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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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



Beheading of John the Forerunner

### **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, February 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**11:00am - All Souls Divine Liturgy:** +*Joshua Navelo*

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy:** +*Mivilla Satkowski*

Readings: Heb 3:12-16; Mk 1:35-45

**Sunday, February 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy:** + *Craig Rowe*

Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

**Monday, February 22 – Finding of the Relics of the Martyrs of Eugenia**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Reading: Gen 6:9-22; Prov 8:1-21

**Tuesday, February 23 – Polycarp, Bishop-Martyr**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

**5:00pm - Soup Supper**

**7:00pm - Teaching of Catholic Epistles**

Readings: Gen 7:1-5; Prov 8:32-9:1

**Wednesday, February 24 – First and Second Findings of the Head of  
John the Baptist**

**All Day Supplicatsia with Adoration**

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

**Noon - Sixth Hour and Communion**

**3:00pm - Ninth Hour and Communion**

**6:30pm - Moleben to Jesus, Benediction and Presanctified Liturgy  
+Anthony DiStefano**

Readings: Gen 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18; 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

**Thursday, February 25 – Tarasius, Patriarch**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Gen 7:11-8:4; Prov 10:1-22

**Friday, February 26 – Porphyrius of Gaza, Bishop**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Gen 4:4-21; Prov 10:31-11:12

**Saturday, February 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> All Sols Saturday**

**11:00am - All Souls Divine Liturgy & Panahida:** +*Jack Huntington*

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy:** +*Arnie and Alberta Bush*

Readings: Heb 10:32-38; Mk 2:14-17

**Sunday, February 28 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Veneration of the Cross**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: *Living Intention - Victor and Michelle Gregor***

Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

20<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Leo**, Bishop of Catania, in Sicily. By his miracles, he acquired the name “Wonder-Worker.” He lived near Mt. Etna, the first of which consumed Iliodorus, the sorcerer. He died about A.D. 780, during the reign of Leo IV and Constantine. **St. Sadok**, Priest-Martyr and, with him, 128 fellow Christians put to death by King Sapor of Persia A.D. 345. **St. Agatho**, Venerable, Pope of Rome, died A.D. 682.

21<sup>st</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Timothy**, Hermit. Our Holy Father, **Eustacius**, Archbishop of Antioch, assisted at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea. He contended against the Arians by word and pen. He died about A.D. 337, during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great.

22<sup>nd</sup> – **Finding of the Venerable Relics of SS. Martyrs at Eugenia**. Venerable **Peter**, Monk, and **Athanasius** suffered martyrdom at the hands of Iconoclasts A.D. 735, during the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian Emperor.

23<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Polycarp**, Bishop-Martyr, Bishop of Smyrna, was burned alive A.D. 166, in the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

24<sup>th</sup> – **First and Second Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John, the Precursor**. The First Finding was by two monks in the home of Herod, King. They brought the Head to the city Emmesia. The Second Finding was much later, during the reign of Emperor Marcianus A.D. 431.

25<sup>th</sup> – **St. Tarasius**, Archbishop of Constantinople, opposed the Iconoclasts, denounced the vices of the Byzantine Princes and their profligate courts. Known as the “Father of the poor,” he died A.D. 806, during the reign of Nicephorus, Emperor.

26<sup>th</sup> – Our Holy Father, **Porphyrius**, Bishop of Gaza, sold his goods and distributed the proceeds to the poor. He died A.D. 420, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. **St. Sebastian**, one of the most renowned of the Roman Martyrs. He was an officer in the Imperial Army and a favorite of Emperor Diocletian. Becoming a Christian, no mercy was shown him. He was made a target for the archers and thus, died A.D. 288. **St. Photina** of Samaria, Martyr. Tradition identifies her as the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well.

27<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Procopius**, Venerable Confessor and Monk of Decapolis, died about A.D. 740, during the reign of Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian.

28<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Basil**, Confessor and Co-Faster with St. Procopius. Famous for their resistance at Constantinople to the Decree of Leo III, the Isaurian, ordering the destruction of holy pictures. They died about 740. **Marina, Cyra, and Domnicia**, Venerable-Women.

### HIEROMARTYR REGINUS BISHOP OF SKOPELOS, GREECE

Hieromartyr Reginus was born in Levadia, Greece and received a very good education. For his piety, he was elected Bishop of Skopelos (a small island in the north Aegean Sea). He took part in the Consul of Sardika against Arianism in 434, in which more than 300 Orthodox and about 70 Arian Bishops took part, and was beheaded by Julian the Apostate (361-363).

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

**GREAT FAST SOUP SUPPERS** will be on **TUESDAYS** this year beginning on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **5:00pm**. As always, the parish will provide the soup; you bring the bread. This year's teachings are on **The Catholic Epistles**, presented by **Matthew St. George**.

**SUPPLICATION DAY** this month will be on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00am** until **7:00pm**.

**RESURRECTION LAMB ROAST DINNER** will be held on **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:00 pm**. Ticket donation is **\$30.00** per person; drinks are included. Please purchase your tickets early so we do not have another cancellation. Thank you!

**BISHOP'S APPEAL!!** Thank you to those who have already completed their pledges! 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!

### ***INSIDE OUR CHURCHES: GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH***

Byzantine Catholic Churches are designed to manifest, or make present, in their architecture and arrangement, the presence of the Kingdom of God on Earth. The sanctuary located behind an icon screen, manifests Heaven, the dwelling place of God. The Holy Table makes present, in a particular way, Heaven, and manifests the Lord's banquet table to which all are called. On the Holy Table are placed the Book of Gospels and the Holy Gifts during the Divine Liturgy, and in the center of the table stands the tabernacle (*Artopohorion*) containing the reserved Eucharist. Shining forth from heaven, the divine light transfigures and 'defies' the figures depicted in the icons placed on the icon screen (*Iconostasis*), transforming them by God's uncreated energies into bearers of the divine nature. Icons, whether depicted on the icon screen or elsewhere, are, therefore, a graphical depiction of the saving energies of God and their tremendous transformative and transfigurative power – they are a graphic and tangible manifestation of salvation in Christ, or what transfigured life looks like, and where our lives are hopefully leading us. Unlike other religious art, icons are also a participation, here and now, in the event or person depicted in the icon – icons make present these events and persons for us. We, therefore, show icons the same respect we would for the event or person represented in them because these are, in reality, present before us in the form of the icon. When we venerate icons, our veneration is, therefore, directed at the event or person depicted and not at the picture itself, or the wood on which the icon is painted. Icons are venerated, but are never worshipped, for worship belongs to God alone. In fact, in venerating the persons depicted by icons, we are rendering glory and praise to God, Who, by His great mercy and love, has transfigured these persons and made them holy.

The main body of the church, or nave, is the gathering place of the assembly, the Body of Christ. Its walls are covered with icons, which make present the reality of the communion of the entire Body of Christ, in heaven and on earth – and, therefore, are our communion with the saints of God throughout the ages. When we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, we are co-celebrating with the heavenly hosts of angels and saints – and the iconography that surrounds us in the nave manifests this reality for us in a graphic way. The nave, then, manifests the fullness of the reality – in heaven and on earth – that is, the Church, the Body of Christ. Standing in the nave as the Church, we look forward to the sanctuary, as we, in our individual lives in this world and collectively as the Church, look forward to the ultimate coming of the Kingdom of God. During the Divine Liturgy, the kingdom of God is revealed and made manifest to us, to the Church, and the central facets of our Christian faith regarding the meaning and goal of our lives. The church building manifests our Christian faith in graphic terms and allows us to participate in that faith in a tangible way with all of our senses; with our entire person



