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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

# January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 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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### **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



Return of the Prodigal Son

### **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 23 – Clement of Ancyra, Martyr**  
**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy** *Living Intention: John J. Murray*  
 Readings: 2 Tim 3:1-9; Lk 20:46-21:4

**Sunday, January 24 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: + Paul Parquette**  
 Readings: 1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32

**Monday, January 25 – Gregory the Theologian, Bishop**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-3:10; Mk 11:1-11  
 Reading for Archbishop Gregory: 1 Cor 12:7-11; Jn 10:9-16

**Tuesday, January 26 – Xenophon & Mary, Venerables**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 1 Jn 3:10-20; Mk 14:10-42

**Wednesday, January 27 – Translation of Relics of John Chrysostom**  
 Readings: 1 Jn 3:21-4:6; Mk 14:43-15:1  
 Readings for Translation of Relics: Heb 7:26-8:2; Jn 10:9-16

**Thursday, January 28 – Ephrem the Syrian, Venerable**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
**7:00pm - Vigil Divine Liturgy**  
*+Deceased Members of Vivona and Maranzano Families*  
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:2-5:21; Mk 15:1-15  
 Readings for St. Ephrem: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Friday, January 29 – Three Holy Hierarchs**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: Heb 13:7-16; Mt 5:14-19

**Saturday, January 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**11:00am - All Souls Liturgy: +Josephine Verrocchio**  
 Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30  
**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy** *Living Intention: Alex Navelo*  
 Readings: 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 21:8-9.25-27.33-36; Jn 5:24-30

**Sunday, January 31 – Sunday of Meat Fare**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Mary Kvocak**  
 Readings: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Mt 25:31-46

**St. Clement**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Ancyra, lived in exile for 28 years under several persecutors and died by the sword A.D. 296. **St. Agathangel**, Martyr, suffered death also in the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors.

Our Venerable Mother, **Xenia** was of a noble and famous Roman family. Her former name was Eusebia and her parents planning her marriage; she escaped from her bridegroom and with two handmaids she fled to Alexandria for refuge.

Our Holy Father, **Gregory, the Theologian** of Cappadocia in Asia Minor. Archbishop of Constantinople, he is one of the greatest writers and poets and one of the four great Doctors of the Byzantine Rite Church. He died in A.D. 389, in the reign of Theodosius the Great; he presided in Constantinople in the church of Holy Wisdom 12 years. He died at the age of 80.

Our Venerable Father, **Xenophon**, his wife, **Mary**, and sons, Arcadius and John, died in the year A.D. 520, in the reign of Justin. **Theodore**, Hegumen-Abbot of Monks of Studites and his brother, **Joseph**, who died A.D. 826, during the reign of Michael the Stutterer, Emperor.

**Translation of the Relics** of our Father, **St. John Chrysostom**, took place in A.D. 435.

Our Venerable Father, **Ephraem**, Prophet of Syrians and an instrument of Holy Spirit," a great poet, orator, exegete, and defender of Orthodoxy. He died about A.D. 373, as a Deacon.

Translation of the Relics of **St. Ignatius**, the "God-Bearer," Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Antioch. He was devoured by lions at Rome. His disciples carried his relics to Antioch into his Church in the year A.D. 109, in the reign of Trajan, the persecutor. (confer December 20). **SS. Roman, James, Philotheus, and St. Aphraates**, Martyrs.

**Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs**, i.e., The Three Great Fathers of the church; namely, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory, the Theologian, and St. John, Chrysostom. **St. Hippolytus**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Porto. He was put to death by drowning, under Alexander Severus, Emperor.

**IRS STATEMENTS** – All registered parishioners will be given a 2015 IRS statement for your taxes. If you are NOT registered, but contributed monetarily in 2015, please fill out the below form and return it to the Parish or place in Toni Ritchey's mail box. Thank you

### 2015 IRS CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

**THREE HOLY HIERARCHS** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**ALL SOULS SATURDAY** - on which we commemorate by name our beloved deceased. The dates for this year's All Souls Liturgies are: January 30 (Saturday before Sunday of Meatfare), February 20, February 27, March 5 (Three Saturdays during the Great Fast) and May 14 (the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday). Please use the special envelope in your box and write the names of your deceased.

**DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES** is January 25<sup>th</sup>. The names are read during the Panahida after the All Souls Memorial Liturgy.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS THIS WEEK!!** As is done each year, we are asked to participate in the Bishop's Appeal. I ask that you prayerfully consider the pledge that you give to the Bishop for the Work of the Eparchy. Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation and the recommended sacrificial pledge is \$200.00 per household, which can be paid in monthly installments until May 31, 2016. God Bless You!

**VERY REVEREND DAVID PETRAS, S.E.O.D.**, will be teaching here in the parish on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be at Noon and repeated at 7:00pm each day. The classes will explore the differences between the liturgies of St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom. Please plan to attend.

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. On the previous Sunday, the services of the Church began to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. As with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the theme of this Sunday is repentance and the focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son leads Eastern Christians to contemplate the necessity of repentance in our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

***CHRIST IS BORN!! GLORIFY HIM!!***

