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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<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



Saint Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste

### **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 6 – All Holy Ascetical Fathers**

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy +Heddy Uebeer Boring**

Readings: Rom 14:19-23.16:25-27; Mt 6:1-13

Readings for Holy Ascetics: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Sunday, February 7 – Sunday of Cheesefare**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy + Pat Daly**

**5:00pm – Meatless Pot Luck Before Forgiveness Vespers**

**7:00pm – Forgiveness Vespers**

Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

**Monday, February 8 – First Day of the Great Fast**

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

**11:00am - Sixth Hour: Anointing; Confessions Heard**

**7:00pm - Presanctified Vesper Liturgy & Confessions – Anointing**

*Living Intention: Alex Navelo*

Reading: Gen 1:1-13; Prov 1:1-20

**Tuesday, February 9 – Nicephor, Martyr**

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

Readings: Gen 1:14-23; Prov 1:20-33

**Wednesday, February 10 – Charalampus, Martyr**

**Noon - Sixth Hour and Communion**

**7:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts +Joshua Navel**

Readings: Gen 1:24-2;3; Prov 2:1-21

**Thursday, February 11 – Blasé, Bishop Martyr**

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

**Noon - Sixth Hour and Communion – Blessing of Throats**

**7:00pm - Vespers and Communion – Blessing of Throats**

Readings: Gen 2:4-19; Prov 3:1-18

**Friday, February 12 – Meletius, Archbishop**

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

Readings: Gen 2:20 3:20; Prov 3:19-34

**Saturday, February 13 – Commemoration of the Miracle of the  
Great Martyr Theodore**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Kim Marie DiStefano**

**Kutia after Liturgy – bring spoon**

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Mk 2:23 3:5

Readings for the Martyr: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Jn 15:17-16:2

**Sunday, February 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Louis and Amelia Verrochio**

**Meatless Pot Luck dinner following Liturgy (bring plate for 4 people)**

Readings: Heb 11:24-26 32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

**1:00pm - Baptism of New Icons in Church followed by**

**Rev David Petras Teaching**

**7:00pm - Rev. David Petras Teaching**

Our Venerable Father, **Bucolus**, Bishop of Smyrna. He lived in the days of St. John the Evangelist, by whom he was appointed Bishop before Polycarp, Martyr.

Our Venerable Father, **Parthenius**, Bishop of Lampsachia, died A.D. 318, during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. Our Venerable Father, **Luke**, who was in Helladia of Syria.

**St. Theodore**, the great Martyr, was a general in the army of the Emperor Licinius. He suffered death at Heraclea in Thrace A.D. 318. **St. Zacharias**, the Prophet, was one of the tribe of Levi 520 B.C.

**St. Nicephorus**, Martyr, a Syrian Christian, took the place of Sapricius, who apostatized before a heathen judge and was put to death A.D. 260, during the reign of Emperor Valerian.

**St. Charalampus**, Martyr, endured death by the sword A.D. 203, at Magnesia in Asia Minor, in the hegemony of Lucinianus, in the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus.

**St. Blasé**, Bishop-Martyr, suffered martyrdom A.D. 316, at Sebaste, by beheading during the hegemony of Licinius, in the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.

Our Holy Father, **Meletius**, Archbishop of Great Antioch, was elected to the Patriarchal See in A.D. 360, but within a month, he was sent into exile by the Emperor Constantius. Reinstated in 378, he held a council of 150 Bishops and took prominent part in the Council of Constantinople A.D. 380, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. **St. Marina**, Virgin, in male attire, lived in the monastery to the year A.D. 440.

Our Venerable Father, **Martinian**, Hegumen, died in the year A.D. 415, in the reign of Theodosius the Younger. **St. Zoe** and **St. Photina**, Venerable Women.

The death of our Venerable Father, **Cyril, Bishop of Catania**, the brother of St. Methodius. Apostle of the Slavs and Bulgarians. The old Slavic alphabet (“Cyrillic”) is ascribed to him, who, with his brother, translated many church books from Greek into the Slavonic language. He died A.D. 869, in Rome.

Our Venerable Father, **Auxentius**, Hegumen, was a soldier in the bodyguard of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. He defended the Catholic Faith at the time of the Council of Chalcedon A.D. 451. He died soon after.

# BLESSED GREAT FAST IN PREPARATION FOR PASCHA

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

**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.

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY POTLUCK** – On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm; everyone is welcome to the *Meatless* Pot Luck Dinner in the Parish Hall. Please bring a *meatless* dish to share with our parish family.

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE** will follow the potluck beginning at 7:00pm.

**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**.

**READERS NEEDED** – If you are interested in holding the office of “Reader of the Epistle” during Divine Liturgy, please see Rose.

**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!

**THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS** is the fulfillment of God's promise of manna during our 40-day wandering through the desert of the Great Fast. As the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian wrote (*John 6:32*), “Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave bread from heaven; My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.’ The strengthening and perfectly nourishing gifts of the Eucharist are offered at the Presanctified Liturgy, one of the most beautiful and unique liturgical expressions of our Byzantine Church.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is composed of three clearly distinguishable parts: Vespers; Liturgy of the Word; and Holy Communion. As the name suggests, the Eucharistic Gifts are presanctified or consecrated beforehand, usually at the preceding Sunday's Divine Liturgy. This means that there is no Anaphora (i.e., Great Eucharistic Prayer of Offering), but Holy Communion is distributed in the form of consecrated bread placed in ordinary wine.



