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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 26th & 27th, 2015

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The Holy Protection

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 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

Monday, September 28 – Chariton, Venerable-Confessor

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Phil 1:1-7; Lk 4:37-44

Readings for the Venerable: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:17-23

Tuesday, September 29 – Cyriacus, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Phil 1:8-14; Lk 5:12-16

Readings for the Venerable: Gal 5:22-6:2; Lk 6:17-23

Wednesday, September 30 – Gregory Illuminator, Bishops-Martyr

Readings: Phil 1:12-20; Lk 5:33-39

Readings for St. Gregory: 1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 24:42-47

Thursday, October 1 – Protection of the Theotokos

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Sister Dorothy Louise

Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42.11:27-28

Friday, October 2 – Cyprian, Bishop-Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Phil 1:27-2:4; Lk 6:17-23

Saturday, October 3 – Denis the Areopagite, Bishop-Martyr

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy: *Living Intention: Our Lady of Wisdom Parishioners*

Readings: 1 Cor 15:58-16:3; Lk 5:17-26

Readings for the Bishop-Martyr: Acts 17:16-34; Mt 13:44-54

Sunday, October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am – Akathist of the Mother of God

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Benedict Zientek

Readings: 2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Lk 6:31-36

St. Callistratus, Soldier-Martyr and a **body of fifty African soldiers** were put to death at Constantinople under the Emperor Diocletian A.D. 295, for the Christian Faith. It is related that they were sewn up in sacks and cast into the sea.

Our Venerable Father, **Cyriacus**, Hermit, was a Greek by birth, embraced monastic life in Palestine. He lived for 198 years and died A.D. 500.

St. Gregory, Bishop Martyr and the Illuminator of Greater Armenia. He is considered an Apostle of his country. It seems certain that he was consecrated first Patriarch of the Armenians, that he converted Tiridates, King of the country and suffered much from the heathers. He died about A.D. 332.

Protection of the Theotokos. This special Feast Day of the Byzantine Rite Church celebrated every year since A.D. 911, when the Immaculate Virgin miraculously appeared in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople. **St. Ananias**, Apostle, one of the 70, who baptized St. Paul, the Apostle. Our Venerable Father, **Roman**, the sweet-singer, author of many Kondaks, about A.D. 496.

St. Cyprian, Priest-Martyr, a cultured Carthaginian, was converted and consecrated Bishop of Carthage. He wrote much and was a cordial friend of the Martyr Pope. **St. Cornelius**. He won his crown of Martyrdom by beheading A.D. 258, under the Emperor Valerian. **St. Justina**, Virgin Martyr, beheaded at Nicomedia under Emperor Diocletian A.D. 300. **St. Andreas**, who became “a fool for Christ’s sake”.

St. Denis, the Areopagite, Priest-Martyr, first Bishop of Athens, converted by St. Paul, the Apostle and, with him, **Rusticus and Eleutherius**, Athenian converts.

St. Hierotheus, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Athens, disciple of St. Paul. Tradition has it that he was translated on a cloud to Jerusalem to be present at the Dormition (Assumption) of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Venerable **St Francis of Assisi**.

AKATHIST HYMN TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This office, probably composed in the year 532, is to the Byzantine Church what the Rosary and Litanies of the Blessed Mother are to the Latin Rite. There is in the Eastern Church no better prayer expressing love and veneration for Mary: all the figures under which she has been represented in the Scriptures are repeated here, not in the form of a dry enumeration, but as applied to her by the living people of the Gospel, who thus participate in the universal concert of praise and personally glorify the Virgin Mother. The episodes of Holy Scriptures come back to life and lead us to join the chorus of the Saints who, at the time of Mary, witnessed the great mystery of the Incarnation. The excellence of the Akathist Hymn is seen in this: that it always brings us back to theological truth – to the fact that Mary is great because she is the Mother of God, the bridge between heaven and earth; for her intercession is all-powerful with God, her Son; her holiness and beauty are such that even the angels in their glory fall in admiration before her.

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

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.

ST. THOMAS DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00pm.

VIGIL OF ST. JAMES LITURGY will be celebrated on Thursday, October 8th, 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.

SPECIAL PRIESTS’ MEDICAL INSURANCE COLLECTION - Next Sunday is your opportunity to support Bishop Gerald and our priests with your generous contribution to the special priests’ medical insurance collection. In today’s bulletin, you will find a copy of Bishop Gerald’s letter with an offering envelope. Read it carefully and be as generous as you can in your contribution next Sunday. Our goal is \$100 per household, but higher contributions will be greatly appreciated! God bless you!

THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS OF ALL PROTECTION

An apparition of the Mother of God in the tenth century at Constantinople is commemorated by the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.

According to tradition, at the church of Blachernes, where there was enshrined several relics attributed to the Theotokos, the Holy Virgin appeared, accompanied by St. John the Forerunner, St. John the Evangelist, and several saints. During the course of the apparition, the Virgin held out her veil over the assembled congregation.

Although the apparition was witnessed by only two people, St. Andrew (known as the “fool of Christ”) and his disciple, Epiphanius, all who were gathered in the church perceived something marvelous was taking place and experienced a sense of the Virgin’s special protection.

The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God is commemorated on the first of October.



