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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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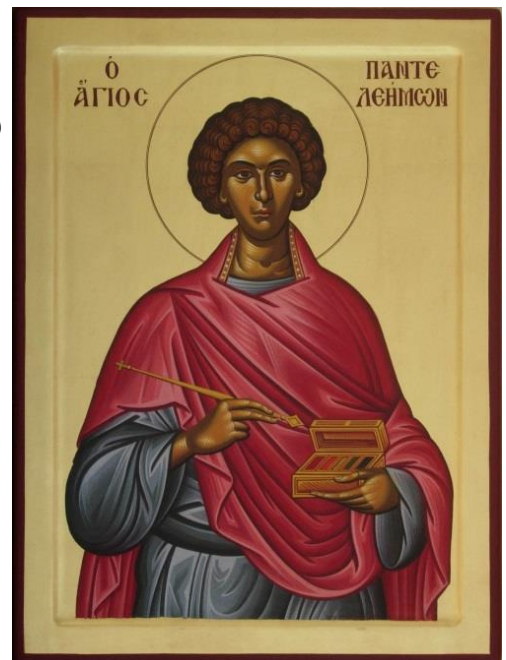
July 23rd and 24th, 2016

PARISH SERVED BY:

Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor
Rev. Fr. Stephen E. Casmus, M.A.T., Parochial Vicar
Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy (Contact for Parish Safe Environment Program)
Rose Watkins, Christodoulah
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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
Supplicatsia will resume in September
Myrrh-Bearers: 2nd Monday of every month: 7PM



Saint Panteleimon

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, July 23 – Trophimus and Others, Martyrs

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Mary Marlene Santo

Readings: Rom 15:30-33; Mt 17:24-18:4

Sunday, July 24 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Michael Spencer

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 17:14-23

Monday, July 25 – Dormition of Anna

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Pat Daly

Readings: 2 Cor 2:4-15; Mt 23:13-22

Readings for Dormition of Anna: Gal 4:22-31; Lk 8:16-21

Tuesday, July 26 – Hermolaus and Others, Priest Martyrs

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 2 Cor 2:14-3:3; Mt 23:23-28

Wednesday, July 27 – Panteleimon, Great Martyr

7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: Living Intention: John J. Murray Family

Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 23:29-39

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

Thursday, July 28 – Prochorus and Others, Apostles

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 2 Cor 4:1-6; Mt 24:13-28

Friday, July 29 – Callinicus, Martyr

9:00am - Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 2 Cor 4:13-18; Mt 24:27-33.42-51

Saturday, July 30 – Silas and Others, Apostles

5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Scorpinito & Quail Families

Readings: 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mt 19:3-12

Sunday, July 31 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Third Hour

10:30am - Divine Liturgy: Living Intention: John J. Murray Family

Readings: 1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35

23rd – **SS. Trophimus, Theophilus and others with them**, suffered martyrdom by beheading about A.D. 302, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. **St. Apollinaris**, Priest-Martyr, appointed first Bishop of Ravenna by St. Peter, died in the reign of Vespasian, Emperor A.D. 79.

24th – **SS. Boris and Gleb**, Martyrs, in their baptism had taken the names of **Romanus and David**, were Princes, sons of St. Vladimir, the first Christian Grand Duke of “Rus.” They died A.D. 1010. **St. Christina**, Martyr, was tortured and put to death at Lucas Vulsinus in Tuscany, Italy, A.D. 200, during the reign of Septimius Severus, Emperor.

25th – **Dormition of St. Anna**, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. (Confer Dec 8)

26th – **SS. Hermolaus**, Priest-Martyr and two brothers, **Hermippas and Thermocrates**, martyred about 300 A.D., in Nicomedia, the residence of the Emperor Diocletian. **St. Parasceva**, Venerable Martyr.

27th – **Pantoleon or Panteleimon**, The Great Martyr and Imperial physician, reckoned with St. Luke, Apostle, Patron of medical men. He suffered death by beheading about A.D. 303, during the reign of Maximian, Emperor. Our Venerable Mother, **Authusa**, mother of St. John Chrysostom. **St. Clement of Ochrid**, Wonderworker.

28th – **SS. Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas**. Apostles and Deacons, four of the Seven Deacons spoken of in the *Acts 6:5*; all having suffered death for Christ. Our Holy Father, **Innocentius**, Pope of Rome. After many hardships, he died A.D. 417.

