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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

# *Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

## *December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014*

### **Parish Served By:**

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

Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

Rose Watkins, Christodoulah

Kehaulani Harker, Matriarch – William Griffith, Patriarch

Toni Ritchey, Secretary – Claire Lynott, Finance Officer

Lupe Ritzo, ECF Director

Donna Logan, Prayer Line Coordinator (702-236-4930)

### **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



The Nativity of Our Lord

### **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 BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Monday, December 22 – St. Anastasia, Great Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Reading: Heb 3:5-11.17-19; Mk 42-10:1

**Tuesday, December 23 – Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Heb 4:1-13; Mk 10:2-12

**Wednesday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas**

**7:00pm - Vigil Christmas Liturgy: +*Intentions of Parishioners***

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20

**Thursday, December 25 – Christmas, Birth of our Lord**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**10:00am - Royal Hours and Pageant**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: *Living Intentions for Our Lady of Wisdom Parishioners***

Readings: Gal 4:4-7; Mt 2:1-12

**Friday, December 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Heb 2:11-18; Mt 2:13-23

**Saturday, December 27 – St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +*Victoria Lindsay***

Readings: 1 Tim 6:11-16; Mt 12:15-21

Readings for St. Stephen: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Mt 21:33-42

**Sunday, December 28 – Sunday after Christmas**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +*John and Juanita Helm***

Readings: Gal 1:11-19; Mt 2:13-23

**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.

**SS. Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

**SS. Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

**Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God and St. Joseph her Spouse**. The flight of the holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from Holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. **St. Euthymius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts, he was scourged to death A.D. 840, under the Emperor Theophilus.

**St. Stephen**, Protomartyr, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33, by the Jews (*Acts 7.58*). Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theodore**, brother of St. Theophanes and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts, Theodore was imprisoned where he died A.D. 842.

**SS. 20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia**, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day, A.D. 286, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors.

## 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*++++

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**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.

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

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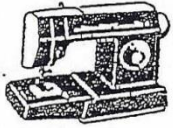

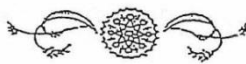


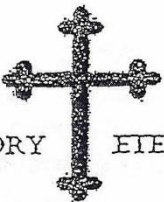



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### **SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND HER FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**

The Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos is probably the most ancient of Her feasts, dating from the 5<sup>th</sup> century. It later became the model for other Synaxis. By the Synaxis, or the day following the feast, we honor the person whom God chose to be the means for accomplishing His Plan.

The flight to Egypt took place when an Angel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that King Herod was soon going to send soldiers into the district to look for the Christ to kill Him and he urged him to flee.



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