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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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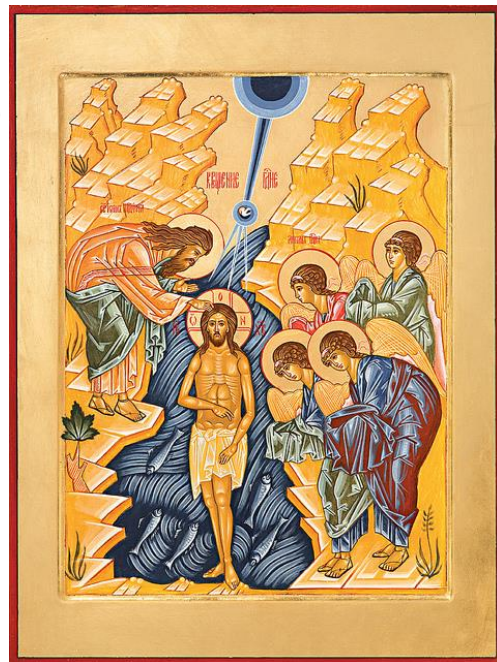
January 2nd and 3rd, 2016

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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Mary Weishaar, ECF Director
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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



The Theophany

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, January 2 – Saturday before Theophany

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Nona McHugh

Readings: 1 Tim 3:14-4:5; Mt 3:1-11

Sunday, January 3 – Sunday Before Theophany

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Pasquale Febraro

Readings: 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8

Monday, January 4 – Synaxis of the 70 Apostles

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Reading: James 2:14-26; Mk 10:46-52

Tuesday, January 5 – Vigil of Theophany Royal Hours

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

**7:00pm - Vigil Liturgy of Theophany/Blessing of Water
+George Mauro**

Readings: 1 Cor 9:19-27; Lk 3:1-18

Wednesday, January 6 – Theophany of Our Lord

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy Theophany: +Rebecca Glantz

Readings: Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

Thursday, January 7 – Synaxis of John the Baptist

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 1:29-34

Friday, January 8 – George, Dominica & Emilian - Venerables

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 1 Pet 1:1-2,10-12, 2:6-10; Mk 12:1-12

Saturday, January 9 – Saturday after Theophany

5:00pm - Divine Liturgy Living Intention: William Stone

Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Mk 4:1-11

Sunday, January 10 – Sunday after Theophany

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy Living Intention: Shari Sanderson

Readings: Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

Our Holy Father, **Sylvester**, Pope of Rome, under his Pontificate was held the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea A.D. 325, the decrees of which were approved by him. He died A.D. 335, during the reign of Constantine the Great Emperor.

St. Malachy, Prophet. 400 B.C. – **St. Gordius, Martyr**, who suffered death A.D. 320, during the reign of Licinius, Emperor.

Synaxis of 70 Apostles, whose names St. Dorotheus recorded. Our Venerable Father, **Theoktistus**, Hegumen-Abbot in Cucume of Sykeleia.

SS. Theopemptus and Theonas, Martyrs, martyred A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian. **Synecletica**, Venerable **St. Micah**, Prophet.

Theophany or Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. One of the oldest feasts in the East, it has been traced back to the beginning of the 2nd century. The Western Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Eastern Church in the 3rd century.

Synaxis of St. John, the glorious Prophet, Precursor and Baptist, who baptized our Lord Jesus Christ in the River Jordan.

Our Venerable Father, **George**, The Chozebite and **Emilian**, Confessor. They were martyred A.D. 820, in the reign of Nicephorus Gennicus. Our Venerable Mother, **Dominika**, of Carthage, who lived in the year A.D. 374, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. **SS. Juliana and Basilissa**, martyred A.D. 300, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

St. Polyeucte, Martyr, suffered death A.D. 244, during the reign of the Decius or Valerianus. **Eustratius**, Venerable, endured death in the reign of Leo Iconomachus, Emperor.

Our Holy Father, **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**, consecrated in A.D. 372, brother of St. Basil the Great. Died A.D. 395. **Domitian**, Venerable, Bishop of Melite, died A.D. 570, in the reign of Justinus the Younger – Our Venerable Father, **Marcian**, Presbyter and Treasurer of the great Church of Holy Wisdom; died A.D. 489.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

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

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Vigil Liturgy and Blessing of Water will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 5th, at 7:00pm.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 6th, at 7:00pm.

BLESSED JORDAN WATER - Please bring your own Holy Water bottles to fill with the Blessed Jordan Water of Our Lord's Baptism to bless your homes.

REMINDERS – All registered parishioners have a “mailbox” in the robe room. Please check your mailboxes each week. If your weekly contributions are cash, please use the envelopes you were given but, if you need to use the envelopes in the back of the church, write your name, date, and the amount on the envelope. When writing checks to the church, be sure to write on the memo line what it is for (building fund, ECFI, holy day, special collection, etc) unless it is a normal weekly contribution. This will ensure all monies are recorded correctly. Thank you.

FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: *Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34.*

John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the One Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:11*).

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (*3:15*). John consented and baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The bible records that the Spirit descended like a Dove and alighted on him. When this happened, a voice came from the heavens and said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with Who I am well pleased.” This was the Voice of God the Father.

Christ's baptism in the Jordan was “Theophany,” a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. It was also a “Theophany” in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father's testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of “manifestation” or “revelation” is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, “Christ has appeared and enlightened the world.” Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Christian celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.



