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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 18th & 19th, 2015

Parish Served By:

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Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

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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



Myrrh-Bearing Women

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 18 – John, Venerable

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +*Baby Shana*

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

Monday, April 20 – Theodore the Hairshirt Wearer

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Jn 4:46-54

Tuesday, April 21 – Januarius and Others, Bishop-Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 8:5-17; Jn 6:27-33

Wednesday, April 22 – Theodore Sykiot, Venerable

Readings: Acts 8:18-25; Jn 6:35-39

Thursday, April 23 – George, Great Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +*Rev. Vincent Termine*

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; John 15:17-16:2

Friday, April 24 – Sabbas, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 8:40-9:19; Jn 6:48-54

Saturday, April 25 Mark, Venerable

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy +*Pro Polulo*

Readings: 1 Peter 5:6-14; Mk 6:7-13

Sunday, April 26 – Sunday of the Paralytic Man

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +*Anthony Aird*

Readings: Acts 9:32-42; Jn 5:1-15

Our Venerable Father, **John**, a disciple of St. Gregory Decapolites, died in the reign of Theophilus the Iconoclast A.D. 829-842. Venerable **Cosmas**, Bishop of Chalcedonia, who died A.D. 816, during the reign of Leo the Armenian, Emperor. Our Holy Father, **John**, Archbishop of Antioch, who went to his rest A.D. 436.

Our Venerable Father, **John**, the ancient Hermit. **St. Paphnutius**, Martyr.

Our Venerable Father, **Theodore**, surnamed “**Trichinas**” from the rough habit of sackcloth which he wore, was a holy hermit near Constantinople, who died not later than A.D. 320.

St. Januarius, Bishop-Martyr, and **SS. Proculus Sosius, and Faustus**, Deacons; **St. Desiderius**. Lector, **SS. Eutyches and Akutionus**. These were martyred in the reign of Maximian and Gallerius, Emperors, by the persecutor Timothy A.D. 305. **St. Theodore** from Pergia, suffered death A.D. 142, under the Emperor Antonius Pius.

Our Venerable Father, **Theodore**, “**Sykeot**,” died A.D. 541 in the reign of Justinian, Emperor. **SS. Nathanael, Luke, and Clement**, Apostles. Venerable, **Vitalius**, leaving his cell, went to Alexandria and, enduring many indignities from the men, brought many infamous women to do penance. He died A.D. 615 in the reign of Heraclius, Emperor.

Feast of St. George, the glorious Great-Martyr and Wonderworker. He refused to sacrifice to the gods, was tortured and beheaded at Nicomedia in Asia Minor. **St. Alexandra**, martyr, wife of Emperor Diocletian. Both George and Alexandra were martyred in the reign of Diocletian, about A.D. 296.

St. Sabbas, Martyr and a Christian officer in the army of the Emperor Aurelian, suffered death for the faith in Rome A.D. 272.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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

HOME MISSION COLLECTION will be taken this weekend. Our Parish has benefited from this collection by Bishop Kuzma. He lent us money to acquire a bridge loan to purchase the land our church sits on. Please be as generous as you possibly can.

ST. GEORGE VIGIL LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7:00pm.

DIVINE LITURGIES will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 30th, both at 7:00pm.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – Thank you to the 40 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.

SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

The **Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women** falls on the second Sunday following Pascha. The myrrh-bearers had brought funeral spices and ointments to finish committing Christ's body to the grave. They were the first to see the empty tomb and were instructed by the risen Lord to bring the joyful news to the apostles. Ss. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are also commemorated on this day.

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. Each of the four Gospels gives a different aspect of the roles of these eight women at the cross and at the tomb on Easter morning, perhaps since the eight women arrived in different groups and at different times. The eight are: Mary Magdalene, Mary the Theotokos, Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany.

Of the eight, the first five are the more prominent and outspoken. The last three are included according to tradition. Five of these women were also very wealthy; the women of means were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and Mary and Martha of Bethany.

A confusing aspect in Gospel references to these women is that two of the Marys had a son named James. Mary, the wife of Alphaeus, was the mother of James, one of the Twelve Apostles; the Virgin Mary was the step-mother of James, the Lord's brother (*Matthew 13:55, Galatians 1:19*).

In Western tradition, James, the son of Alphaeus, and James, the Lord's brother, have sometimes been identified as the same person. In Eastern tradition, James, the Lord's brother was Bishop of Jerusalem from 30-62 AD and never left the vicinity of Jerusalem. He is the James who rendered the decision of the council of Jerusalem in 48 AD (*Acts 15:13-19*). Eastern Tradition links James, the son of Alphaeus, with evangelism abroad, especially in Egypt where he was martyred.

One helpful tip that can clear up the confusion between these two Marys is the passage that refers to the Virgin Mary as the mother of James and Joseph (*Matthew 13:55*). This Joseph is also called *Barsabas, Justus, and Judas* (*Acts 1:23 and 15:22*). Therefore, in *Matthew 27:56*, the women looking on from afar at the cross were Mary Magdalene, the Virgin Mary (that is, Mary the mother of James and Joseph), and Salome (the wife of Zebedee and the Virgin Mary's step-daughter).

Matthew refers to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who is probably the Virgin Mary also from the context (*Matthew 27:61 and 28:1*). Such Church Fathers as St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Gregory Palamas support this interpretation. Similarly, St. Gregory of Nyssa identifies "Mary, the mother of James" (*Mark 16:1 and Luke 24:10*) as the Virgin Mary, also.

These eight women had been together a lot during Jesus' three-year public ministry. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others (*Luke 8:3*) are described as providing for Jesus out of their possessions (that is, acting as deaconesses). These same women had faithfully followed Him from Galilee and had come up with Him to Jerusalem (*Matthew 27:55, Mark 15:40-41, and Luke 23:55*).

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.



