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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

April 11th & 12th, 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



Saint Thomas, Apostle

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, April 11 – Bright Saturday
5:00pm Divine Liturgy *Living Intention: Mateo D’Orio*
Readings: Acts 3:11-16; Jn 3:22-33

Sunday, April 12 – Thomas Sunday
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy - Breaking of Arthos
Living Intention: David Vardenberg
Readings: Acts 5:12-20; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 13 – Artemon, Priest-Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Reading: Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11

Tuesday, April 14 – Martin, Pope
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21

Wednesday, April 15 – Aristarchus and Others, Apostles
Readings: Acts 4:13-22; Jn 5:17-24

Thursday, April 16 – Agape, Irene and Chionia, Martyrs
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30

Friday, April 17 – Simeon of Persia, Venerable-Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2

Saturday, April 18 – John, Venerable
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Pro Popolo
Readings: Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27

Sunday, April 19 – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Martha Dominguez
Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43-16:8

St. Antipas, Bishop-Martyr of Pergamus in Asia Minor and styled in the Apocalypse by St. John the Apostle as a “Faithful Witness.” Tradition says he was roasted to death on a brazen ox during the reign of Emperor Domitian A.D. 81-96. This Martyr has from God a grace to cure the pains of the teeth.

Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Basil**, Bishop of Pharia, died A.D. 736.

St. Artemon, Priest-Martyr **and Others**, of Laodicea, probably in Phrygia, was burned to death A.D. 305 in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

Our Holy Father and Confessor, **Martin**, Pope of Rome, combated the Monothelites. Several attempts were made against his life and he was deported to the isle of Naxos in the Aegean. After a year of untold privation, he was taken to Constantinople, suffered extreme ignominy and died in exile in the Crimea A.D. 655. **SS. Anthony, John, and Eustathius**, the more recent Martyrs, died in the City of Vilna in Lietuva A.D. 1342.

SS. Arstarchus, Pudus, and Trophimus, Apostles, endured death A.D. 68, in the day of Nero, Emperor. **St. Sabbas Gothinus**, Martyr, a Christian soldier, confessed Christ, was tortured and cast into the river to drown A.D. 372, in the reign of Valentian and Valens, Emperors. **SS. Basilissa and Anastasia**, Martyrs, noble Roman ladies, among the first converts to Christianity, said to have given honorable burial to the bodies of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles. For this they perished in the massacre of Christians incited and executed by Nero A.D. 68.

SS. Agapia, Irene and Chionia, Martyrs, three sisters burned at the stake at Thessalonica, under Diocletian, Emperor A.D. 304, for possessing and concealing Sacred Books of Christians.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who helped make the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection prayful and beautiful. Christ is Risen and May He Bless You with Heavenly gifts instead of Earthly gifts!!

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

OFFICERS – NEWS - In accord with the Advisory Board and the approval of our Pastor, we announce the new officers for:

Apprentice to Christadelph will be Karen St. George.
Fool for Christ will be Mrs. Shari Sanderson
Synaxarion of the Analoy Icons – Christine Bankhead
These officers will begin in June 2015

NEW ICONS – The Church Icons will be affixed to the Church Walls from Thursday, April 9th, until Friday, April 17th. Please pardon the mess and be careful walking!

HOME MISSION COLLECTION will be taken on April 18th and 19th.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – Thank you to the 38 families, who have already completed their Bishop's Appeal. 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!

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

Every day during the week of Easter, called **Bright Week** by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (*Jn 20:26*).

It is important to note that the number eight has symbolical significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come since seven is the number of earthly time. The **Sabbath, the seventh day**, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The "first day of the week, "the day after Sabbath," stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ's Resurrection (*Mk 16:1, Mt 28:1, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1, 19*), is therefore also the eighth day, "the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God.

The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of **Bright Week**. It is therefore called the **Antipascha**, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.

In the Church services the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the world of the gospel:

*Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands;
and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless,
but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?*

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:27-29).

MONASTERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION for Our Lady of Wisdom will be on Saturday, September 5th, 2015, at the St. Anthony Monastery; meals and retreat master are included. Minimum donation is \$25.00 We are now sold out!!

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 the retreat; meals are included. Please see Mary Weishaar for details.



