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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **Parish Served By:**

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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



Prophet Zachary and Holy Elizabeth

### **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 5 – Zachary, Prophet and Elizabeth**

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Maureen Dolan**

Readings: 1 Cor 4:17-5:5; Mt 24:1-13

Readings for Zachary and Elizabeth: Heb 6:13-20; Lk 1:5-25.57-68.76.80

**Sunday, September 6 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Betty Thiros**

**Holy Theotokos Birthday Celebration**

Readings: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 22:35-46

**Monday, September 7 – Sozon, Martyr**

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

Reading: Gal 4:28-5:10; Mk 6:54-7:8

**Tuesday, September 8 – Birth of the Theotokos**

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

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Deceased members of the Royable Family**

Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42.11:27-28

**Wednesday, September 9 – Synaxis of Joachim and Anna**

Readings: Gal 6:2-10; Mk 7:14-24

**Thursday, September 10 – Menodora and Others, Martyrs**

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

Readings: Eph 1:1-9; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, September 11 – Theodora, Venerable**

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

Readings: Eph 1:7-17; Mk 8:1-10

**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

**St. Zachary**, Prophet, Father of Venerable John, the Precursor and Baptist.

**Commemoration of the miracle by St. Michael the Archangel at Colossa in Chonia – SS. Eudoxius and with him 1104**, Martyrs. Eudoxius was a Soldier-Martyr in the time of the Trajan, Emperor. Our Venerable Father, **Archippus**.

**St. Sozon**, Martyr, a Christian in Silicia, who broke up a silver idol and gave the proceeds to the poor. He was burned to death at the stake about A.D. 304.

**Nativity of the Theotokos**; She was of royal lineage, of the House of David. Except the feast of the Dormition, this is one of the most ancient and famous Feasts of Our Lady.

**SS. and Venerable, Joachim and Anna**. Tradition holds that these Saints were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, although nothing is known of them except that they lived in Galilee and later in Jerusalem, where their traditional tomb was rediscovered in 1889. **St. Severianus**, Martyr, was an Armenian Soldier-Saint, tortured to death under the power of Licinius, A.D. 332.

**SS. Mendora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora**, Martyrs, were three sisters, devout Christians of the Province of Bithynia in Asia Minor. Condemned for their Faith, they were beheaded A.D. 306, in the great persecution under Diocletian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Mother, **Theodora**, of Alexandria, Penitent. She was an Egyptian woman, who lived a long life of austere penance because of a sin committed in her youth. She is said to have donned male attire, entered a monastery, where she endured much from Satan and passed to her reward A.D. 472, in the reign of the Emperor Zenon.

**St. Autonomus**, Priest-Martyr, is alleged by the Greeks to have been an Italian Bishop, who fled into Bithynia, in Asia Minor, to escape the fury of the Diocletian persecution. He made many converts and died for the Faith about A.D. 300.

### **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament; however, this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest, who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home and, in due time, Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

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

**BIRTH OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**HOLY THEOTOKOS** – We will be having a birthday celebration for the Holy Theotokos after Liturgy on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make your children aware that the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin is celebrated on September 8<sup>th</sup>, Her Feast Day.

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

**CATECHISTS** - The Commissioning of the Catechists will be on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, during the Divine Liturgy. First instructions in the faith for adults and children for Eastern Christian Formation Classes will be on the same day.

**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 \$25.00 per person. Event will be held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 8:00pm.

**SPECIAL PRIESTS’ MEDICAL INSURANCE COLLECTION:** On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after the feast of our Eparchial Patroness, the Holy Protection of Mary, our Eparchy will once again take a special collection to help subsidize the medical insurance premiums of your pastors. Your outstanding generosity in the previous collections has been extremely helpful. Bishop Gerald, thankful as always, asks each household to pray and consider what it can contribute this year. Medical insurance premiums are very expensive and still on the rise. Our Eparchy has been crushed financially with an increase in premiums, up by 50% over the last year. Each month is a new struggle to make ends meet so that we can pay the monthly premium payment. While we have taken action to cut down on our expenses, we are still short. Our goal this year is \$100 per household. Over the next three weeks, *Eparchial Factoids* will be presented to help you understand our circumstances. God bless your continued support and generosity!

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS**

The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos was the fruit of the prayer of her pious parents, Sts. Joachim and Anna. On Her father’s side, she was of the royal line of David. Her mother, Anna, was also of David’s lineage. God, in His Wisdom, showed the barrenness of human nature before the coming of Christ by leaving Joachim and Anna childless until they were very old. One feast day, they went to the Temple to present their offerings, but someone turned to them and said “You are not allowed to offer with us, because you have no child.”

These words cut them to the ear. Returning home, St. Joachim went up to the desert to pray and St. Anna, at home, was shedding abundant tears and fervently imploring Heaven. They both promised God that the child He would give them they would dedicate to Him. God, Who is rich in mercy and full of compassion, heard their entreaties and sent to Anna the Archangel Gabriel, who announced that she would conceive in her old age and bear a child, who would be the praise of the whole earth. When nine months had passed, Anna gave birth to the holy Theotokos Who, at the age of three, was dedicated to the Temple by her Holy Parents, which is commemorated on Nov 21.



