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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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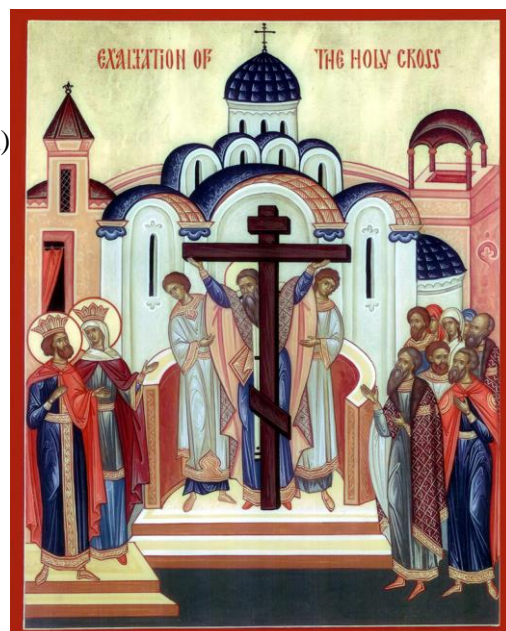
September 12th & 13th, 2015

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



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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, September 12 – Saturday Before Exaltation of the Cross
Autonomous, Bishop-Martyr

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy +*Deceased members of the Boca Family*
Readings: 1 Cor 2:6-9; Mt 10:37-11:1

Sunday, September 13 – Sunday Before Exaltation of the Cross
Dedication of Church of the Resurrection

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy +*Clare Seifert*
Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17

Monday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +*Joseph Maranzano*
Reading: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11, 13-21.25-28.30-35

Tuesday, September 15 – Nicetas, Great Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 2:19-3:7; Mk 11:11-23
Readings for the Martyr: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Mt 10:16-22

Wednesday, September 16 – Euphemia, Great Martyr

Readings: Eph 3:8-21; Mk 11:23-26
Readings for St. Euphemia: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 7:36-50

Thursday, September 17 – Sophia and Others

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 4:14-19; Mk 11:27-33

Friday, September 18 – Eumenius, Bishop

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 4:17-25; Mk 12:1-12

Saturday, September 19 – Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +*Charles and Antoinette Corona*
Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-29; Jn 8:21-30

Sunday, September 20 – Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +*Gordon Ellis*
Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-38

Commemorating the Restoration of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Cornelius, Priest-Martyr, was the Centurion the Italic cohort, baptized at Caesarea in Palestine by the Apostle St. Peter about A.D. 41 (Acts 10.) Tradition makes him first Bishop of Caesarea.

Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross. Discovery of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord suffered together with the nails, is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem A.D. 326. In the Church of Jerusalem, erected by St. Helen over the Sepulchre of Our Lord, the Patriarch St. Macarius elevated the Cross and all the people beholding it cried out, "Lord, have mercy!"

St. Nicetas, the Great Martyr, was a Goth and a victim of the fury of King Athanaric, ruler of the nations settled about the Danube. He was a disciple of the celebrated Ulphilas (Theophilus). He was burned to death about A.D. 78.

St. Euphemia, the Great Virgin-Martyr. She was burned at the stake for the Faith of Christ, in the city of Chalcedon, in the reign of Galerius, about A.D. 107.

SS. Sophia and her Three Daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity. These three virgins suffered death for Christ while still children, under the Emperor Hadrian. Three days later their mother, praying at their tomb, passed away.

Our venerable father, **Eumenius, Wonderworker,** bishop of Gortyna on the Island of Crete, was conspicuous for his charity. He died in exile in the latter half of the 3rd century.

SS. Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedont, Martyrs. They were tortured and beheaded as Christians, most probably at Antioch about A.D. 277.

SS. Eustus (Placidus), the Great Soldier-Martyr, and his wife, Theopista, and their sons, Agapius and Theopiatus. Martyrs put to death as Christians under the Emperor Hadrian A.D. 118.

ELDERLY PRIEST MEDICAL INSURANCE -Your generous response to last year's medical insurance collection raised just over \$40,125, enough to pay our medical premium for one month with about \$6,600 remaining to help pay part of another month's premium. We are very grateful for your thoughtful and generous contribution last year. Currently, our monthly premium averages \$33,500, for which we collect from the parishes only \$18,782. The Eparchy must find the difference of \$14,718 per month! This is becoming more and more difficult for the Eparchy to pay each month without having a direct impact on eparchial programs and other operational needs. Your generosity this year will make a tremendous difference! Thank you for your generosity and love for your priests and your Eparchy. Your sacrifice is deeply appreciated.

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

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, September 14th, at 7:00pm.

WOMEN: COME, BE A MYRRH BEARER The women who attended the Myrrh Bearer's retreat would like to expand their work and teach other women and their daughters (over the age of 7) what it is to be a Myrrh Bearer. We have decided to form a group which will meet monthly for planning and at least once monthly for action activities. The first meeting (for organization) will be on Monday, September 21st, at 7:00pm. Monthly planning meetings will be held thereafter on the 2nd Monday of each month, with activity days to be planned at each planning meeting. Please, come and join us.

CONCEPTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 7:00pm.

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, October 1st, at 7:00pm.

ITALIAN WEDDING AND DINNER – Come join us for a “Mock” Italian Wedding and Dinner Party, complete with Chicken Marsala, Sausage Pizziola, and other goodies. Ticket donation is only \$30.00 per person. Event will be held on Sunday, October 25th, from 4:30pm to 8:00pm.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Feast of the Holy Cross is one of the greatest feasts of the Eastern Churches. It is frequently mentioned in ecclesiastical writings and always has, as its object, the triumph of Christ, His Resurrection, and the veneration of the Holy Cross, the sign of victory over death. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was first instituted in order to commemorate the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection on September 13, 335. The Emperor Constantine built this church and the one in Bethlehem and they are both in existence today. The Church of the Resurrection had five naves and in the interior, a circular structure covered by a dome, which protected the sanctuary of the sepulcher or tomb of Christ. The date of September 13 was chosen in order to supplant the pagan feast of the Temple of Jupiter in Rome.

The second historical event, which is the source of our present feast, was the return of the holy cross to Jerusalem under Emperor Heraclius. The wood of the cross had been preserved in the Church of the Resurrection until May 4, 614,, when the Persians captured Jerusalem, burned the Church of the Resurrection, and carried off the cross. After the victory of Emperor Heraclius over the Persians, the cross was returned to Jerusalem on September 14, 628. It is said that the Emperor, dressed in his royal vestments, carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem. He was stopped by the Patriarch, who demanded that he remove his splendid vestments in order to become more like the scorned Christ. The Emperor agreed and walked through the streets barefooted. A crowd of faithful accompanied him and prostrated before the Holy Cross.

*We bow down to the Tree of your Cross, O Lover of Mankind,
since You, the Life of all, were nailed upon it.
O Savior, You opened Paradise to the thief who turned
to You in faith. You counted him worthy of blessedness
when he confessed to You, crying: O Lord, remember me!
As You accepted him, also accept us as we call out:
We have all sinned; in your merciful kindness,
do not forsake us.*



