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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 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

### **Parish Served By:**

Rt. Rev. Archimadrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor

Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

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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



All Saints

### **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 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

**Monday, June 1 – Justin and Others, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Reading: Rom 2:28-3:18; Mt 6:31-34;7:9-11

**Tuesday, June 2 – Nicephor, Patriarch**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Rom 4:4-12; Mt 7:15-21

**Wednesday, June 3 – Lucillian and Others, Martyrs**

Readings: Rom 4:13-25; Mt 7:21-23

Readings for the Martyr: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 15:17-16:2

**Thursday, June 4 – Metrophanes, Patriarch**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Rom 5:10-16; Mt 8:23-27

**Friday, June 5 – Dorotheus, Bishop Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Rom 5:17-6:2; Mt 9:14-17

**Saturday, June 6 – Bessarion and Hilary, Venerables**

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Edie Ward**

Readings: Rom 3:19-26; Mt 7:1-8

**Sunday, June 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Olender and Feeny Families**

Readings: Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23

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

**St. Hermas**, Apostle, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans. **St. Hermeas**, Martyr, A.D. 141, in the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius.

Our Holy Father, **Nicephor**, Patriarch of Constantinople. Our Holy Father, **Alexander**, Archbishop of Constantinople. He resolutely stood against the Arian heresy, assisted at the Council of Nicea. The awful death of Arius is regarded as a response to the Saint's prayer for deliverance from the evils of this heresy. He died A.D. 340, in the reign of Emperor Constantinus.

**St. Lucillian**, Martyr and with him: **Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius**. Lucillian, an old man, was first tortured and with the four – mere boys – tied to the stake to be burned. Rain however, extinguished the fire. He was then crucified and the boys beheaded, under Aurelian A.D. 273. **St. Paula**, Martyr, a Christian maiden of Byzantium, who was tortured and beheaded A.D. 273.

Our Holy Father, **Metrophanes**, Patriarch of Constantinople, suffered imprisonment in the persecution under Diocletian, Emperor. He died A.D. 325, in the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.

**St. Dorotheus**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Tyre, suffered banishment under Julian the Apostate A.D. 362, being 107 years of age.

Our Venerable Father, **Bessarion**, Wonderworker; because of his virtues and miracles the Greek writers compare him with Moses, Elias, and others of the Prophets. He is thought to have died before A.D. 400. Venerable, **Hilarion**, the "Newer," Monk in Dalmatia. He suffered exile for his resistance to the Iconoclasts. He died A.D. 864.

### BISHOP'S APPEAL – LAST WEEKEND

**THERE ARE STILL INCOMPLETE PLEDGES! PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU COMPLETE YOUR BISHOP'S APPEAL BY THIS SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED. NOT ONLY IS IT A PARISHIONER OBLIGATION, OUR PARISH WILL RECEIVE A NICE REBATE CHECK IF WE EXCEED OUR GOAL.**



***Happy Anniversary to Father Francis for his many years of Priesthood  
May God Grant Him Many Blessed Healthy Years***

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

**CLERGY DAYS CONFERENCE** – Father Francis and SubDeacon Paul will be attending the Clergy Days Conference with Bishop Gerald in Phoenix from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW OFFICERS** – Please welcome Ralph and Edie Rodriguez as the New Officers for the Collections of Alms and welcome Herman and Donna Miller as the Assistant Sunday Greeters.

**MOLEBEN TO JESUS** will be celebrated before each Saturday and Sunday Liturgy during June.

**SAINT ONOFRIO BLESSING OF PETS** will be on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am and 6:30pm.

**FEAST OF SAINT JUDE** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm and the Feast Day Liturgy on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**HOLY APOSTLES FAST** begins on June 14<sup>th</sup> until June 28<sup>th</sup>. Meals are to be meatless on Fridays and Wednesdays in honor of the Holy Apostles.

**BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** will be on June 27th and 28th. This collection is used for the Hospital in Rome for Children who cannot afford medical assistance.

## SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (*Ps. 138:16*). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (*Heb. 12:1*)

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that, once a year, a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (*John 12:24*); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (*Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers*).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-Virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.



