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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### **Parish Served By:**

Rt. Rev. Archimadrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor

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### **Liturgies and Services:**

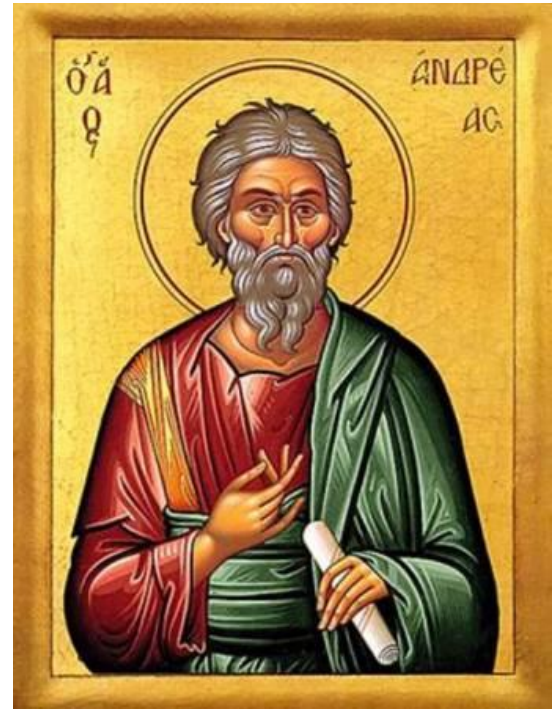
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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 Andrew the Apostle

### **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 29- St. Paramon and Philemon, Martyrs**  
**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy** *Living Intention Michael Fischbach*  
Readings: Gal 1:3-10; Lk 10:19-28

**Sunday, November 30 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy** +*Jack Buttle*  
*Panahida after Liturgy*  
Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 13:10-17

**Monday, December 1 – St. Nahum, Prophet**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
Reading: 1 Tim 1:1-7; Lk 19:37-44

**Tuesday, December 2 – St. Habakkuk, Prophet**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: 1 Tim 1:8-14; Lk 19:45-48

**Wednesday, December 3 – St. Zephaniah, Prophet**  
**11:00am - Vigil Liturgy of St. Barbara** +*Jack Buttle*  
Readings: 1 Tim 1:18-20; 2:8-15; Lk 20:1-8

**Thursday, December 4 – St. Barbara – Great Martyr**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 20:9-18  
Readings for St. Barbara: Gal 3:23-29; Mk 5:24-34

**Friday, December 5 – St. Sabbas, Venerable**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
**6:30pm - St. Nicholas Vespers** +*Jose Inez*  
*Pot Luck after Liturgy*  
Readings: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Saturday, December 6 – Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop**  
**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy**  
Readings: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-28

**Sunday, December 7 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy**  
Readings: Eph 5:9-19; Lk 17:12-19

**SS. Paramon and Philemonus**, Martyrs; the former martyred during the reign of Emperor Decius, A.D. 250; the latter under Aurelian, Emperor. Our Venerable Father, **Bessarion**. Venerable **Acacius**, spoken of in “The Ladder of Perfection.”

**St. Andrew**, the “First-called” Apostle, brother of St. Peter the Prince of the Apostles. He was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. Tradition has it that he was crucified on a cross shaped in the form of an X at Patras in Achiiia (Greece) A.D. 60, under the reign of Nero, Emperor.

**St. Nahum**, Prophet. One of the Minor Prophets, lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. He saw the fulfillment of his prophecy of the destruction of Ninive. **St. Filaret**, the “Almsgiver” and **St. Ananias**, Martyr.

**St. Habakkuk**, one of the Twelve Lesser Prophets, of the Tribe of Simeon, lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. His relics were discovered in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great about A.D. 379.

**St. Zephaniah**, Prophet, said to be of the Tribe of Simeon, foretold the judgments of God upon Jerusalem and the ultimate conversion of the Jews. He lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Our Venerable Father, **Theodulus**, was Prefect of Constantinople A.D. 320.

**St. Barbara**, Great Martyr, endured death A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximianus, Emperors. Our Venerable Father, **St. John Damascene**, Doctor of the Church, born in Syria, educated by St. Comas, succeeded his father as the Caliph’s Vizier. He distributed his possessions among the poor, retired to the monastery of St. Sabbas at Jerusalem. Laboring and writing much, he championed the “Faith against the Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Isaurian and was sentenced to have his right hand cut off. It was miraculously restored by Our Blessed Lady. By him was composed the beautiful “Canon of the Resurrection.” He lived to be 104 years old, died in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **St. Sabbas**, Hegumen-Abbot. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church against the Eutychian heretics. He died at the age of 94, A.D. 532, in the reign of the Emperor Justinian the Great.

### GREAT MARTYR BARBARA

Saint Barbara’s father, the pagan Dioscorus, was a rich and illustrious man in the Syrian city of Heliopolis. The fame of her beauty spread throughout the city and many sought her hand in marriage, but, despite the entreaties of her father, she refused all of them. She learned about Christ from a pious woman. When her father knew about this, he seized his sword and would have cut off her head there, but, fortunately, the maiden escaped and took refuge in a mountain, where she sheltered in the cleft of a rock.

In the end, her father found out where she was and handed her over to the provincial Governor Marcian. The Saint was tortured and beheaded by her father, together with her companion Juliana. The wrath of God was not slow to punish both torturers, Marcian and Dioscorus; they were struck by bolts of lightning.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> century, the Relics of St. Barbara were transferred to Constantinople. Six hundred years later, a part of them was transferred to Kiev by Barbara, the daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Alexius Comnenus, who married the Russian Prince Michael Izyaslavich. They rest, even now, in Kiev’s St. Vladimir Cathedral. Two parts of her Head are to be found at Montenotini, Italy and at the Great Cave monastery (Kalavryta, Greece), and a large part of her Relics at St. Mark’s Cathedral, Venice.

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

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

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

**ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL** is Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>. All baked goods should be in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am.

**ST. LUCY** Liturgy and anointing of eyes will be celebrated on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed after Divine Liturgy on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to tie the straw in the Parish Hall. Please bring a pair of scissors.

**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.

### **ETERNAL MEMORY**

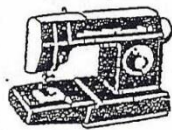
At the end of a funeral, the priest intones: “In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to Your servant, (Name), and may his (her) memory be eternal.” The people then respond with the hymn: “Eternal Memory”.

“Eternal Memory” is a prayer, a petition offered to the Lord that He remember the person who has died. Our memory is not eternal. But the Lord’s memory is eternal. If He remembers the person who has died, then that person exists eternally in heaven. This is our prayer for those who have finished this earthly race.



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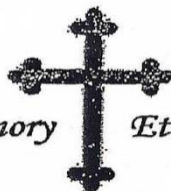
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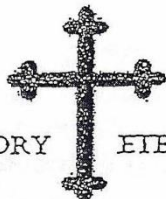
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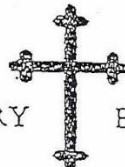
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