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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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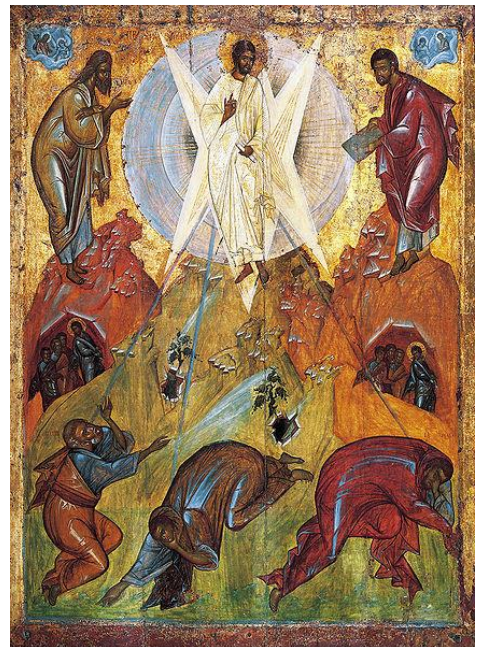
# August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

### **Parish Served By:**

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



Transfiguration

### **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, August 1 – Procession of the Cross

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy** *Living Intention: Jeri Ficher*

Readings: Rom 15:30-33; Mt 17:24-18:4

Readings: Procession of Cross: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11.13-20, 25-28.30-35

#### Sunday, August 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy:** *+Mary Marlene Santo Panahida*

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 17:14-23

Readings for St. Stephen: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Mt 21:33-42

#### Monday, August 3 – Isaacius and Others, Venerables

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Reading: 2 Cor 2:4-15; Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday, August 4 – Seven Youth of Ephesus, Martyrs

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: 2 Cor 2:14-3:3; Mt 23:23-28

#### Wednesday, August 5 – Eusignius, Martyr

**7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy Transfiguration of our Lord** *+Mini Banish*

Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 23:29-39

#### Thursday, August 6 – Transfiguration of our Lord

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy Transfiguration of our Lord**

*Living Intention; Richard Little*

Readings: 2 Peter 1:10-19 Mt 17:1-9

#### Friday, August 7 – Domitius, Venerable Martyr

**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: 2 Cor 4:13-18; Mt 24:27-33.42-51

#### Saturday, August 8 – Emilian, Bishop Confessor

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy:** *+Manouchehe Pezeski*

Readings: 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mt 19:3-12

#### Sunday, August 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy:** *+Mary Zanko*

Readings: 1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35

Readings for Apostle Matthias: Acts 1:12-17.21-26; Lk 9:1-6

#### Procession of the Venerable and Life-giving Cross.

Commemoration of the SS. Seven Machabee Brothers, Martyrs, their names being **Abim, Antonin, Gurius, Eliazar, Evseon, Alim, Marcell**, and their Mother, **Solomon**, and their Master, **Eleazar**, martyred 173 A.D., during the reign of Antiochus, son of Seleucius.

#### Translation of the Holy Relics of St. Stephen, the first

**Martyr and Archdeacon** from Jerusalem to Constantinople during the reign of the Emperor Constantine the Great, A.D. 312. St. Stephen, Priest-Martyr, Pope of Rome, and others with him martyred A.D. 260, during the reign of Valerian and Gallienus, Emperors. Tradition alleges that he was beheaded while seated in his chair before the Altar in the Catacombs.

#### Our Venerable Fathers, Isaacius, Dalmatius, and Faustus.

Isaacius died A.D. 368, in the reign of Valens, Emperor. He had predicted the death of Valens, the Arian, going into battle. This prediction fulfilled, Dalmatius and Faustus died in the reign of Theodosius the Great, Emperor (379-395).

#### SS. Seven Youth of Ephesus, Martyrs, their names being:

**Maximilian, Dionisius, Amblichus, Martin, Antonin, John, and Marcell. St. Eudokia**, Venerable Martyr.

#### St. Eusignius, Martyr, an old soldier in the army of Constantine

Chlorus, Emperor, who, at the age of 110 years, refused to sacrifice to idols on command of Julian the Apostate, Emperor. He was scourged and beheaded as a Christian at Antioch in Syria, A.D. 362.

