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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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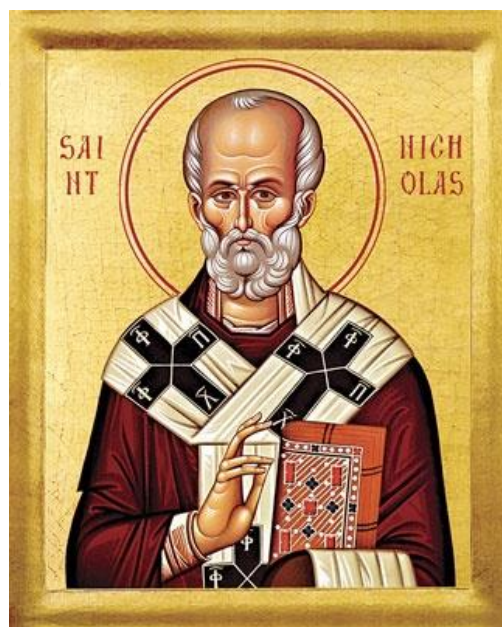
# December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **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 Nicholas of Myra

### **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 5 – Sabbas, Venerable**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy:**

*Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of Wisdom*

Readings: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Sunday, December 6 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost /**

**Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Cali Family**

Readings: Col 1:12-18 & Heb 13:17-21; Lk 17:12-19 & Lk 6:17-23

**Monday, December 7 – Ambrose, Archbishop**

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

**7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy Maternity of Holy Anna**

*+Deceased members of the Sullivan and Lynott Families*

Reading: Heb 3:5-11, 17-19; Lk 20:27-44

**Tuesday, December 8 – Maternity of the Holy Anna**

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

**1:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Philip Gonzales**

Readings: Gal 4:22-31; Lk 8:16-21

**Wednesday, December 9 – Patapius, Venerable**

Readings: Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

**Thursday, December 10 – Mennas and Others, Martyrs**

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

Readings: Heb 7:1-6; Lk 21:28-33

Readings for the Martyrs: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

**Friday, December 11 – Daniel the Stylite, Venerable**

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

Readings: Heb 7:18-25; Lk 21:37-22:8

**Saturday, December 12 – Our 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

Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **St. Sabbas**, Hegumen-Abbot. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church against the Eutychian heretics. He died at the age of 94, A.D. 532, in the reign of the Emperor Justinian the Great.

Our Holy Father, **Nicholas**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the “Wonderworker.” He is the Patron of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Faithful. He also used his large inheritance to assist the poor. He is a very popular Saint among the various nations; also here in the U.S.A. He died in the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, A.D. (*Confer May 9*).

Our Holy Father, **Ambrose**, Archbishop of Milan, is one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church. He is a great exegete and orator, by whom St. Augustine was converted and baptized. He died A.D. 387.

**Maternity of St. Anna.** The Eastern Church has been celebrating this feast since the 6<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate the conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception (i.e., the preservation from the stain of the original sin) was declared A.D. 1854.

Our Venerable Father, **Patapius**, was the Thebes, Egypt, lived as a Hermit in the suburbs of Constantinople.

**SS. Mennas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus**, Martyrs, were tortured and beheaded during the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors, A.D. 304, for spreading Christianity in Egypt.

Our Venerable Father, **Daniel**, Stylite, imitating St. Simeon in the mode of austere life, he spent 30 years on his pillar, miraculously healing many sick people. He died A.D. 492, at the age of 80.

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

### THE CONCEPTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA

St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the Priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married St. Joachim, who was a native of Galilee. In accordance with the eternal purpose of God, Who willed to prepare a most pure habitation of Himself in order to take flesh and dwell among men, for a long time St. Anna was childless. After 20 years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an Angel of the Lord announced to them the conception of a daughter, who would bring blessing to the human race. The conception of St. Anna took place at Jerusalem, where also was born the Most Holy Virgin, Mary by name.

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

**MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on, Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm.

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, ANAHEIM, CA.** The largest Religious Education Congress will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center from February 26-28, 2016. Our Eparchy will have an exhibitor's booth in the Convention Center during which Bishop Dino will be present, displaying and distributing materials of our Byzantine Catholic Church. Very Rev. David M. Petras will be a co-presenter with Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith on "*The Importance and beauty of the Eastern Catholic Churches*". This workshop will be held on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our presence as Eastern Catholics, on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15pm, Rt. Rev. Aphram Mushe will celebrate the Syriac Divine Liturgy. Let's make a concerted effort to witness our Byzantine Catholic Church and our Eastern Catholic presence by attending this Religious Education Congress. You can register online: Google: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, ANAHEIM, 2016**

### **ST NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER AND ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**

Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra, is transformed in our modern secular culture as Santa Claus – the man in the red suit who brings gifts at Christmas to all those who are good. It is interesting – and telling – to consider what the Church remembers him for. Yes, he is said to have punched Arias in the nose for denying the divinity of Jesus. But most of the stories that come to us through history are of him living the Christian life – like providing a dowry to three young women so they could marry and avoid slavery (the three bags of gold he threw through their window landed in their stockings, and so today we hang our stockings by the chimney with care). All of the stories about Archbishop Nicholas that come to us through history are about love for people – especially the poor. St. Nicholas was good. So good that his goodness shines through history – and radiates even from the man in the red suit. Such goodness can only be found in one who dwells intimately with Our Lord – for He is the only good One (*Mt 19:17*).

**A special prayer and thank you for each committee who helped to set up the Saint Nicholas Festival. I would also like to take this time out to thank all the kind bakers who contributed toward the bake sale during the festival of Saint Nicholas, your hard work help make the Festival a success. Thank You and God bless each of you!**

**From the Pastor's Desk – As the Philip Fast comes nearer to the Nativity, I would ask each member of our parish family to take a day to pray and fast for those Christians throughout the world who will be denied the celebration of the Nativity Divine Liturgy or Masses due to the persecution they are experiencing. Pray for the perseverance of their faith so they know that they are not abandoned by the Christian family throughout the world, but have the strength of their fasting and prayers.**



