up as heroes, as notable in the company of heaven as the most determined apostles, the most inspired prophets, the most courageous martyrs and confessors, the most fervent ascetics. That’s why they should be important to us. That’s why we should care about them.

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



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