#### The Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus

**Christ.** By this manifestation of His Divine Glory, Jesus, Who has just foretold His Passion to the Apostles, strengthened their Faith and prepared them for His sufferings and death.

#### St. Domitius, Venerable-Martyr. Julian the Apostate, Emperor,

irritated, it is alleged, by the reproaches Domitius ventured to address to him, had him stoned to death A.D. 362.

#### St. Pulcheria was the daughter of the Eastern Emperor

Arcadius. On the death of her brother, Emperor Theodosius II, a fallen away Catholic, she became Empress, and ruled wisely and well. She died A.D. 453. The Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon salutes Pulcheria as "Guardian of the Faith, maker of peace, pious, orthodox, and a second St. Helen.

### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The **Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord** is commemorated by the Church on August 1. It is the first of the three "Feasts of the Savior" in August; The second being the great feast day of the Transfiguration, The third being the Translation of the Icon of Our Lord on August 16.

It became a tradition to carry the wood of the Venerable Cross through the streets of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city starting in the beginning of August. This was done because illnesses were more common in August at that time. On the eve of the feast, it was taken out of the imperial treasury and laid upon the altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia. From this Feast until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the relic of the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate.

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

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** Liturgies will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm and on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. Please bring your fruit basket to be blessed after the Divine Liturgy. The fruit represents our thanksgiving to God for the harvest He has granted from His bounty.

**ALL OFFICERS MEETING** - There will be a meeting for ALL new officers on Saturday morning, August 8, 2015, at 10:00am to explain the theology of each office and the duties in detail. Existing officers are welcome also!

**POOR BOX NEWS** - Our Parish will make sandwiches for the needy on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. If possible, please donate bread and lunch meat, and also time to help make the sandwiches. Please bring items to the Hall before this date.

**MYSTAGOGIA** days of prayer from 9:00am until 7:00pm will be on August 27<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 29<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners are encouraged to come and pray in silence for at least one hour during each day. This preparation is for the celebration of the New Year.

**ECF TEACHERS MEETING** for ALL teachers will be Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, after the Divine Liturgy. It is imperative that all preschool, children, and adult teachers attend to establish another successful year.

**NEW YEAR'S** Vesper celebration will be held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30pm. Don't forget to bring a plate to break! Pot Luck Dinner begins at 5:00pm.

**CATHOLIC FAITH CLASSES** – Those who wish to learn the Catholic Christian faith are asked to sign up with Sub-Deacon Paul for the new classes in Catholic Faith Instruction for the fall.

**REGISTRATION** for children ECF classes has begun. Please see SubDeacon Paul for registration information. Classes for the non-baptized will be on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Classes for baptized Christians, who seek the full communion with the Christian Faith in the Catholic Church, will be held on Wednesdays.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION INSTITUTE** Building Fund Campaign will begin in August. We ask you to take your pledge for the new building seriously. Furthermore, we need to remember what our Bishop told us: this building is needed to teach the Catholic Faith; so that all peoples will come to know the true God and His Love for mankind through His son Jesus, the Christ.

## **THE DORMITION FAST**

The Dormition Fast begins each year on 1 August and ends on 14 August. This is a two-week period of ascetical preparation that ushers in the Great and Obligatory Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

The Dormition is the greatest of the marian feasts. This feast focuses our attention on the falling asleep (i.e., passing away) of the Mother of God and her subsequent assumption into heaven. Related to these glorious events is her example of holiness and strict conformity to the will of God – attributes we are to activate through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and confession.

We are reminded how far easier it is to pray when not burdened with a full stomach. How much lighter the soul becomes and how it soars to the Maker by prayer.

Although this summer penitential season is only two weeks long, the traditional fasting practices are observed as during the Great Fast. During this spiritual journey, we join symbolically with the Twelve Illustrious Apostles, who have been summoned to the Holy City of Jerusalem from the various corners of the world of antiquity for the impending death of the Theotokos.

As we thus travel vicariously up to Jerusalem for the Dormition event, let us make the sacrificial effort to do some voluntary fasting on Wednesdays and the required fasting on Fridays. Let us also endeavor to make a worthy confession in anticipation of our proper spiritual observance of this greatest of Marian feasts.

*O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!*



