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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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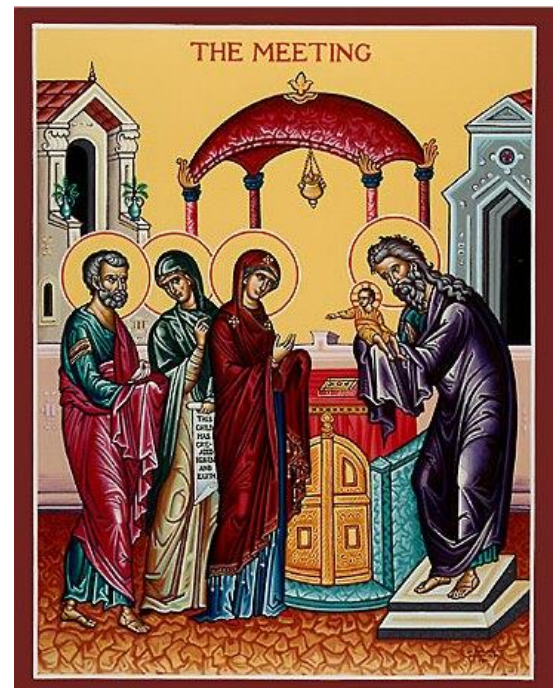
**January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

### **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



Encounter with Simeon and Anna

### **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, January 31 – Ss. Cyrus and John, Unmercenaries**  
**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Anthony Aird**  
Readings: 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 20-46; 21:4

**Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of Prodigal Son**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy Living Intention: Ruth Thomas**  
Readings: 1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32

**Monday, February 2 – Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Angelo and Angela Howell**  
Reading: Heb 7:7-17; Lk 2:22-40

**Tuesday, February 3 – Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon and Anna**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: 1 Jn 3:10-20; Mk 14:10-42

**Wednesday, February 4 – St. Isidore, Venerable**  
Readings: 1 Jn 3:21-4:6; Mk 14:43-15:1

**Thursday, February 5 – St. Agatha, Martyr**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +John Vivona**  
Readings: 1 Jn 4:20-5:21; Mk 15:1-15

**Friday, February 6 – St. Bucolus, Bishop**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: 2 Jn 1-13; Mk 15:22-25.33-41

**Saturday, February 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**11:00am – Liturgy: +Ignacio and Carid**  
Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30  
**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Deceased of the Quail Family**  
Readings: 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 21:8-9.25-27.33-36

**Sunday, February 8 – Sunday of Meat Fare**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Deceased All Souls**  
Readings: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Mt 25:31-46

**SS. Cyrus and John**, Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries, i.e., Physicians without remuneration: suffered death with **Athanasia** and her three daughters: **Theodotia, Theopista, and Eudokia**, in the year A.D. 292, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**St. Typhoon**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 250 by Akylinus, during the reign of the persecutor Emperor Decius.

**Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna**, This is one of the most ancient of all the feasts, for we find it established at Jerusalem in the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

**St. Simeon**, the Venerable-Senex and “God-Bearer,” lived to see and hold the Infant Jesus, the consolation of Israel, in his arms. **St. Anna**, Prophetess, prophesied concerning Christ. She remained in widowhood, consecrated to the service, for 54 years; not leaving the Temple, she persevered night and day in prayer and fasting. At the age of 84, she beheld the Infant Jesus at the Presentation.

Our Venerable Father, **Isidore** of Pelusium, founded a monastery at Pelusium, and was held in great esteem as a Theologian and Guide of Souls. Died about A.D. 450. **St. Jador**, Martyr, was put to death by Numerius, during the reign of the Emperor Decius.

**St. Agatha**, Martyr, suffered death in prison A.D. 250, under the leadership of Quintinianus, during the reign of Emperor Decius.

Our Venerable Father, **Bucolus**, Bishop of Smyrna. He lived in the days of St. John the Evangelist, by whom he was appointed Bishop before Polycarp, Martyr.

Our Venerable Father, **Parthenius**, Bishop of Lampsachia, died A.D. 318, during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. Our Venerable Father, **Luke**, who was in Helladia of Syria.

**St. Theodore**, the great Martyr, was a General in the Army of the Emperor Licinius. He suffered death at Heraclea in Thrace A.D. 318. **St. Zacharias**, the Prophet, was one of the tribe of Levi 520 B.C.

**St. Nicephorus**, Martyr, a Syrian Christian, took the place of Sapricius, who apostatized before a heathen judge and was put to death A.D. 260, during the reign of Emperor Valerian.

## ST. THEODORA THE EMPRESS

St. Theodora was the wife of the Byzantine Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast. After the death of Theophilus, Theodora became the ruling Empress and reigned together with her son Michael III. In 842, during a Council in Constantinople under the Patriarch **St. Methodius**, she restored the Veneration of the Holy Icons. On this occasion, the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy was instituted, which is still celebrated today on the First Sunday of the Great Fast.

In 856, as a result of the slanders of her brother Caesar Bardas, she was imprisoned by her son, the Emperor Michael, in the Gastia Monastery. Here she reposed in peace in 867. Her body was discovered to be **incorrupt** and today it is to be found in the church of Holy Theotokos “The Cave Dweller,” in Corfu, Greece (except her holy head, which has been lost).

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

**BISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS THIS WEEK!!** As is done each year, we are asked to participate in the Bishop's Appeal. I ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge that you give to the Bishop for the Work of the Eparchy. Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation and the recommended sacrificial pledge is \$200.00 per household, which can be paid in monthly installments until May 31, 2015. God Bless You!

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD** Liturgy with Blessing of Children will be celebrated on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**ALL SOULS SATURDAY** – The first All Souls Saturday is February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am. If you wish to have someone remembered, please place the name in the envelopes on the table with the Holy Cross.

**GREAT FAST SOUP SUPPERS** will be on Mondays; February 23 through March 23 at 6:30pm. This year, Fr. Francis will be teaching Canon Law that applies to parish life of the Italo-Greek Church.

**OFFICERS** – The time for the changing of Officers is quickly approaching. If there is an office that you believe you can fulfill for the needs of the Parish, please see Fr. Francis.

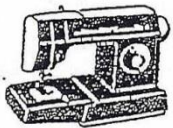




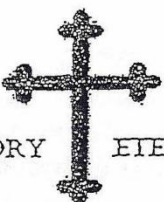



**BYZANTINE QUESTION BOX** – We have placed a “Question Box” in the back of the church. If you have any questions concerning the Liturgy, Byzantine Traditions or Customs, or our Church, please write them on the index card provided, put into the box and, time permitting, Father will answer them before or after Liturgy.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** – Our Parish is planning on a “Day of Recollection” at the St. Anthony Monastery in September 2015. If you are interested in going, please drop a note in the collection basket addressed to Father Francis, which will reserve your spot.

### **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. On the previous Sunday, the services of the Church began to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the 10<sup>th</sup> before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. As with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the theme of this Sunday is repentance and the focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son leads Eastern Christians to contemplate the necessity of repentance in our relationship with our Heavenly Father.



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