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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

February 27th and 28th, 2016

PARISH SERVED BY:

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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



Saint Eudoxia

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 27 – 3rd All Souls 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 – 3rd 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

Monday, February 29 – John Cassian, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour

Reading: Gen 8:21 9:7; Prov 11:19-12:6

Tuesday, March 1 – Eudoxia, Venerable Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour

5:00pm - Soup Supper

7:00pm - Teaching of Catholic Epistles

Readings: Gen 9:8-17; Prov 12:8-22

Wednesday, March 2 – Theodotus, Bishop Martyr

Noon - Sixth Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: +Clare Seifert

Readings: Gen 9:18-10:1; Prov 12:23-13:9

Thursday, March 3 – Eutropius & Others, Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Gen 10:32-11:9; Prov 13:19-14:6

Friday, March 4 – Gerasimus, Venerable

9:00am - Third Hour

Readings: Gen 12:1-7; Prov 14:15-26

Saturday, March 5 – 4th All Souls Saturday

11:00am - All Souls Divine Liturgy

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

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Anne Bartish

Readings: Heb 6:9-12; Mk 7:31-37

Sunday, March 6 – 4th Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy:

+Deceased members of the Wine & Thomas Families

Readings: Heb 6:13-20; Mk 9:17-31

Readings for Holy Father John Climacus: Eph 5:9-19; Mt 4:25-5:12

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

28th – 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.

29th – Our Venerable Father, **John Cassian**, entered into his rest A.D. 431, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the younger.

1st – **St. Eudoxia**, Venerable-Martyr. At first she led a profligate life, but was baptized by Theodotus, Bishop. Arrested, she was beheaded for her Christianity about A.D. 107, during the leadership of Diogenes, in the reign of Trajan, Emperor.

2nd – **St. Theodotus**, Priest-Martyr Bishop of Cyrene, on the Island of Cyprus was imprisoned, tortured for the Faith under Diocletian, Emperor. He survived and died peacefully A.D. 325.

3rd – **St. Eutropius** and his Bodyguards. **SS. Cleonicus and Basiliscus**, Martyrs. They suffered martyrdom A.D. 296, in the reign of Diocletian the Emperor.

4th – Our Venerable Father, **Gerasimus**, a Hermit, founded a monastery on the bank of the River Jordan. In his youth, a follower of the heretic Eutyches, he did severe penance the rest of his life. Died A.D. 475.

4th – **SS. Paul and his sister, Juliana**, Martyrs, sent to their reward A.D. 275, in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

5th – **St. Conon**, Martyr, a poor Christian gardener of Nazareth in Galilee, who in Pamphylia (Asia Minor), or on the Island of Cyprus, was martyred A.D. 250, by Governor Pomplius. With nails driven through his ankles, he was forced to run before a chariot till he fell, dying, to be crushed under its wheels.

6th – **Forty-Two Martyrs at Ammorius: Theodore, Constantine, Callistus, Theophil, and others with them**, died at the hands of the Saracens about A.D. 840, in the reign of Theophilus, the Iconoclast.

SAINT EUDOKIA OF HELIOPOLIS

She began life as a pagan, a Samaritan woman who lived in Phoenicia (present-day Lebanon). Eudokia wasted her early years living a sinful life. With her blinding beauty she led many people into sin and amassed a great fortune.

She was introduced to the Christian faith by the monk Germanos, who was staying at a neighboring house while she was suffering a serious illness. Under his guidance, she became a Christian. She was baptized by Bishop Theodotus after she had a heavenly vision. In her vision, she saw an Angel of the Lord leading her to heaven while many angels were rejoicing. She also saw a shadowy figure howling because he had been cheated because Eudokia became a Christian.

Eudokia discarded her previous life to become a nun. She built a monastery near the city of Baalbeck, also known as Heliopolis, and ministered to the many people who came to receive assistance. Because of her beauty, she also had many suitors. One suitor named Philostratos was persistent enough to seek her out in the hope of securing favor before her fortune had been dissipated. Eudokia refused to help him, and, when in his anger he seemed struck dead by the Lord, she prayed to God for his recovery. Brought back to his senses, he was easily converted to Christianity. The conversion of so many to Christianity brought Saint Eudokia to the attention of the authorities who had her beheaded in 107 AD.

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

GREAT FAST SOUP SUPPERS will be on **TUESDAYS** this year beginning on **February 23rd**, 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**.

MOVIES – The Gospel of St. John will be shown in the Parish Hall after the Liturgy on Sunday, March 6th. The Passion of the Christ will be shown after the Liturgy on Sunday, March 13th.

RESURRECTION LAMB ROAST DINNER will be held on **Sunday, April 24th**, 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!

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

We venerate the Precious Cross at this midpoint of the Great Fast so that we may be strengthened in the remainder of our Lenten ascetical journey. Crucifixion was a public, painful, and humiliating form of the death penalty. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, sinless and not deserving of any punishment, endured the Cross willingly for the sake of our salvation. While the death penalty is administered today in a more private and humane manner, its use still deserves special consideration.

For those committed to upholding the sanctity of human life, capital punishment can present a challenge. While not absolutely forbidden, Catholic teaching against the death penalty is both persuasive and eminently pro-life. It begins with the affirmation that human dignity applies to every human being, to victims as well as those who have committed grave crimes. Our teaching also holds that recourse to the death penalty may be justified only under the most narrow circumstances. This is when it is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.

Blessed John Paul the Great was instrumental in challenging the world to reconsider the use of the death penalty. In his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, he explained that the “Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.”

He presents the story of Cain and Abel to illustrate that God’s mercy embraces even a murderer. Despite Cain’s deliberate killing of his brother, despite his lack of remorse, his arrogance, his lies to God, and utter callousness about what he had done, God nevertheless refuses to take Cain’s life as punishment.



