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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

November 22nd & 23rd, 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 and Communion – Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri: 9:00 AM

Confessions: 15 minutes before each Liturgy or by appointment



Saint James the Persian

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, November 22 – St. Philemon and Others, Apostles

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *Living Intention: Barbara Mlinac*

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Readings for the Apostle: Phil 1:25; Lk 10:1-15

Sunday, November 23 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy *Living Intention Gail Kats*

Readings: Eph 2:14-22; Lk 12:16-21

Monday, November 24 – St. Catherine, Great Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Reading: 2 Thess 1:1-10; Lk 17:20-25

Readings for the Martyr: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Tuesday, November 25 – St. Clement and Peter, Pope and Bishop

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Thess 1:10-2:2; Lk 17:26-37

Wednesday, November 26 – St. Alypius the Stylite, Venerable

7:00pm - Vigil of Thanksgiving +*Jennifer Brova*

Readings: 2 Thess 2:1-12; Lk 18:15-17.26-30

Thursday, November 27 – St. James the Persian, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Thess 2:13-3:5; Lk 18:31-34

Readings for the Martyr: Eph 6:10-17; Jn 15:1-7

Friday, November 28 – St. Stephen, Venerable Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: 2 Thess 3:6-18; Lk 19:12-28

Saturday, November 29- St. Paramon and Philemon, Martyrs

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *Living Intention Michael Fischbach*

Readings: Gal 1:3-10; Lk 10:19-21

Sunday, November 30 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Milton Buttle*

Panahida after Liturgy

Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 13:10-17

SS. Philemon and Others with him. Apostles, they were disciples of St. Paul the Apostle, suffered martyrdom A.D. 68, under the Emperor Nero. **St. Cecilia**, one of the most famous Virgin Martyrs; she converted to Christianity her betrothed and his brother. She was seized and suffocated with the steam of a heat bath in her own mansion. She died probably in the reign of Septimus Severus, Emperor.

Our Holy Father, **Amphilochius**, Bishop of Iconium and **Gregory**, Bishop of Agrigentum. The former died about A.D. 400, the latter about A.D. 600.

St. Catherine, Great Virgin Martyr, after confessing the Christian Faith, was scourged for a long time with scorpions and suffered martyrdom by beheading A.D. 250, under the tyrant Maximin Daza, Emperor. **St. Mercurius**, Great Martyr, martyred A.D. 250, during the Reign of Decius Emperor.

Our Holy Father, **Clement**, Pope of Rome (third after St. Peter the Apostle), was cast into the Black Sea with an anchor around his neck, probably A.D. 100, under Trajan, Emperor. Our Holy Father, **Peter**, Bishop of Alexandria, put to death by the order of Emperor Maximian Daza, A.D. 311.

Our Venerable Father, **Alypius**, Stylite, who remained on his lofty perch 53 years and attained the age of 118, A.D. 608. Dedication of the church of St. George in Kiev.

St. James the Persian, Great Martyr, suffered a fearful martyrdom A.D. 421, under the Persian ruler Varanes V. He was progressively cut to pieces; first fingers, then toes, hand, feet, arms, legs; were successively cut from his living body while he praised God in Psalmody. Our Venerable Father, **Palladius**.

St. Stephen, “the Younger”. Venerable Martyr suffered martyrdom with Three Hundred and Forty Three other Christian victims of the fury of the Iconoclast Emperor Constantine Copronymus A.D. 766. **St. Irenarchus and Seven Women**, Martyrs, who suffered death with him A.D. 292.

MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

Saint James was born into a pious Persian Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian and the couple raised their children in piety. He occupied a high position at the Court of the Persian Emperor, Izdegerd, and his successor Barakhranes V. Blinded by so much evidence of the King’s favor and by the vain pleasures of the world, he denied Christ and joined himself to the King’s idolatrous cult. Learning of this, James’s mother and wife wrote him a letter in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off, not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the Emperor. Under interrogation, he bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the Emperor could make him renounce Christ. The Emperor then ordered the Saint to be put to death. They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture, St. James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Finally, the Martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence. Among other places, a part of Relics is to be found in the Great Cave Monastery, Kalavryta, Greece.

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

PHILLIP'S FAST TEACHING on Friday nights will be on the "Meaning of Suffering" taken from the Scriptures and from the Church Fathers.

VIGIL LITURGY FOR THANKSGIVING will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00pm.**

PARISH OFFICES will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays, November 27th and 28th.

VIGIL LITURGY OF ST. BARBARA will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 3rd, at 11:00am.**

ST. NICHOLAS VESPERS will be celebrated on Friday, December 5th, at 6:30pm, with a pot luck following. Please bring a covered dish to share.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL is Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 10:30am!!! Admission and all games are free. Be sure children bring an empty shoe for the special appearances of St. Nicholas himself!!!

BAKED GOODS are needed for the St. Nicholas Festival. All homemade baked goods are welcome! Please package them so they are ready to be sold at our Bake Sale on Sunday, December 6th. All baked goods should be in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 5th.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION will be taken at both Liturgies the weekend of December 6th and 7th. Thank you for your generosity.

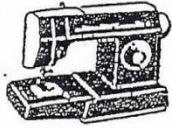
PASTORS NOTE – At the last Advisory Board Meeting, it was stated that a "non-active" parishioner status will be created. This is for those registered parishioners that cannot attend weekly Liturgies, Holy Day Liturgies, and do not fulfill their parish membership requirements.

The Phillip's Fast continues! This is our penitential preparation period for the Feast of the Nativity. As on almost every Friday throughout the year, Simple abstinence from meat and meat products or an equivalent penance (consult with Father) is required on all Fridays during this Fast. The same abstinence is highly recommended on all Wednesdays of the fast period (i.e., through 24 December). Quiet, simplicity of life, and charity should be important parts of this time of year as well. Don't forget, also, to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas. Our country's celebration of Thanksgiving to God this week and our Byzantine Catholic Church's celebration of Saint Nicholas are fitting times for a celebratory mitigation from the penitence of this season.



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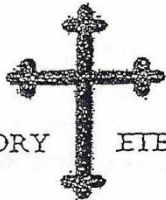
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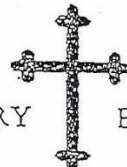
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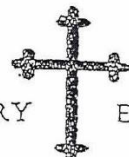
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