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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 19th & 20th, 2015

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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



Saint Thekla

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 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

Monday, September 21 – Codratus, Apostle

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Eph 4:25-32; Lk 3:19-22

Tuesday, September 22 – Phocas, Bishop Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 5:20-26; Lk 3:23-4:1

Wednesday, September 23 – Conception of John the Baptist

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Bishop George Kuzma

Readings: Gal 5:11-21; Lk 4:1-15

Readings for the Baptist: Gal 4:22-31; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday, September 24 – Thecla, Proto-Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 5:33-6:9; Lk 4:16-22

Readings for the Martyr: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Mt 25:1-13

Friday, September 25 – Euphrosyne, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 6:18-24; Lk 4:22-30

Saturday, September 26 – Falling Asleep of John Apostle-Evangelist

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Joseph and Anna Bartish

Readings: 1 Cor 15:39-45; Lk 4:31-36

Readings for the Apostle/Evangelist: 1 Jn 4:12-19; Jn 19:25-27, 21:24-25

Sunday, September 27 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Milton and Emily Buttle

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 5:1-11

St. Codratus, registered in the old Martyrologies as disciple of the Apostles and successor of St. Publius as Bishop of Athens, where he died by sword some time before A.D. 130.

St. Phocas, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sinope on the Black Sea. He was put to death under the Emperor Trajan A.D. 102. **St. Jonas**, Prophet, one of the Twelve Lesser Prophets and an inspired writer of a Canonical Book of Holy Scriptures. He died 761 B.C. Venerable **Jonas**, Father of St. Theophanes, composer of the Canons, and of Theodore, having flourished A.D. 817.

Conception of St. John the Baptist, the glorious Prophet and Precursor of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

St. Thecla, First Virgin-Martyr. One of the most celebrated of the Saints of the Early Church. St. Epiphanius and others relate that she was converted at Iconium in Lycaonia by St. Paul (*Acts 14*) A.D. 51. She died before the close of the 1st century.

Our Venerable Mother, **Euphrosyna**, was an Egyptian maiden of pious Christian parents at Alexandria. To avoid marriage and preserve her virginity, she assumed male attire, entered a monastery of Monks to frustrate a search for her. She retired into a cell and for 38 years was looked upon as a holy man. Even her own father sought spiritual advice from her and appreciated her counsels. He assisted at her last moments. Only then did she disclose her identity. After her death, about A.D. 470, her father took possession of her cell where he passed the rest of his days in penance and prayers.

The Passing of St. John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist. (Confer May 8th)

ST. SOPHIA AND MARTYRS, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

St. Sophia came from Italy of a rich and devout family. After her husband died while she was still young, she decided to remain a widow. She brought her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love, to imitate the virtues whose names she had given them. Living at Rome during the persecution of the Emperor Adrian, they were arrested for their Christian faith.

St. Faith, who was 12 years old, was brought to trial first. She boldly dismissed the tyrant's flatteries and deprecated his shameless deeds and vain plots against the Christians. The infuriated Emperor had her stripped, mercilessly beaten, and her breasts torn off, whence there flowed, not milk, but honey. Finally, she was beheaded.

St. Hope, who was 10 years old, was brought in next. She was beaten and cast into a raging furnace and after many other tortures; she too, died by the sword.

St. Love, the third of the sisters, was 9 years old. She was hanged on a gallows and chained so tightly that her limbs were broken by the bonds. She was then thrown into a furnace, from which she was delivered by an Angel and finally beheaded.

St. Sophia reposed three days after, on the tomb of her daughters.

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

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.

AKATHIST OF THE MOTHER OF GOD will be prayed in place of the Third Hour for all Sundays of October before the Divine Liturgy.

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.

SPECIAL PRIESTS’ MEDICAL INSURANCE COLLECTION - This year, it will cost the Eparchy over \$402,000 for medical insurance for both the active and retired priests, an increase of \$54,600 over last year. Approximately \$225,000 is currently paid by the parishes, which leaves the Eparchy with the difference of \$177,000 for the year. This increase is straining our Eparchy’s financial resources beyond belief! This is the hard reality! In the past four years, we have raised over \$155,000 through your loving concern for our priests. This year we ask you to consider contributing \$100 per household. Pray over it and discuss this with your family to consider your contribution. Bishop and all the priests continue to thank God for each of you. Be as generous as you can in support of our special priests’ medical insurance collection the weekend of October 3rd and 4th.

THE CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Conception of St. John the Baptist is one of the first miracles of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. With this miracle of the Conception, God wished to confirm and herald the miracle of miracles, the Incarnation, by another, like to it but not the same. So, in order that St. John should in everything be Christ’s Forerunner, six months before the Archangel Gabriel visited Virgin Mary, he appeared to the High Priest Zachariah as he was going into the Temple to offer the sacrifice of incense, and told him *“Do not be afraid, for your prayer is heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord...and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. (Luke 1:13-15)*

Zachariah and his wife were both old, so that he doubted the truth of the Archangel’s words. This is why Gabriel told him that he would be dumb until the birth of the child as a punishment and to teach him to use his tongue only to give glory to God.



