OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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<u>August 16th & 17th, 2014</u>

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



The Prophet Samuel

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, August 16 – Translation of the Icon of Our Lord 9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Norman Main

Readings: Col 1:12-18 or 2 Cor 3:4-11; Lk 9:51-56.10:22-24 Readings for the Day: Rom 15:30-33; Mt 17:24-18:4

Sunday, August 17 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy + *Jeffery Hodge*

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 17:14-23

Monday, August 18 – St. Florus and Laurus, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Reading: 2 Cor 2:4-15; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 19 – St. Andrew and Others

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Cor 2:14-3:3; Mt 23:23-28

Wednesday, August 20 - St. Samuel, Prophet

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 23:29-39

Thursday, August 21 - St. Thaddeus, Apostle

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Cor 4:1-6; Mt 24:13-28

Friday, August 22 – St. Agathonicus and Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Cor 4:31-18; Mt 24:27-33.42-51

Saturday, August 23 – St. Lupus, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Daria Drechsler

Readings: 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mt 19:3-12

Sunday, August 24 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Dmytro Drechsler

Readings: 1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35

Translation of the Miraculously Formed Icon of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, from Edessa to Constantinople, called "Veronica's Veil," A.D. 950. **St. Diomidius**, Martyr, endured death A.D. 288, during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

- **St. Myron,** Martyr, who was seized by the imperial officers of Decius, Emperor, tortured and executed for the Faith A.D. 250 in Cyzicus, on the Sea of Marnora. **SS. Paul and Juliana**, his sister, Martyrs in Palestine. Both patiently endured savage torture before being beheaded with other Martyrs under Julian the Apostate.
- **SS. Florus and Laurus, Martyr**. They were twin brothers and stone-cutters by trade, who, for the Faith, were put to death by drowning in a well A.D. 320, under the power of Licinius.
- **St. Andrew**, a Tribune in the Greek army **and with his 2,593 soldiers.** Martyrs, who were massacred for the Faith on Mt. Taurus in Silicia A.D. 300, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.
- **St. Thaddeus,** Apostle, one of the 70 Apostles, descendant of a Jewish Family in the city of Edessa and was a disciple of St. John the Baptist-Precursor. He died in peace at Beiruth, in Palestine. **SS. Bassa** and the children, **Theogonius, Agapius, and Pista (Fidelis),** Martyrs, suffered death under one of Diocletian's colleagues about A.D. 304.
- **St. Agathonicus** and with him: **Zoticus, Theoprepius** (which means "Grace of God"). **Acindynus and Severianus,** Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 304, during the reign of the Emperor Maximian.
- St. Lupus, Martyr, died A.D. 278. **St. Iraeneus, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Lugdun** in Gallia, martyred probably A.D. 210, by Septimus Severus, Emperor. Our Holy Father, **Callinicus**, patriarch of Constantinople.
- **St. Eutyches,** Priest-Martyr, disciple of John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist.

<u>TRANSLATION OF THE IMAGE NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</u> <u>FROM EDESSA, SYRIA, TO CONSTANTINOPLE</u>

This is the Image of the Savior Not-Made-By-Hands on a towel, which the Lord Himself sent to Abgar, Prince of Edessa, who was completely infected with leprosy. Receiving the towel, Abgar kissed it and the leprosy completely fell from his body, but a little of it remained on his face. When the Apostle Thaddeus came and later baptized him, the remainder was also healed. Later, when one of Abgar's great grandsons restored idolatry, the Bishop of Edessa came by night and walled up the Icon over the gates. During the reign of Emperor Justinian, the Persian King Chozroes attached Edessa. It happened that Eulabius, the Bishop of Edessa, had a vision of the Most Holy Theotokos, Who revealed to him the forgotten Icon. Thus, the Icon was discovered and, by its power, the Persian army was defeated. In 1028 the Holy Icon was transferred to Constantinople.

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

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated Thursday, August 28th, at 7:00pm

MYTAGOGIA - August 29th is the Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist -we take this time to go over our lives in the faith for the next three days; these meditations should be how we arrived at the time of our faith in our lives. These days are called time of Mytagogia.

NEW YEAR POT LUCK – SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014 AFTER 5:00PM LITURGY. Celebration of New Year with the breaking of the plates will be at the 10:00am Third Hour on August 31, 2014. Please bring your own plate to break.

MAMA VITA'S PASTA NIGHT will be on Sunday, September 14, 2014, at 4:00pm. Ticket donation will be \$20.00 per person. Drinks are included. Children under 12 eat free.

Retrouvaille (**Re-tro-vi**) can Help Give Your Marriage a New Beginning!! If you are living in the disappointment and pain of a marriage in trouble, whether it is from lack of communication or something more serious and you have no hope. The Church has another avenue than Divorce; it is a program called Retrouvaille, which will help you rebuild your marriage. We have a weekend coming up on OCTOBER 10-12, 2014. Please take a brochure from the back of the church and call Chuck and Carol Moore for more Information at (702) 604-1006.

TRANSLATION OF THE IMAGE OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

When the fame of our Lord Jesus Christ came to Abgar, the ruler of Edessa, who was suffering from leprosy, Abgar sent a messenger named Ananias, through him asking the Savior to heal him of his disease, while bidding Ananias bring back a depiction of Him. When Ananias came to Jerusalem and was unable to capture the likeness of our Lord, He, the Knower of hearts, asked for water and, having washed His Immaculate and Divine Face, wiped it dry with a certain cloth, which He gave to Ananias to take to Abgar; the form of the Lord's face had been wondrously printed upon the cloth. As soon as Abgar received the cloth, which is called the Holy Napkin (Mandylion), he reverenced it with joy and was healed of his leprosy; only his forehead remained afflicted. After the Lord's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, the Apostle Thaddaeus (see Aug. 21) came to Edessa and, when he had baptized Abgar and all his men, Abgar's remaining leprosy also was healed. Abgar had the Holy Image of our Savior fixed to a board and placed at the city gate, commanding that all who entered the city reverence it as they passed through. Abgar's grandson, however, returned to the worship of the idols and the Bishop of Edessa learned of his intention to replace the Holy Napkin with an idol. Since the place where it stood above the city gate was a rounded hollow, he set a burning lamp before the Holy Napkin, put a tile facing it, then bricked up the place and smoothed it over so that the Holy Icon Made Without Hands was no longer to be seen, and the ungodly ruler gave no further thought to it.

With the passage of time, the hidden icon was forgotten until the year 615, when Chosroes II, King of Persia, was assaulting the cities of Asia and besieged Edessa. The Bishop of Edessa, Eulabius, instructed by a divine revelation, opened the sealed chamber above the city gate and found the Holy Napkin complete and incorrupt, the lamp burning, and the tile bearing upon itself an identical copy of the Image that was on the Holy Napkin. The Persians had built a huge fire outside the city wall; when the Bishop approached with the Holy Napkin, a violent wind fell upon the fire, turning it back upon the Persians, who fled in defeat. The Holy Napkin remained in Edessa, even after the Arabs conquered it, until the year 944, when it was brought with honor and triumph to Constantinople in the reign of Romanus I, when Theophylact was Ecumenical Patriarch. The Holy Napkin was enshrined in the Church of the most holy Theotokos called the Pharos. This is the translation that is celebrated today.

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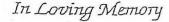
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