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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

April 9th and 10th, 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



The Myrrh-Bearing Women

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 9 - Euppsychius
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

Monday, April 11 – Antipas, Bishop - Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Reading: Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60; Jn 4:46-54

Tuesday, April 12 – Basil, Bishop
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 8:5-17; Jn 6:27-33

Wednesday, April 13 – Artemon, Priest - Martyr
7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Deceased members of Vivona Family
Readings: Acts 8:18-25; Jn 6:35-39

Thursday, April 14 – Martin, Pope
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 8:26-39; Jn 6:40-44

Friday, April 15 – Aristarchus & Others, Apostles
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2

Saturday, April 16 – Agape, Irene & Chionia, Martyrs
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Peter John Chrysostom
Readings: Acts 9:19-31; Jn 15:17-16:2

Sunday, April 17 – Sunday of the Paralytic Man
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Angelo and Angela Howell
Readings: Acts 9:32-42; Jn 5:1-15

9th – **St. Eupschius**, Martyr, a young patrician of Caesarea in Cappadocia, accused of destroying the Temple of Fortune, was cruelly tortured and beheaded A.D. 362, under Emperor Julian the Apostate.

10th – **SS. Terence, Africanus, Maximus, Pompilius, and a band of 36 Martyrs**, were put to death for their Faith A.D. 250, in the Decian Emperor persecution in Africa.

11th – **St. Antipas**, Bishop-Martyr of Pergamus in Asia Minor and styled in the Apocalypse by St. John the Apostle as a “Faithful Witness.” Tradition says he was roasted to death on a brazen ox during the reign of Emperor Domitian, A.D. 81-96. This Martyr has from God a grace to cure the pains of the teeth.

12th – Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Basil**, Bishop of Pharia, died A.D. 736.

13th – **St. Artemon**, Priest-Martyr and others, of Laodicea, probably in Phrygia, was burned to death A.D. 305, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

14th – Our Holy Father and Confessor, **Martin**, Pope of Rome, combated the Monothelites. Several attempts were made against his life and he was deported to the isle of Naxos in the Aegean. After a year of untold privation he was taken to Constantinople, suffered extreme ignominy, and died in exile in the Crimea A.D. 655. **SS. Anthony, John, and Eustathius**, the more recent Martyrs, died in the City of Vilna in Lietuva A.D. 1342.

15th – **SS. Arstarchus, Pudus, and Trophimus, Apostles**, endured death A.D. 68, in the day of Nero, Emperor. **St. Sabbas Gothinus**, Martyr, a Christian soldier, confessed Christ, was tortured and cast into the river to drown A.D. 372, in the reign of Valentian and Valens, Emperors. **SS. Basilissa and Anastasia**, Martyrs, noble Roman ladies, among the first converts to Christianity, said to have given honorable burial to the bodies of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles. For this they perished in the massacre of Christians incited and executed by Nero A.D. 68.

16th – **SS. Agapia, Irene, and Chionia**, Martyrs, three sisters burned at the stake at Thessalonica, under Diocletian, Emperor A.D. 304, for possessing and concealing Sacred Books of Christians.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!

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

DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 13th, April 20th, and April 27th, 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

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

Vivian St. George – to be announced

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 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN, ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, AND ST. NICODEMUS

Today we take our last longing look back at Pascha in the persons of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women, St. Joseph of Arimathea and St. Nicodemus.

Why are these people important to us? Why should we care about them? What do they have to teach us?

They are important to us, and we should care about them, because they are, perhaps of all the saints in heaven, our most likely and accessible role models. Think about the different ranks of saints: “Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Ascetics, and every righteous spirit made perfect in the faith”. While these categories are not totally inaccessible to us, you wouldn’t call most of us likely candidates for most of them:

- Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists? Their ranks are, for the most part, full.
- Preachers? More than most others, this calling is in God’s Hands and not something we can strive for.
- Martyrs and Confessors? We should thank God every day that our faith does not come at the cost of our lives.
- Ascetics? We are all called to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses and follow Christ, but few to the extent of the sainted monks and nuns of the Church.

But this last category — “Every righteous spirit made perfect in faith” — this perhaps has possibilities. And it is in this light that we should look at the Holy Myrrhbearing Women, St. Joseph of Arimathea, and St. Nicodemus.

Who were they? According to the Gospels, St. Joseph and St. Nicodemus were members of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Jews, and the myrrhbearers were the “women who followed Jesus from Galilee” (*Mt 27:55*), most of whom, it seems, were named “Mary”. But think about it: Who were they? What sorts of people were they? St. Joseph and St. Nicodemus were men with careers, wives, and children; men with responsibilities both professional to their communities and to their families. And the myrrhbearers were, literally, the mothers “of James and Joses, and of Zebedee’s sons” (*Mt 27:56*).

It is these ordinary people—people very much like you and me—whom we remember today; these “righteous spirits made perfect in faith,” whom the whole Church holds up as examples and role models—holds up as heroes, as notable in the company of heaven as the most determined apostles, the most inspired prophets, the most courageous martyrs and confessors, the most fervent ascetics. That’s why they should be important to us. That’s why we should care about them.



