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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 27th & 28th, 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

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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 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

Monday, December 29 – Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Reading: Heb 8:7-13; Mk 10:46-52

Tuesday, December 30 – St. Anysia, Venerable Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Heb 9:8-10.15-23; Mk 11:11-23

Wednesday, December 31 – St. Melany, Venerable

6:30pm - Vigil of Circumcision Liturgy +Toni Medina

Readings: Heb 10:1-18; Mk 11:23-26

Readings for St. Melany: Gal 3:23-29; Mt 25:1-13

Thursday, January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord

St. Basil the Great, Archbishop

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Col 2:8-12; Heb 7:26-8:2; Lk 2:20-21.40-52; Lk 6:17-23

Friday, January 2 – St. Sylvester, Pope

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Heb 11:8.11-16; Mk 12:1-12

Saturday, January 3 – Saturday before Theophany

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Henry and Florence Tuesdell

Readings: 1 Tim 3:14-4:5; Mt 3:1-11

**Sunday, January 4 – Sunday Before Theophany / Synaxis of the Holy
70 Apostles**

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Deceased of St. George Family

Readings: 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8

Readings of the Apostles: Rom 8:814; Lk 10:1-15

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.

The Holy Innocents, 14,000 in number, in Bethlehem and within the borders of Judea, put to death for Jesus Christ by the order of King Herod. Our Venerable Father, **Marcellus**, Hegumen-Abbot of the monastic order of the Acoemetes, so named because they recited their Divine office day and night without interruption. He died about A.D. 485.

St. Anysia, a Christian woman, was arrested at Thessalonica when she entered the city to attend the meeting of the Faithful and was put to death A.D. 304 in the reign of the Emperor Maximian Galerius. Venerable **Zoticus**, a holy priest of Rome who went to Constantinople where he established hospitals and havens of refuge for poor A.D. 344.

Venerable, **Melany**, a Roman Lady, who went with her husband, sold their possessions, distributed the proceeds to the poor, and went into monasteries. She died A.D. 439.

Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The name of Jesus given to the Child on this occasion, means "Saviour.". **The Feast of St. Basil the Great**, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, most famous of Byzantine Rite church, and one of the four great doctors: called also "Patriarch of the Eastern Monks." He died A.D. 379.

Our Holy Father, **Sylvester**, Pope of Rome, under this Pontificate was held the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea A.D. 325, the decrees of which were approved by him. He died A.D. 335 during the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

In accordance with the Old Testament Law, all male infants should be circumcised on the eighth day from birth. Therefore, Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after His Nativity. This circumcision of the flesh was a type of the circumcision of the heart, which is carried out by God Himself. Concerning this second spiritual circumcision, the Apostle Paul says: "*You are circumcised with a circumcision not done by hand, in putting off the sinful body of the flesh, by the Circumcision of Christ.* (Col 2-11).

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who helped make the Christmas Celebration a wonderful faith experience. It is a parish that works and prays together that makes the Glory of God visible for all of the Parish Family. *Thank You!! Thank You!! And may the Good Master pour His blessings upon you in this New Year to come!! Pappas*

VIGIL NEW YEARS LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31st, at 6:30pm. Pray for the peace in the world, especially the war-torn countries.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Vigil Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water will be celebrated on Monday, January 5th, at 7:00pm. Please bring your own bottles to Divine Liturgy so that you may fill them with Jordan Water to bless your home. The second Divine Liturgy for Theophany of Our Lord will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 6th at 11:00 am. The third Divine Liturgy for the Theophany of Our Lord will be celebrated on January 6th, at 7:00 pm and, once again, please bring your own water bottles to fill with the Blessed Jordan Water of Our Lord's Baptism to bless your homes.

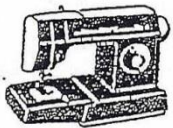




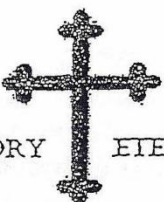



EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES for adults and children will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

I would like to take a moment to personally thank my Parish Family for your generosity in help paying the insurance bill. Thank you for taking that burden off my shoulders in our time of need. God bless you and give you many healthy and happy years.

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO HELPED FILL THE BACK PACKS FOR THE HOMELESS TEENS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS AFTER THE ROYAL HOURS.



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