29th – **St. Callinicus**, Martyr at Gangrae, martyred about A.D. 290. **SS. Seraphina**, Virgin-Martyr. **Theodotia and her Children**, of Syrian origin, adopted daughter of St. Sabina, whom she had converted to Christianity at Rome, arrested and beheaded A.D. 122.

30th – **SS. Silas, Silvanus, Criscentus, Hepenetus and Andronicus**, Apostles – **St. John**, soldier-Martyr, endured death in Caesarea of Cappadocia during the reign of Constantine and Galerius – **St. Julitta**, Martyr.

31st – **St. Eudocimus**, Venerable, lived in the reign of Theophilus, the Iconoclast Emperor.

ASCESIS: CHRISTIAN TRAINING

The Apostle Paul spoke frankly about the ongoing conflict that even believers have within themselves: “For the good which I will [to do], I do not; but the evil which I will not, that I do.” (*Romans 7:19*) Our souls and bodies need to be trained by our efforts and guided by the grace of God. Passions are inordinate desires that move us to act selfishly and unwisely. Efforts we make to control or manage the passions are called asceticism. Prayer, fasting, acts of self-denial, acts of mercy to others, are all ascetical practices. The Greek term *ascesis* means training. This same word is used in regard to training for sports. Saint Paul himself used the language of sports in his preaching: “Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable.” (*1 Cor.9:24,25*)

+++ **PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES** +++

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL - A most heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the celebration of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel a most prayerful event for all who attended. Thank you to the Cantors, Servers, and all the Parish Officers who worked for the success of this Holy event.

E.C.F. - Registration for Eastern Christian Formation for adults begins August 1, 2016. Have a friend interested in the Catholic Faith? Have them come with you to church and see. **REGISTRATION** – do you know anyone that would like to become Catholic? Registration begins on July 7 to August 28. Ask them to “Come and See” to join the Catholic Family!

ORIENTATION for New Catechumens and Candidates will be on Sunday, August 28 following the Divine Liturgy. **ADULT CATECHUMENATE** classes begin Sunday, September 4, after the Divine Liturgy.

E.C.F. TEACHING ON THE CATHOLIC EPISTLES begins Tuesday, August 2nd, at 6:30pm for five weeks.

ST. ANTONY MONASTERY – We are planning a Parish Retreat to the St Antony Monastery on Saturday, September 3rd. If you wish to go, please contact SubDeacon Paul in the Parish Office to reserve a spot by August 15th. There is also a donation of \$35.00 for the two meals.

NEW YEAR POT LUCK will be on Wednesday, August 31st, in the Hall, for the New Year. New Catechumens and Candidates are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

CATECHUMENATE classes begin Sunday, September 4th after the Divine Liturgy.

BYZANTINE CATHOLICS HAVE A PARTICULAR STYLE OF CHRISTIAN LIVING **UNIQUE TO OUR RITE.**

A belief in our call to be divinized;
Union with God through the Holy Mysteries
A ‘public’ life of worship, fellowship, service;
A ‘secret’ life of prayer, fasting and sharing;
The need for ‘spiritual warfare’

Our most important belief is that we are called “to become partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4), not just to be ‘saved’ from sin. We see ourselves are invited to live the very life of God, to become intimately related to God, to be physically united to Christ, and to have the Holy Spirit dwell within us! The Church Fathers saw this as the reason for Christ’s coming: “God became man so that man might become God” (St. Athanasius).

Our relationship commences in faith upon when we receive the Holy Mysteries. Through Baptism, we are made one with Christ as we reenact His burial and resurrection. Immediately, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the first of “God’s gifts” (Romans 8:23) in Chrismation (confirmation). When we receive the Eucharist, we recognize that our mortal bodies are united to the Body and Blood of Christ, as a token of the life to come, when we shall be united to Him in glory forever. Thus, we see these Mysteries are not merely pious devotions. They are encounters with God as the Mysteries produce the effect that they symbolize.

Our style of worship in the Eastern Churches is reflective of the presence of the risen Christ among us in glory and joy. All our senses take part in our worship to express this glory. We see icons, vestments, candles: we smell incense and perfumes; hear continuous singing; we taste blessed foods and use physical gestures (such as bowing, prostrating and crossing ourselves) to express our wonder in the glory of God.



