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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

# December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### **Parish Served By:**

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

Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

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Lupe Ritzo, ECF Director

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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



Daniel the Prophet

### **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, December 13 – St. Eustratius and Others, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Liturgy** +*Rev. James Swenson*

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy** +*Daniel Pearlman*

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

**Sunday, December 14 – Sunday of the Forefathers**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy**

*Living Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*

Readings: Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

**Monday, December 15 – St. Eleutherius, Bishop, Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Reading: 2 Tim 2:20-26; Mk 8:11-21

**Tuesday, December 16 – St. Haggai, Prophet**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: 2 Tim 3:16-4:4; Mk 8:22-26

**Wednesday, December 17 – St. Daniel, Great Prophet**

Readings: 2 Tim 4:9-22; Mk 8:30-34

Readings for St. Daniel: Heb 11:33-40; Lk 11:47-12:1

**Thursday, December 18 – St. Sebastian and Others**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Titus 1:5-2:10; Mk 9:10-16

**Friday, December 19 – St. Boniface, Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Titus 1:15-2:10; Mk 9:33-41

**Saturday, December 20 – Saturday Before Christmas**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy:** +*Jose and Inez Veneration*

Readings: Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

**Sunday, December 21 – Sunday Before Christmas / Of the Ancestors**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy** +*Louis Rabies*

Readings: Heb 11:9-10.17-23.32-40; Mt 1:1-25

**SS. Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 302, at Sebaste in Armenia, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. **St. Lucy**, Virgin-Martyr, endured shameful tortures and indignities. Finally, a sword was thrust through her throat A.D. 304, at Syracuse, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**SS. Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Apollonius, Arrianus, and Callinicus**, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 303.

**St. Eleutherius**, Priest-Martyr, endured death A.D. 120, in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Our Venerable Father, **Paul of Latra**, was a holy hermit in Greece, about A.D. 880, in the reign of Basil Macedo, Emperor. **Father Stephen**, Confessor, Abbot of Sodrozh.

**St. Haggai**, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon and that he lived to see the second temple 516 B.C.

**St. Daniel, and SS. Three Youth, SS Hannaniah, Azariah, and Mishael**. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nabuchadnezzar of Babylon, but miraculously came out unscathed.

**SS. Sebastian and Companion** were put to death A.D. 292, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**St. Boniface**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**St. Ignatius**, "God Bearer," Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch.

**St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 36, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**St. Anastasia**, Great Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of **St. Chrysogonus**. She was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

### MARTYR SEBASTIAN AND HIS COMPANION

**St. Sebastian** was born in Narbonum, France and he received his education in Milan. Under the co-reigning emperors Diocletian and Maximian, he occupied the position of head of the imperial guards. He was respected for his authority and was loved by the soldiers and those at court. He was a secret Christian, not out of fear, but so that he could provide help to the brethren during the time of persecution. The Emperor Diocletian personally interrogated him and, seeing the determination of the Holy Martyr, he ordered him taken out of the city, tied to a tree, and shot with arrows. He gave strength to the Martyrs **Zoe, Tragylinus, Claudius, Tiburtius, Mark, and Marcellinus**.

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

**THANK YOU** to the dedicated workers that made our St. Nicholas Festival a success. Our gross profit is \$2,806.72. This is without the raffle. May God Bless You All

**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.

**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place beginning Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.

## ++++ *Christmas Celebrations and Information* +++++

**ROYAL HOURS AND CONFESSIONS** will be celebrated on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY** will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS ROYAL HOURS AND DIVINE LITURGY** with pageant will be celebrated on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Royal Hours begins at 10:00am and Divine Liturgy at 10:30am.

### ***PREFESTIVE DAYS OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD***

**Isaiah 9:6-7** – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” (KJV)

**Come Lord Jesus, Come!** - How shall we approach this great mystery, our Saviour born in time, a Virgin giving birth, God born as man? We might ask a thousand questions, searching for details and explanations and clarifications. It is a reasonable question, after all; “How can this be?”

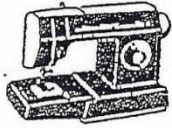
Recall a child's wonder in this season of giving. He might inquire how Santa knew that he really needed a bicycle, and however did he manage to carry it in a sleigh? But a child knows that love made it possible.

As children of a heavenly Father, all our answers come with a simple reply. “It is by the power of the Holy Spirit.” What do you wish to know about the Christmas feast? What question will you ask your angel? The answer is found in accepting that this feast is a celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit, Who has accomplished such a wonderful miracle. The Spirit of Love, the Lord of Life, the Spirit of Power has overshadowed our world, and the Virgin conceived, the cave is illumined, and a world transformed. The questions may be many, but the answer is One. “It is by the power of the Holy Spirit!” A profound confidence in the Spirit of God will calm our restless mind, our searching reason, our yearning soul. Glory be to the life-giving Spirit, our answer and our hope.



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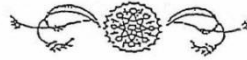
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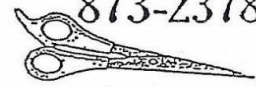


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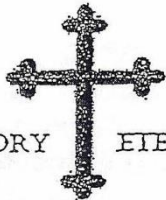
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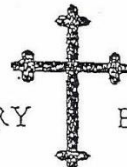
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