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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 3rd & 4th, 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 Thomas, Apostle

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, 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

Monday, October 5 – Charitina, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: **Phil 2:12-16; Lk 6:24-30**

Tuesday, October 6 – Thomas, Apostle

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +*John Vivona*

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 20:19-31

Wednesday, October 7 – Sergius and Bacchus, Martyrs

Readings: Phil 2:24-30; Lk 6:46-7:1

Thursday, October 8 – Pelagia, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Vigil Divine Liturgy: +*Deceased members of the Lucchesi Family*

Readings: Phil 3:1-8; Lk 7:17-30

Friday, October 9 – James Alpheus, Apostle

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Lk 10:16-21

Saturday, October 10 – Eulampius & Eulampia, Martyrs

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +*William Bremser*

Readings: 2 Cor 1:8-11; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, October 11 – Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

10:00am – Akathist of the Mother of God

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +*Helen Zientek*

Readings: Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-16 or Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13

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

St. Charitina, Martyr, suffered Martyrdom A.D. at Amasa on the Black Sea, under Emperor Diocletian.

St. Thomas, the glorious Apostle, otherwise called Didymus (twin). He is stated to have preached the Gospel in Pathia, in Media and in India, where he is said to have suffered martyrdom.

SS. Sergius and Bacchus, Martyrs, were officers in the Imperial Army and were put to death A.D. 296, during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Mother, **Pelagia**. Public sinner, but later penitent in a cave on Mt. Olivet near Jerusalem. Pelagia died A.D. 457.

St. James the Lesser, son of Alpheus, Apostle and **Brother of St. Matthew**, the Apostle and Evangelist. Our Venerable Father, **Andronicus** and his wife, **Athanasia**, from Antioch of Syria. On the death of their children, they agreed to separate and thenceforth led lives of prayer and penance in the solitudes of Upper-Egypt.

SS. Eulampius and his sister, **Eulampia**, Martyrs at Nicomedia A.D. 302, under the reign of Maximian Herculeus. They were young children, who, for their Faith, were cast into a cauldron of boiling oil, but miraculously came out unharmed, thereupon, were beheaded. Two hundred soldiers, witnessing this, became converts and were put to death as Christians.

St. Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons, converted the Samaritans, baptized the eunuch of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia (*Acts 8*), and was the host of St. Paul at Caesarea (*Acts 21.8*). His four daughters are honored as Saints with him. He became Bishop of Tralles, Lydia, and there suffered martyrdom.

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* +++++

SPECIAL PRIESTS' MEDICAL INSURANCE COLLECTION – This weekend is the second collection for Priests Medical Insurance. Our goal is \$100 per household, but higher contributions will be greatly appreciated! God bless you!

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.

AKATHIST HYMNS

The Akathist is one of the most ancient ornces or collection of prayers in the Byzantine Church. It is a prayer of veneration, thanksgiving, and petition. “Akathist” means standing because it is an expression of profound joy in recognizing the honor being paid to Our Lord, Our Lady, or the saint who is being venerated. An Akathist, therefore, is prayed standing.

The Church has composed several Akathist dedicated to either Our Lord, under the title of our Most Sweet Jesus, or to various saints, such as St. Michael the Archangel and All the Holy Angels. The most popular is the Akathist to Our Lady, composed in the year 532. Today, the Church has granted the benefit of a plenary indulgence to all who pray the Akathist of Our Lady, when fulfilling all the proper requirements.

The Akathist are designed to be chanted, but it is not necessary to do so if prayed individually, or in a small group. If chanted, the Preamble and chants are sung recitando, and the kontakia are sung in Tone 7.



