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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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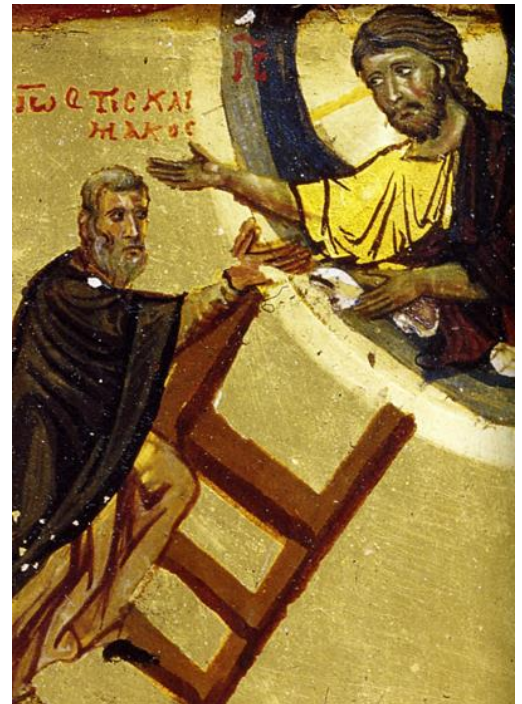
# March 14<sup>th</sup> & March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### 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



The Ladder of Divine Ascent

### 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, March 14 – 4<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**11:00am All Souls Liturgy +George Dennis**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Vita Vivona  
& Panahida +Mary Marlene Santo**

Readings: Heb 6:9-12; Mk 7:31-37

**Sunday, March 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**John Climacus, Venerable**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Suzette Stivers**

Readings: Heb 6:13-20; Mk 9:17-31

**Monday, March 16 – Sabinus & Papas, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

**5:30pm - Soup Supper with Teaching following**

Reading: Gen 13:12-18; Prov 14:27-15:4

**Tuesday, March 17 – Alexis, Man of God**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Gen 15:1-15; Prov 15:7-19

**Wednesday, March 18 – Cyril of Jerusalem, Archbishop**

**7:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: +Pro Populo**

Readings: Gen 17:1-9; Prov 15:20-16:9

**Thursday, March 19 – Great Canon St. Andrew of Crete**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Gen 18:20-33; Prov 16:17-33

**Friday, March 20 – Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery**

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Gen 22:1-18; Prov 17:17-18:5

**Saturday, March 21 – Akathistos Saturday**

**11:00am - All Souls Liturgy: +Ernest and Kathy Price**

**4:30pm – Akathist of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Emilio Fugil**

Readings: Heb 9:24-28 & Heb 9:1-7; Mk 8:27-31 & Lk 10:38-42.11:27-8

**Sunday, March 22 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Mary of Egypt, Venerable**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Dora Long**

Readings: Heb 9:11-14; Mk 10:32-45

Readings for St. Mary: Gal 3:23-29; Lk 7:36-50

Our Venerable Father, **Benedict**, Abbot. He founded in Italy, in the sixth century, the Benedictine Order based on the rules of St. Basil the Great, hence merited the title of “Patriarch of the Western Monks.” Died A.D. 543. **St. Alexander** of Pidna, Priest-Martyr, suffered and died in Thrace A.D. 272, in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

**St. Agapius**, Martyr, and with him six others. **Timolaus, two Alexander’s, Romel, two Dionisii**. These were put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

**SS. Sabinus and Papas**, Martyrs, Egyptians, were thrown into the River Nile A.D. 296, in the persecution under Diocletian. **St. Julian**, Martyr, died A.D. 298, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor. **St. Alexander**, Priest-Martyr, Pope of Rome, passed away about A.D. 119, under Hadrian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father, **Alexis**, man of God, was the only son of a Roman Senator; died A.D. 404. Pope Innocent I and the Emperor Honorius are said to have been present at his burial.

Our Holy Father, Cyril, **Archbishop of Jerusalem**. His “Catechetical Instruction,” given to the Catechumens, on the elements of the Faith, are among the most precious documents of Catholic teaching. He was named by Pope Leo XII among the Doctors of the Church. He died A.D. 386, in the reign of Theodosius, Emperor. **SS. Alexandra, Claudia, Evphrasia, and other Martyrs**, who suffered death in Missena A.D. 327, during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**SS. Chrysanthus and Daria**, Martyrs, came from the East to Rome, where they suffered death by being buried alive A.D. 283. Our Venerable Father, **Thomas**, Patriarch of Constantinople, died in peace during the reign of Phocas, Emperor A.D. 608.

**Our Venerable Fathers, martyred in the Monastery of St. Sabbas.**

**Our Venerable Father and Confessor, Jacob of Catania**, Bishop, died in the persecution of the Iconoclasts A.D. 765.

**St. Basil**, Priest-Martyr, Presbyter of the Church in Ancyra, was thrown to the wild beasts in the arena at Caesarea in Palestine A.D. 363, under Julian the Apostate. Venerable **Isaak**, Monk

**St. Niocon**, Venerable-Martyr and **Two Hundred Disciples** fled the persecution in Palestine to a refuge in Sicily, where they were put to death A.D. 250, under Decius, Emperor.

### ST. PATRICK ENLIGHTENER OF IRELAND

A Romano-Briton by origin, at the age of 16, St. Patrick was taken captive to Ireland (c.405). He escaped after six years. He pursued his education in various continental monasteries. In about the year 432, after having been consecrated Bishop by **St. Herman of Auxerre**, St. Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary. He traveled throughout the country preaching, teaching, building churches, opening schools and monasteries, converting chiefs and bards, and everywhere supporting his preaching with miracles. He is venerated as the Apostle of Ireland.

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

**CONFESSIONS** - Just a reminder that Holy Mother the Church asks us to please go to the Mystery of Second Baptism and Eucharist once during the Pascha Cycle. Fr Innocent will be here on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 11:00am, and Fr. Samuel will be here on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:45pm to 7:45pm to administer Second Baptism for our parish.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Vigil Liturgy** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy** will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am.

**LAMB ROAST RESURRECTION DINNER** will be on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. There are only two seats left.

**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 Mary Wieshaar for details.

**HELP NEEDED TO TIE OLIVE BRANCHES AFTER LITURGY ON MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2015.**

**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!

**WHY IS FASTING IMPORTANT?** The primary aim of fasting is to make us conscious of our need and hunger for God. If we avoid a minimal "token" observance, the lenten abstinence from food involves a sense of real hunger, but never to a degree that jeopardizes our health. Fasting is not an end in itself, but has, as its purpose, our turning to a sense of inward brokenness and contrition for the sake of coming to appreciate the full force of our Lord's statement, "*Without Me you can do nothing*" (*John 15:5*). If we always have our fill, we may grow overly confident and have a false sense of self-sufficiency and autonomy. Fasting physically undermines this sinful complacency. Moreover, abstinence leads not only to hunger and some weariness, but to a sense of lightness, wakefulness, freedom, and joy. Thus, fasting is not a mere matter of diet. It is moral, as well as physical. True fasting is to be converted in heart and will; it is to return us to God, to guide us home, as was the Prodigal, to the Father's house.



