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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<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



Veneration of the Venerable Chains of St. Peter

### **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 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

**Monday, January 11 – Theodosius, Venerable**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Reading: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:27-30

**Tuesday, January 12 – Tatiana, Martyr**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 1 Peter 3:10-22; Mk 12:18-27

**Wednesday, January 13 – Hermolaus and Stratonicus, Martyrs**  
 Readings: 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mk 12:28-37

**Thursday, January 14 – Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mk 12:38-44

**Friday, January 15 – Paul and John, Venerables**  
**9:00am - Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 2 Peter 1:1-10 Mk 13:1-8  
 Readings for the Saints: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Saturday, January 16 – Veneration of the Chains of Peter**  
**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Benson and Ludmilla Reark**  
 Readings: 2 Tim 2:11-19; Lk 18:2-8  
 Readings for the Apostle: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 21:15-25

**Sunday, January 17 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**  
**10:00am - Third Hour**  
**10:30am - Divine Liturgy**  
*Living Intention: Joe P. Lary and Lois Spalding*  
 Readings: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Lk 18:10-14

**St. Polyucte**, 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. **Dometian**, 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.

Our Venerable Father, **Theodosius**, Hegumen-Abbot died in A.D. 485, in the reign of Leo and Anastatius, Emperors, at the age of 105.

**St. Tatiana**, Martyr, lived in A.D. 227, in the reign of Alexander. Her father was a Soldier and Elder of the city; after many tortures, she died by the sword, along with her father.

**SS. Hermylas and Stratonicus**. Martyrs: Deacon of Singudunum (Belgrade) and his servant were tortured and drowned in the River Danube, A.D. 315, under Licinius, Emperor.

Our Venerable **Fathers of Sinai and Raitha**, suffered martyrdom from the Saracens A.D. 296, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

Our Venerable Fathers, **Paul of Thebes** and **John the “Tent-Dweller.”** Paul was the First Hermit. He fled into the desert of Egypt during the reign of Emperor Decius and died about A.D. 343. John was of famous parentage and received tonsure in the monastery of the Cenobites in the reign of Leo the Great, Emperor (457-475).

**Veneration of the Venerable Chains of St. Peter**, the all-praiseworthy Apostle. The chains with which St. Peter was bound in the prison and preserved at the station church on the Esquiline in Rome and, in the Middle Ages, attracted numerous Pilgrims.

Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **Anthony the Great**, and Egyptian by birth who went into the desert during the reign of Constantine the Great, in the year A.D. 312. Living to the age of 105, he died A.D. 356. He was a friend of St. Paul the Hermit, and was one of the founders of the cenobitical life.

**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* +++++

**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!

**PARISH OFFICES** will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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

**THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSING** – If you wish your home to be blessed, please call the parish office for an appointment. Thank you.

**BISHOP GERALD DINO, D.D.** will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy to invest our new Matriarch on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please return your RSVP for the Matriarchal Dinner by January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### ***THE HOLY PLACE***

The sanctuary and the altar have been, throughout the spiritual development of the Church, gradually hidden and separated—not by an ecclesiastical, bureaucratic mandate—but by the Christian sense of the sacred, by a real sense of the awesomeness of the mystery of God. St. John Chrysostom and all the Fathers constantly call the altar the “terrifying table” and the mystery of the altar “terrifying mysteries,” “the terrifying sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ to which we have to approach with fear and trembling.” This is sacred terror and not fear of the unknown. It is a mystic trembling in the presence of heaven: “Take off your shoes,” said God, “for the place where you stand is holy.” (cf *Exodus 3:5*).

The more secularized we become, the more our vision of the sacred and the holy becomes blurry, and even blinded. The closing of doors and curtains is not setting apart the clergy as if in a special class, shutting off the People of God from participation. It is, rather, a forceful revelation that there is a mystery and that we cannot see or experience this mystery by physical contact. No human eyes or physical sight can penetrate or comprehend it. Only love and the surge of the soul on the wings of faith can meet the Lord and God of all.

*“I shall enter into Your dwelling place; before Your holy temple I shall bow in fear of You.” (Psalm 5:7)*

# ***Christ is Born!! Glorify Him!!***



