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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

December 12th and 13th, 2015

PARISH SERVED BY:

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Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy (Contact for Parish Safe Environment Program)
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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
Supplicatsia: [Prayer of Supplication]
 Last Thursday of every month: all day adoration 9AM-7PM
 Closing with Divine Liturgy and Moleben to Saint Jude
Myrrh-Bearers: 2nd Monday of every month: 7PM



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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, December 12 – Out Lady of Guadalupe

5:00pm Divine Liturgy: +Ricky Gonzales

Readings: Eph 2:11-13; Lk 13:18-29

Readings for Our Lady of Guadalupe: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday, December 13 – Sunday of the Forefathers / Saint Lucy

10:00am - Third Hour Anointing of Eyes

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Fr. James Swenson

Readings: Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

Readings for St. Lucy: Gal 3:23-29; Mk 5:24-34

Monday, December 14 – Thyrsus and Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Heb 8:7-13; Mk 8:11-21

Tuesday, December 15 – Eleutherius, Bishop-Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 9:8-10.15-23; Mk 8:22-26

Wednesday, December 16 – Haggai, Prophet

Readings: Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34

Thursday, December 17 – Daniel, Great Prophet

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 10:35-11:7; Mk 9:10-16

Readings for the Saints: Heb 11:33-40; Lk 11:47-12:1

Friday, December 18 – Sebastian and Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 11:8.11-16; Mk 9:33-41

Saturday, December 19 – Saturday Before Christmas

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Doug Pinyud

Readings: Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

Sunday, December 20 – Sunday Before Christmas, of the Ancestors

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Ebony Brown

Readings: Heb 11:9-10.17-23.32-40; Mt 1:1-25

Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Venerable Father, Spiridon, Wonderworker. Bishop of Tremyfia. In the persecution under Galerius, Emperor, Spirion, with many other Christians, was condemned to lose an eye and to slave in the mines. He lived as late of A.D. 347.

SS. Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 302, at Sebaste in Armenia, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. **St. Lucy,** Virgin-Martyr, endured shameful tortures and indignities. Finally, a sword was thrust through her throat, A.D. 304, at Syracuse under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

SS. Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Apollonius, Arianus, and Callinicus, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 303.

St. Eleutherius, Priest-Martyr, endured death A.D. 120, in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Our Venerable Father, **Paul of Latra,** was a holy hermit in Greece, about A.D. 880, in the reign of Basil Macedo, Emperor. **Father Stephen,** Confessor, Abbot of Sodrozh.

St. Haggai, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon and that he lived to see the second temple 516 B.C.

St. Daniel, and SS. Three Youth, SS Hannaniah, Azariah and Mishael. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5th century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nabuchodnosor of Babylon, but miraculously came out unscathed.

SS. Sebastian and Companion were put to death A.D. 292, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

St. Boniface, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

St. Ignatius, “God Bearer,” Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch.

ICONS are unique religious images. By contemplating icons of our Lord, the saints, and those sacred events that are part of Christian Tradition, we strive to achieve a powerful and prayerful meditative mood. We never worship the images, themselves. Through these “windows into heaven,” we direct our prayers to God, Who became visible and approachable in the Son and Who, alone, we worship and adore. Icons are found throughout the church, yet our attention is specially focused on those that form the icon screen. The “holy doors” in the middle of the screen, represent the gates to the kingdom of heaven and, like the icons themselves, draw us into the heavenly mystery rather than separating us from it.

BOWING and making the sign of the cross many times during liturgy is a sign of our faith in the Christian Mystery as we receive and accept God’s blessings through the Church and the ministry of the celebrant, who acts in the person of Christ. We also bow slightly and bless ourselves every time we glorify the Holy Trinity, especially at the end of prayers. We do not genuflect in the Byzantine tradition. Rather, we bow deeply and sign ourselves whenever we enter or leave the church.

INCENSE is used as a sign of reverence for the sacred place and for the people who are made in the image and likeness of God. It is also a sign of purification and preparation for something important about to happen. It reminds us that our prayers ascend like the smoking aroma of spiritual fragrance before the throne of God.

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

THANK YOU to the dedicated workers that made our St. Nicholas Festival a success. May God Bless You All

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION will be taken at both Liturgies the weekend of December 12th and 13th. Thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place beginning Sunday, December 20th. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.

++++ *Christmas Celebrations and Information* +++++

ROYAL HOURS AND CONFESSIONS will be celebrated on Monday, December 21st, at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY (early vigil) will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24th, beginning at 6:30pm.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY (late vigil) will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24th, beginning at 11:30pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY – There is no Divine Liturgy scheduled for Christmas Day.

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 31st, at 6:30pm

PREFESTIVE DAYS OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 9:6-7 – For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

Come Lord Jesus, Come! - How shall we approach this great mystery, our Saviour born in time, a Virgin giving birth, God born as man? We might ask a thousand questions, searching for details and explanations and clarifications. It is a reasonable question after all; "How can this be?"

Recall a child's wonder in this season of giving. He might inquire how Santa knew that he really needed a bicycle and, however did he manage to carry it in a sleigh? But a child knows that love made it possible.

As children of a heavenly Father, all our answers come with a simple reply. "It is by the power of the Holy Spirit." What do you wish to know about the Christmas feast? What question will you ask your angel? The answer is found in accepting that this feast is a celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit, Who has accomplished such a wonderful miracle. The Spirit of Love, the Lord of Life, the Spirit of Power has overshadowed our world, and the Virgin conceived, the cave is illumined, and a world transformed. The questions may be many, but the answer is One. "It is by the power of the Holy Spirit!" A profound confidence in the Spirit of God will calm our restless mind, our searching reason, our yearning soul. Glory be to the life-giving Spirit, our answer and our hope.



