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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

May 16th & 17th, 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 Basil, 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, May 16 – Theodore, Venerable

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +Roger R. Reese

Readings: Acts 20:7-12; Jn 14:10-21

Sunday, May 17 – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Frank Raya

Readings: Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Jn 17:1-13

Monday, May 18 – Theodotus and Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Acts 21:8-14; Jn 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, May 19 – Patrick, Bishop Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 21:26-32; Jn 16:2-13

Wednesday, May 20 – Thalaleus and Others

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Harvey Terry

Readings: Acts 23:1-11; Jn 16:15-23

Thursday, May 21 – Constantine and Helen, Equal to the Apostles

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 26:1-5,12-20; Jn 9:39-10:9

Readings of the Day: Acts 25:13-19; Jn 16:23-33

Friday, May 22 – Basiliscus, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 27:1-44; Jn 17:18-26

Saturday, May 23 – 5th All Souls Saturday

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy: *Living Intention Pro Popolo*

Readings: Acts 28:1-31; Jn 21:15-25

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +Daniel and Kathryn Sullivan

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Jn 7:37-52;8:12

16th – Our Venerable Father, **Theodore**, disciple of St. Pachomius, Hegumen-Abbot of Taberna, died A.D. 367 in the reign of Valentinian, Emperor. **SS. Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia**, Martyrs. Vitus, a child with his nurse Crescentia and her husband Modestus, by whom he was instructed in the Christian Faith, was driven from home by his inhuman parents. They suffered martyrdom together about A.D. 302 under Diocletian, Emperor.

17th – **St. Andronicus**, Apostle, and others with him. **St. Junia**.

18th – **St. Theodotus** of Ancyra in Galatia (Asia Minor), grain dealer by trade, seeking to recover the bodies of holy women martyrs from quicksand, was himself made to share the same fate in the reign of Diocletian. A.D. 304. **SS. Petrus, Dennis, Andreas, Paul, Christina, Heracleus, Paulinus, and Venedimus**, Martyrs. **SS. Seven Virgins; Alexandra, Thekusa, Claudia, Falina, Evphrasia, Matrona, and Julia**.

19th – **St. Patrick**, Bishop-Martyr of Prusa in Bithynia (Asia Minor) and **his companions**. After many tortures for Christ, he was put to the sword with **Menander and Acatius** A.D. 363 in the reign of Julian the Apostate, Emperor.

20th – **St. Thaleleus**, Martyr and others. At the sight of his constancy in Faith, Asterius and Alexander, his executioners, and other bystanders declared themselves Christians and all shared his fate A.D. 272 in the reign of the Emperor Aurelian.

21st – **SS. Constantine the Great**, King and Equal to the Apostles and **Helen**, his mother. Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and Byzantine (Constantinople) and became the first Christian Emperor, champion of the Faith and builder of many Christian edifices. He died A.D. 337. St. Helen, mother of this Great Emperor, discovered the true Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

22nd – **SS. Basiliscus**, Martyr, kinsman of Theodore of Tyrone, was a Christian soldier, crucified at Comona in Pontus (Asia Minor) A.D. 308, with two comrades in the persecution under Maximian Galerius, Emperor.

ST. CORNELIUS OF KOMEL, RUSSIA

St. Cornelius was descended from the boyar family Kriukov (his brother Lucian served at the Court of the Moscow Tsar). When Lucian decided to set off for the Monastery of the St. Cyril of Beloezersk, Cornelius, who from a young age had yearned for the solitary life, followed after him. There, Cornelius began his monastic exploits with a difficult obedience in the bakery. He wore chains and, in his spare time, occupied himself with the copying of church books. Because of his love for solitude, he later left the Beloezersk Monastery and visited Rostov and Novgorod. In 1497, he settled in Komel forest, where he built himself a cell.

To this place of the ascetic activity, monks began to gather and, in 1501, St. Cornelius built a wooden Church. In the same year, Metropolitan Simon ordained him a Priest. In 1512, when the number of brethren had grown, he constructed a stone Church and wrote a Rule based on the Rules of Sts. Joseph of Volotsk and Nilus of Sora. The strictness of the Saint's life provoked some of the brethren to grumble, and he was compelled to leave the monastery and settle at Lake Sursk. He reposed in peace there, at the age of 82, in 1537.

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

HOLY MYSTERIES of Chrismation and Holy Eucharist will be given to Betti Kelso during Liturgy on May 24th. May God Grant Her Many Blessed Years!

RUMMAGE SALE – Our annual Rummage Sale will be May 29th and 30th in the Parish Hall. Please bring your donated items to the Hall beginning Monday, May 25th. Contact Brian and Nichole Kong if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – *ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!!* Thank you to the families who have already completed their Bishop's Appeal; however, there are still numerous families who have not completed their pledges. Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation and the recommended sacrificial pledge is \$200.00 per household, which can be paid in installments until May 31, 2015. God Bless You.

ECF OFFICERS – Please welcome Mary Weishaar as a new ECF officer. Also, Lupe Ritzo is the PreSchool officer. Thank you to both Ladies.

ECF REGISTRATION has now begun. Please see Sub Deacon Paul or Fr. Francis for information.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Byzantine Catholic Church traces its foundation to the 12 Apostles of Christ, who were the companions of Jesus as he walked on this earth some 2000 years ago. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (*Acts 2:1-4*), the Apostles began to proclaim the Gospel; first to Jerusalem, then to the Gentiles. The first mission of the New Testament Church to the Greek-speaking Gentiles of the Levant was to Antioch, in the Roman province of Syria, where “the disciples were first called Christians” (*Acts 11:26*). Antioch became the staging area for the great missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, which resulted in the foundation of a string of Greek-speaking Christian communities in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey) and Greece. Similar missionary journeys were undertaken by other Apostles throughout the Hellenized Eastern Mediterranean, as well as deep into the heart of the Latin West, to Rome itself, the capital of the Empire.

As the Christian Church grew, each nation and culture who received the Gospel in turn influenced the growth of the Church. Even at a relatively early stage in the history of the Church, two major heritages developed and remain with us today: the Eastern or “Greek” tradition, and the Western or “Latin” tradition. The Church in the West had its principal center at the Imperial capital of Rome and is known in our present-day as the Roman Catholic Church. The Church in the East grew and developed from the Churches in Jerusalem, Antioch, and Alexandria. These three Eastern centers shared a common language, Greek, and similar mode of discourse, which formed the basis for the subsequent development of the Eastern Christian tradition. The Byzantine Catholic Church shares in the inheritance of the first Greek-speaking Christian communities of the Eastern Mediterranean world, founded by the Apostles of Jesus Christ.

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.



