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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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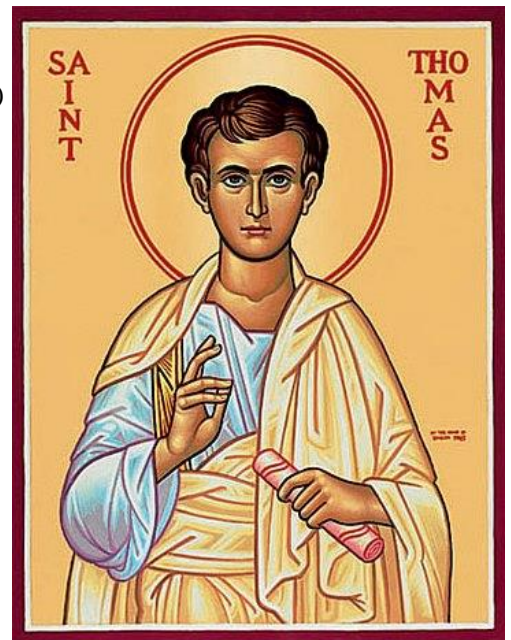
April 2nd and 3rd, 2016

PARISH SERVED BY:

Rt. Rev. Archimandrite 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: 2nd Monday of every month: 7PM



Saint Thomas the Apostle

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 RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 2 – Bright Saturday
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +David Perez
Readings: Acts 3:11-16; Jn 3:22-33

Sunday, April 3 – Thomas Sunday Breaking of Arthos
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: + Anna Battistella and Family
Readings: Acts 5:12-20; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 4 – Joseph and George, Venerables
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Reading: Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11

**Tuesday, April 5 – Theodulus, Agathopodes,
& Others, Martyrs**
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21

**Wednesday, April 6 – Death of Methodius,
Apostle to the Slavs**
7:00pm - Divine Liturgy:
+Deceased members of Maranzano Family
Readings: Acts 4:13-22; Heb 8:3-6; Jn 5:17-24; Matt 5:14-19

Thursday, April 7 – George of Mitylene, Bishop
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30

Friday, April 8 – Herodian & Others, Apostles
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2

Saturday, April 9 - Eupychius
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy; Panahida
+Benjamine Autum Wolf
Readings: Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27

Sunday, April 10 – Sunday of the Ointment Bearers
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Ta and Saverine Howell
Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43-16:8

2nd – Our Venerable Father, **Titus**, Wonderworker. **SS. Amphianus and Edesius**, Martyrs, half-brothers. Amphianus, a youth arrested for his Christianity, reproached his idolatrous judge, was partially burned at the stake and thrown into the sea at Caesarea to die, A.D. 305, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

3rd – Our Venerable Father, **Nicetas**, Confessor and Hegumen-Abbot of Medikia of a monastery at the foot of Mt. Olympus in Bithynia, suffered for the sacred images. He died in peace near Constantinople A.D. 824. **St. Theodosia**, Virgin-Martyr of Tyre, was tortured and cast into the sea at Caesarea in Palestine A.D. 308.

4th – Our Venerable Fathers, **Joseph and George**, Joseph, a writer of Hymns, was zealous against the Iconoclasts in the reign of Emperor Theophilus, A.D. 829-842. George, a hermit of Mt. Olympus in Asia Minor, for his zealous opposition to the Iconoclasts, suffered death, or as others record, was maimed by the order of Emperor Leo the Isaurian about A.D. 730. **St. Platon**, Hegumen-Abbot Studite of a monastery in Asia Minor and later at Constantinople. He reprimanded sin even in the case of the ruling Emperor, Leo the Armenian, was imprisoned, banished and died in his monastery A.D. 813.

5th – **SS. Theodulus and Agathopodus**, commonly styled “The Cretan Martyrs,” victims of the Decian persecution, were beheaded at Gortyna A.D. 250.

6th – **Death of Methodius** - “Apostle of the Slavs.” Our Holy Father, Eutyches, Archbishop of Constantinople, lived about A.D. 546, during the reign of the Emperor Justinian.

7th – Our Venerable Father, **George**, Bishop of Melete, Venerable Father, **Serapion**, an Egyptian Monk, and later Bishop of Thumuis, took part in the Council of Sardica A.D. 347 and strenuously opposed the Arians. Associated with SS. Athanasius and Anthony. St. Jerome mentions him.

8th – **SS Herodion, Agavus, Ruphus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas and others**. Bishop-Martyrs, apostles; mentioned by St. Paul the Apostle (*Rom 16:11-14*). Venerable **Celestine**, Pope of Rome, remarkable for his zeal, deposed a Bishop in Africa, repressed abuses, sent SS. Paladius and Patrick as missionaries to the Scots and Irish. He condemned the Nestorian heresy. Through his Legates, he presided over the 3rd Ecumenical Council of Ephesus A.D. 431; died A.D. 432.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!

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

DEATH OF METHODIUS, APOSTLE TO THE SLAVS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:00pm.

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!

HOLY MYSTERIES – We are very happy to have the upcoming baptisms:

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 10:30am for Margaret Kelso

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00pm for Vivian St. George

Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 10:30am for Helena Francis St. George

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

Every day during the week of Easter, called **Bright Week** by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas “after eight days” (*Jn 20:26*).

It is important to note that the number eight has symbolical significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come since seven is the number of earthly time. The **Sabbath, the seventh day**, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The “first day of the week, “the day after Sabbath”; stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ’s Resurrection (*Mk 16:1, Mt 28:1, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1.19*), is therefore also the eighth day, “the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God.

The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of **Bright Week**. It is, therefore, called the **Antipascha** and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly baptized Christians removed their robes, and entered once again into the life of this world.

In the Church services, the stress is on the Apostle Thomas’ vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the word of the gospel:

Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” (John 20:27-29)

We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched His risen body with our physical hands yet, in the Holy Spirit, we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (*1 Jn 1:1-4*), and so we believe. At each of the daily services until Ascension Day, we sing the **Easter Troparion**. At each of the Sunday services beginning with Antipascha, we sing the Easter canon and hymns, and repeat the celebration of the “first day of the week” on which Christ rose from the dead. At all the liturgies the epistle readings are taken from the **Book of Acts**, telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. All of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of St. John, considered by many to be a gospel written particularly for those who are newly baptized into the new birth of Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The reason for this opinion is that all of the “**signs**” – as the miracles in St. John’s Gospel are called – deal with sacramental themes involving water, wine, and bread. Thus, each of the Sundays after Thomas Sunday, with the exception of the third, is dedicated to the memory of one of these “signs.”



