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OUR LADY OF WISDOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 9th & 10th, 2014

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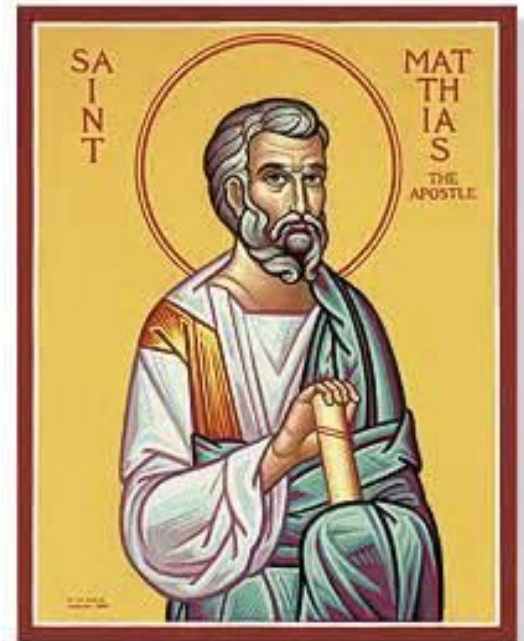
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



Saint Matthias

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 9 – St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Sister Ambrosia

Readings: Acts 1:12-17.21-26; Lk 9:1-6

Sunday, August 10 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Sister Ambrosia

Readings: 1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34

Monday, August 11 – St. Euplus, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Reading: 1 Cor 15:12-19; Mt 21:18-22

Tuesday, August 12 – St. Photius and Anicetus, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 1 Cor 15:29-38; Mt 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 13 – St. Maximus the Confessor, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 1 Cor 16:4-12; Mt 21:28-32

**Thursday, August 14 – Translation of the Relics of Theodosius
of the Cave - Venerable**

9:00am - Third Hour

7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy and Procession +Geraldine Dazey

Readings: 2 Cor 1:1-6; Mt 22:1-43-46

Readings for Theodosius: Heb 13:7-16; Mt 11:27-30

Friday, August 15 – Dormition of the Theotokos

9:00am - Third Hour

11:00am - Divine Liturgy +Louis Spernak

Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42.11:27-28

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

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

St. Lawrence, Archdeacon-Martyr, one of the most famous martyrs of Rome. He was a Deacon of Pope St. Sixtus II. This holy deacon was tortured and, in the end, was roasted alive on a gridiron A.D. 258, under Emperor Valerian.

St. Euplus, Archdeacon-Martyr, endured death A.D. 304, during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. He was put on the rack and bidden to worship Apollo, Mars, and Aesculapius. He replied that he adored only the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

SS. Photius and Anicetus, Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 288, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father, **Maximus**, Confessor, was a Greek of noble birth, at first attached to the Court of the Emperor Heraclius, but later retired to the monastery of Chrysopolis (Scutari). For championing the Faith against the Monothelites, St. Maximus was seized in Rome, and taken as prisoner to Constantinople and, for his steadfastness, his right hand was cut off and his tongue torn out. He died of his wounds in prison A.D. 662.

St. Micah, Prophet, one of the Twelve Minor Prophets, of the stock of Ephrem, and contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. He continued to prophesy for 54 years into the first decades of the eighth century B.C. Translation of the Relics of our Venerable Father. **Theodosius**, Hegumen-Abbot of Cave, which took place A.D. 1091, in the presence of the Great Russian Prince, Vsevolod and his Hegumen, John. This Translation was made from his grave in the Cave to the church of the Mother of God, which St. Theodosius had built.

Dormition (Assumption) of the Theotokos. It is considered to be our Lady's greatest Feast. The commemoration of her death and the Assumption of her body and soul into heaven was the occasion of special devotion in very early times. In Ephesus, it was observed even in the first century. In A.D. 1950, Pope Pius XII defined and promulgated the Assumption of the Theotokos to be a dogma of the Church.

PROPHET SAMUEL

The 15th and last of the judges of Israel, the Prophet, Samuel, was descended from the Tribe of Levi and was the son of Elkanah. He was born through the prayers of his mother, Anna (which is why he received the name Samuel, which means "besought"), and even before birth he was dedicated to God. From the age of 3, he grew up in Shiloh under the care of the High-Priest Eli and already at 12 years of age, he received the revelation that God would punish all the house of the High Priest Eli because he had not restrained the impiety of his sons! The prophecy was fulfilled when the Philistines, having slain in battle 30,000 Israelites – among them were also the sons of the High-Priest Hophni and Phineas – captured the Ark of the Covenant. When, after the death of Eli, Samuel became the judge of the nation of Israel, the Ark was returned by the Philistines on their own initiative and, after their returning to God, the Israelites returned to all the cities that the Philistines had taken. When the Elders of Israel demanded that Samuel establish a king for them, the Prophet anointed King Saul and, after his rejection because of his disobedience to God, he anointed David.

He died in extreme old age. In the year 406, his Relics were transferred to Constantinople. According to the Patriarch of Jerusalem Dositheus, the ceras (horn) of the oil of the chrismation of the Kings was preserved in Constantinople, in Myrioceratou Monastery.

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

REGISTRATION for Children’s ECF classes and for Adult Catechumenate classes continues. Both classes begin Sunday, September 7th. Please see SubDeacon Paul for information.

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE for Our Lady of Wisdom will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14th, at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14th, at 7:00pm, followed by the burning of the mortgage. Bishop Gerald Dino will be the Celebrant.

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, August 15th, at 11:00am. Bishop Gerald Dino will be the Celebrant.

BLESSING OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS will be after each Dormition of the Theotokos Liturgies. Please bring plants and flowers from your home to be blessed.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY- Mr. Philip Musso and Mrs. Constanca Pascusso, two of our founders, have recently fallen asleep in the Lord.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that, when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple, John, and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” ([John 19:25-27](#)). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in [Acts 2:14](#) that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord, who were preaching throughout the world, returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them, including the Apostle Paul, were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ, Himself, descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.



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