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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **PARISH SERVED BY:**

Rt. Rev. Archimadrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor  
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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month: 7PM



Saint Juliana of Nicomedia

### **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 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

**Monday, December 21 – Juliana, Martyr**

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

**7:00pm - Royal Hours and Confession: +Frank Bronda**

Readings: Heb 11:17-23.27-31; Mk 9:42; 10:1

**Tuesday, December 22 – Anastasia, Great Martyr**

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

Readings: Heb 12:25-26 & 13:22-25; Mk 10:2-12

**Wednesday, December 23 – Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete**

Readings: James 1:1-18; Mk 10:11-16

**Thursday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas**

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

**6:30pm - Christmas Vigil, Birth of Our Lord: *Living and Deceased of Our Lady of Wisdom***

**11:30pm - Christmas, Birth of our Lord: +Mary Marlene Santo**

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20

**Friday, December 25 – Christmas Birth of our Lord**

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

Readings: Gal 4:4-7; Mt 2:1-12

**Saturday, December 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos**

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Rick Campbell**

Readings: 1 Tim 6:11-16; Heb 2:11-18; Mt 12:15-21; Mt 2:13-23

**Sunday, December 27 – Sunday after Christmas / David, Joseph and James, Stephen-Protomartyr**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Annie Smith**

Readings: Gal 1:11-19 & Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Mt 2:13-23; Mt 21:33-42

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

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

**St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 36, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

**St. Anastasia**, Great Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of **St. Chrysogonus**. She was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

**SS. Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

**SS. Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day, A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

**Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God and St. Joseph her Spouse**. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from Holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. **St. Euthymius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts, he was scourged to death A.D. 840, under the Emperor Theophilus.

**St. Stephen**, Protomartyr, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons, and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33, by the Jews (*Acts 7.58*). Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theodore**, brother of St. Theophanes and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts, Theodore was imprisoned where he died A.D. 842.

**SS. 20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia**, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day, A.D. 286, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors.

### MARTYR SEBASTIAN AND HIS COMPANION

**St. Sebastian** was born in Narbonum, France and he received his education in Milan. Under the co-reigning emperors Diocletian and Maximian, he occupied the position of head of the imperial guards. He was respected for his authority and was loved by the soldiers and those at court. He was a secret Christian, not out of fear, but so that he could provide help to the brethren during the time of persecution. The Emperor Diocletian personally interrogated him and, seeing the determination of the Holy Martyr, he ordered him taken out of the city, tied to a tree, and shot with arrows. He gave strength to the Martyrs **Zoe, Tragylinus, Claudius, Tiburtius, Mark, and Marcellinus**.

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

**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place beginning Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm.

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

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY** (late vigil) will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm

### **JUBILEE 'YEAR OF MERCY' BEGAN DECEMBER 8**

*Announced at the Vatican by His Holiness Pope Francis March 13, 2015 during the Great Fast (Lent), the Jubilee Year of Mercy will commence on the feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) and will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016. Following are excerpts from the Holy Father's announcement:*

*"Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee, which has at its center the Mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the Word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors!*

*So much mercy! "I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."*

Source: <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/annuncio.html>



