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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

January 3rd & 4th, 2015

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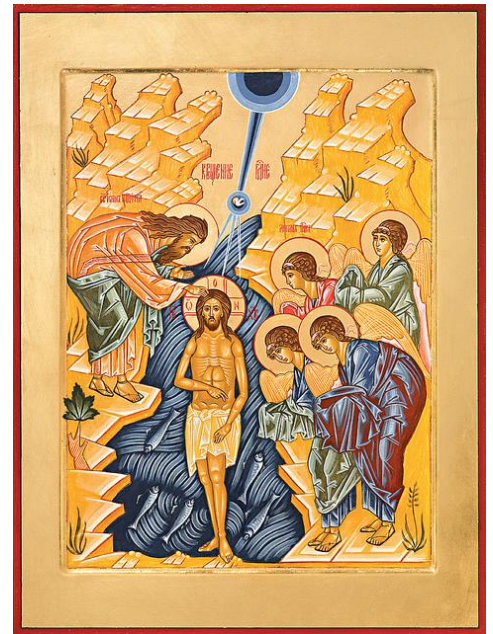
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



Theophania

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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

10:00am - Royal Hours

10:30am Divine Liturgy +*Deceased members of the St. George Family*

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

Monday, January 5 – Vigil of Theophany

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Vigil Theophany Liturgy +*Rebecca Glantz*

Reading: 1 Cor 9:19-27; Lk 3:1-18

Tuesday, January 6 – Theophany of Our Lord

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

11:00am - Divine Liturgy +*Michael Spencer*

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy *Living Intention: Fred and Pat Sullivan*

Readings: Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

Wednesday, January 7 – Synaxis of John the Baptist

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 8 – Sts George, Dominica and Emilian

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 1:19-27; Mk 10:17-27

Friday, January 9 – St. Polyeuct, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 2:1-13; Mk 10:23-32

Saturday, January 10 – Saturday after Theophany/

Holy Father Gregory

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *Living Intention: Victor and Michele Greger*

Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11

Readings for St. Gregory: 1 Cor 12:7-11; Mt 10:1.5-8

Sunday, January 11 – Sunday after Theophany/

Venerable Father Theodosius

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy *Living Intention: St. George Family*

Readings: Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

Readings for St. Theodosius: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:27-30

St. Malachy, Prophet. 400 B.C. – **St. Gordius, Martyr**, who suffered death A.D. 320 during the reign of Licinius, Emperor.

Synaxis of 70 Apostles, whose names St. Dorotheus recorded. Our Venerable Father **Theoktistus**, Hegumen-Abbot in Cucume of Sykeleia.

SS. Theopemptus and Theonas, Martyrs, martyred A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian. **Synecletica**, Venerable – **St. Micah**, Prophet.

Theophany or Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. One of the oldest feasts in the East, it has been traced back to the beginning of the 2nd century. The Western Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Eastern Church in the 3rd century.

Synaxis of St. John, the glorious Prophet, Precursor, and Baptist, who baptized our Lord Jesus Christ in the River Jordan.

Our Venerable Father **George**, the Chozebite and **Emilian**, Confessor. They were martyred A.D. 820, in the reign of Nicephorus Gennicus. Our Venerable Mother **Dominika** of Carthage, who lived in the year A.D. 374, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. **SS. Juliana and Basilissa**, martyred A.D. 300, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

St. Polyeucte, Martyr, suffered death A.D. 244, during the reign of the Decius or Valerianus. **Eustratius**, Venerable, endured death in the reign of Leo Iconomachus, Emperor.

Our Holy Father **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**, consecrated in A.D. 372, brother of St. Basil the Great. Died A.D. 395. **Dometian**, Venerable, Bishop of Melite, died A.D. 570, in the reign of Justinus the Younger – Our Venerable Father **Marcian**, Presbyter and Treasurer of the great Church of Holy Wisdom; died A.D. 489.

Our Venerable Father **Theodosius**, Hegumen-Abbot, died in A.D. 485, in the reign of Leo and Anastatius, Emperors, at the age of 105.

St. Tatiana, Martyr, lived in A.D. 227, in the reign of Alexander. Her father, was a Soldier and Elder of the city; after many tortures, she died by the sword, along with her father.

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

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Vigil Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water will be celebrated on Monday, January 5th, at 7:00pm.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 6th, at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

BLESSED JORDAN WATER – Please bring your own Holy Water bottles to fill with the Blessed Jordan Water of Our Lord’s Baptism to bless your homes.

ECF CLASSES for the registered Adults and Children begin on January 11th, after Liturgy.

FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: *Matthew 3*, *Mark 1:1-9*, *Luke 3:21-22*, and *John 1:31-34*.

John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the One Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:11*).

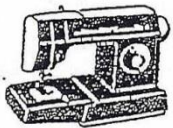




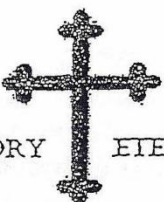



The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (*Matthew 3:15*). John consented and baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The Bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on him. When this happened, a voice that came from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan was “Theophany,” a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord’s public ministry. It was also a “Theophany” in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father’s testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of “manifestation” or “revelation” is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, “Christ has appeared and enlightened the world.” Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Christian celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.



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