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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 23rd & 24th, 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



Pentecost

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 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*

Chrismation and Holy Eucharist Mysteries Betti Kelso

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

Monday, May 25 – Pentecost Monday

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Eph 5:9-19; Mt 18:10-20

Tuesday, May 26 – 3rd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Rom 1:1-7.13-17; Mt 4:25-5:13

Readings for the Baptist: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

Wednesday, May 27 – Therapont, Bishop Martyr

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +*Lisa Boback*

Readings: Rom 1:18-27; Mt 5:20-26

Thursday, May 28 – Nicetas, Bishop

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Rom 1:28-2:9; Mt 5:27-32

Friday, May 29 – Theodosia, Venerable Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Rom 2:14-29; Mt 5:33-41

Saturday, May 30 – Isaac, Venerable

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +*Deceased of the Scarpinito and Quail Families*

Readings: Rom 1:7-12; Mt 5:42-48

Sunday, May 31 – Sunday of All Saints

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +*Margaret Lynott*

Readings: Heb 11:33-12:2a; Mt 10:32-33.37-38.19:27-30

Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Michael**, Bishop of Synnada at Phrygia, was a disciple of St. Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Because of his fearless opposition to the Iconoclast, Emperor Leo the Armenian, he was banished into Galatia and died about A.D. 820.

The Third finding of the Venerable Head of St. John, the Glorious Prophet, Baptist, and Precursor of our Lord, A.D. 867. At that time, St. Ignatius was Patriarch of Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

Our Venerable Father, **Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain**, Stylite, spent 45 years on a pillar, lived to the age 85, died A.D. 574. Venerable **Nicetas the Stylite**, Wonderworker.

St. Carpus, Apostle, one of the 70 Apostles and considered by some Greek authors as Bishop of Berea, by others as Bishop of Berylus, and by some as Bishop of Crete.

St. Therapontus, Priest-Martyr, died for the Faith A.D. 259, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Father, **Nicetas**, Bishop of Chalcedon, A.D. 836 – **St. Helladius**, Priest-Martyr. – **St. Eutyches**, Martyr in Miletus.

St. Theodosia, Venerable-Virgin Martyr of Tyre, who, on seeing some martyrs led to their execution, asked them to pray for her. She was seized, tried, tortured, and cast into the sea A.D. 308, in the reign of Constantine and Galerius, Emperors.

Our Venerable Father, **Isaac**, Monk in Dalmatia A.D. 374, in the reign of Emperor Valentinian.

St. Hermas, Apostle, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans (16:14) – **St. Hermas**, Martyr, A.D. 141, in the reign of Emperor Antoninus Pius.

St. Justin, Martyr, a great philosopher, was born in Sichein in Palestine. He delved deeply into philosophical meditations, became a convert to Christianity with others, wrote Apologies for the Christian Religion, and a Dialogue with the Jew Tryphon. He was beheaded in Rome A.D. 167, in the reign of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

ST. METROPHANES, FIRST PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

St. Metrophanes' father, Dometius, the brother of the Roman Emperor Probus, fled from Rome as a Christian during a persecution and settled in Byzantium. He was ordained to the priesthood by Titus, the Bishop of the city. Following the death of Titus, Dometius became Bishop of Byzantium. After the death of Dometius, his eldest son, Probus, occupied the Episcopal Throne and, after his death, Metrophanes was elected Bishop.

When Emperor Constantine the Great first saw St. Metrophanes, he loved him as his own father. At the time of the First Ecumenical Council (325), St. Metrophanes was already a man of 117 years. He was unable to participate in the work of the Council, so he appointed the priest, Alexander, as his representative.

The Emperor, by his intervention at the Council, conferred upon him the title of Patriarch. So, he was the first Patriarch of Constantinople. Further, the Emperor invited the entire Council to visit the ailing and aged Archpastor. When the Emperor asked him whom he wished to name as successor to the Patriarchal Throne, Metrophanes named Alexander. He reposed in peace in the same year, 325.

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

PARISH OFFICES will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th. Rummage may be brought from 10:00am to 1:00pm

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 ONE WEEK 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. God Bless You.

NEW OFFICERS – We wish to announce that the new Synaxarion for the Analois is Mrs. Christine Bankhead. The new Assistant Synaxarion on Saturday for the Holy Mysteries is Shirley DiStefano.

ECF REGISTRATION for children and adults has new begun. Please see Sub Deacon Paul for information.

PENTECOST: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the Old Testament, Pentecost was the feast which occurred 50 days after Passover. As the Passover Feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God’s gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ’s death and resurrection, the “exodus” of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law” **the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.**

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to His disciples came on the day of Pentecost. The apostles received “the power from on high,” and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

On Pentecost, we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason, the 50th day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, 50 being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety.



