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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 21st & February 22nd, 2015

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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



Saint Theodore, Great Martyr

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, February 21 – Commemoration of Miracle of Great Martyr, Theodore
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy Kutia after Liturgy +Richard Long Sr.
Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Mk 2:23-3:5

Sunday, February 22 – 1st Sunday of the Great Fast / Sunday of Orthodoxy
10:00am - Third Hour; Procession of the Icons
10:30am - Divine Liturgy
Living Intention: For the People of Our Lady of Wisdom
12:00pm - Baptism of New Icons
Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

Monday, February 23 – Polycarp, Bishop Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
5:30pm - Soup Supper with Teaching following
Reading: Gen 3:21-4:7; Prov 3:34-4:22

Tuesday, February 24 – First and Second Findings of the Head of John the Baptist.
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 4:8-15; Prov 5:1-15; 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

Wednesday, February 25 – Tarasius, Patriarch
7:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Living Intention: Evelyn Roberts
Readings: Gen 4:16-26; Prov 5:15-6:3

Thursday, February 26 – Porphyry of Gaza, Bishop
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 5:1-24; Prov 6:3-20

Friday, February 27 – Procopius, Venerable Confessor
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 5:32-6:8; Prov 6:20-7:1

Saturday, February 28 – 2nd All Souls Saturday
11:00am - All Souls Liturgy
Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy *Living Intention: Patricia Sanford*
Readings: Heb 3:12-16; Mk 1:35-44

Sunday, March 1 – 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Pat Daly
Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

Our Venerable Father, **Timothy**, Hermit. Our Holy Father, **Eustacius**, Archbishop of Antioch, assisted at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea. He contended against the Arians by word and pen. He died about A.D. 337, during the reign of emperor Constantine the Great.

Finding of the Venerable Relics of SS. Martyrs at Eugenia. Venerable **Peter**, Monk and **Athanasius**, suffered martyrdom at the hands of Iconoclasts A.D. 735, during the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian, Emperor.

St. Polycarp, Bishop-Martyr, Bishop of Smyrna, was burned alive A.D. 166, in the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople, opposed the Iconoclasts, denounced the vices of the Byzantine Princes and their profligate courts. Known as the “Father of the poor,” he died A.D. 806, during the reign of Nicephorus, Emperor.

First and Second Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John, the Precursor. The First Finding was by two monks in the home of Herod, King. They brought the Head to the city Emmesia. The Second Finding was much later, during the reign of Emperor Marcianus A. D. 431.

Our Holy Father, **Porphyrius**, Bishop of Gaza, sold his goods and distributed the proceeds to the poor. He died A.D. 420, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. **St. Sebastian**, one of the most renowned of the Roman Martyrs. He was an officer in the Imperial Army and a favorite of Emperor Diocletian. Becoming a Christian, no mercy was shown him. He was made a target for the archers and, thus, died A.D. 288. **St. Photina**, of Samaria, Martyr. Tradition identifies her as the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well.

Our Venerable Father, **Procopius**, Venerable Confessor and Monk of Decapolis, died about A.D. 740, during the reign of Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian.

Our Venerable Father, **Basil**, Confessor and Co-Faster with St. Procopius. Famous for their resistance at Constantinople to the Decree of Leo III, the Isaurian, ordering the destruction of holy pictures. They died about 740. **Marina, Cyra and Domnicia**, Venerable-Women.

Our Venerable Father, **John Cassian**, entered into his rest A.D. 431, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the younger.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

March 11, 843 - the first Sunday of Lent - is credited as being the date that Iconoclasm (the practice of deliberate destruction of religious symbols) ended for the second and final time in the Byzantine Empire. It is also credited as being the date that the restoration of icons began in full force under Patriarch Methodios and Empress Theodora.

On Sunday, March 11, 843, following a triumphant procession from the Church of the Theotokos in Blachernai to Hagia Sophia, a Liturgy was celebrated and the Synodikon of Orthodoxy - a document celebrating the triumph over the “iconoclast heresy” - was read aloud, becoming the symbol of orthodox faith (it will receive successive additions over the following centuries regarding “new” heresies). Afterward, the official reestablishment of religious images and icons was celebrated during the **Feast of (the Triumph of) Orthodoxy**.

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

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS is celebrated each Wednesday at 7:00pm during the Great Fast.

SOUP SUPPERS – Please join us for Soup Supper each Monday beginning February 23rd, at 5:30pm, in the Parish Hall during the Great Fast. We will provide the soup and you, please, bring bread to share!

SOUP SUPPER TEACHINGS – This year, Fr. Francis will be teaching Canon Law that applies to parish life of the Italo-Greek Church.

HELPING THE HOMELESS – Sandwiches for the Homeless will be made and distributed after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 22nd. Please make time to help.

HELPING THE HOMELESS – If possible, please donate toiletries for backpacks for the homeless and bring them to the Hall on Sunday March 8th. The following Sunday, March 15th, we will be filling the backpacks after the Divine Liturgy and volunteers are needed.

LAMB ROAST RESURRECTION DINNER will be on Sunday, April 12th. Ticket donation is only \$25.00 per person, including one beverage. Please see Sub Deacon Paul for tickets.

MONASTERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION for Our Lady of Wisdom will be on Saturday, September 5th, at the St. Anthony Monastery; meals and retreat master are included. If you are interested in going, please drop a note in the collection basket addressed to Father Francis, which will reserve your spot.

MYRRH-BEARER EPARCHIAL RETREAT for women will be June 26, 27 & 28, 2015. The retreat will be in Phoenix. Start saving now, if you wish to attend; meals are included. Please see Father Francis for details.

BISHOP'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN!! 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!

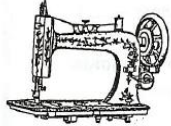
THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS is the fulfillment of God's promise of manna during our 40-day wandering through the desert of the Great Fast. As the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian wrote (*John 6:32*), Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave bread from heaven; My Father gives you the true bread from heaven." The strengthening and perfectly nourishing gifts of the Eucharist are offered at the Presanctified Liturgy, one of the most beautiful and unique liturgical expressions of our Byzantine Church.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is composed of three clearly distinguishable parts: Vespers; Liturgy of the Word, and Holy Communion. As the name suggests, the Eucharistic Gifts are presanctified or consecrated beforehand, usually at the preceding Sunday's Divine Liturgy. This means that there is no Anaphora (i.e., Great Eucharistic Prayer of Offering), but Holy Communion is distributed in the form of consecrated bread placed in ordinary wine.



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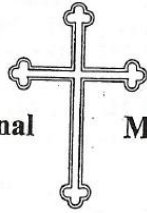
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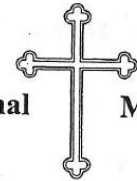
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