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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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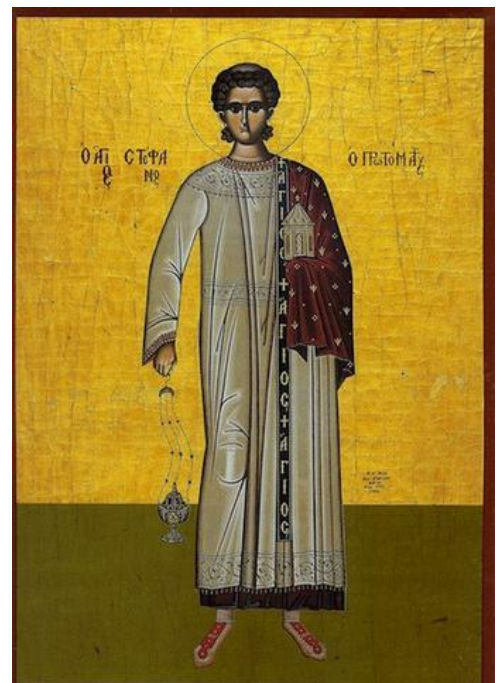
# July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### **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)  
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Toni Ritchey, Secretary – Claire Lynott, Finance Officer  
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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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month: 7PM



Saint Stephen, Deacon

### **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 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 – 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, August 1 – Procession of the Cross**

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

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Water**

*Living Intention: Lynn Maurice OCDS*

Readings for the Procession: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11.13-20.28.30-35

Readings: 2 Cor 5:10-15; Mk 1:9-15

**Tuesday, August 2 – Translation of the Relics of Stephen**

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

**6:30pm - Teaching Catholic Epistles**

Readings: 2 Cor 5:15-21; Mk 1:16-22

Readings for Saint Stephen: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60

**Wednesday, August 3 – Isaacius and Others**

Readings: 2 Cor 6:11-16; Mk 1:23-28

**Thursday, August 4- Seven Youths of Ephesus, Martyrs**

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

Readings: 2 Cor 7:1-10; Mk 1:29-35

**Friday, August 5 – Eusignius, Martyr**

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

Readings: 2 Cor 7:10-16; Mk 2:18-22

**Saturday, August 6 – Transfiguration of our Lord**

**5:00pm - Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Fruit**

*+ Deceased members of the Scorpinito and Quail Families*

Readings: 2 Peter 1:10-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Sunday, August 7 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: *+Kingston Rio Mejia***

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26

30<sup>th</sup> – **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.

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

1<sup>st</sup> – **Procession of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross**. Commemoration of the SS. Seven Machabee Brothers, Martyrs, their names being **Abim, Antonin, Gurius, Eliazar, Evseon, Alim, Marcell**, and their Mother, **Solomonina**, and their Master, **Eleazar**, martyred 173 A.D., during the reign of Antiochus, son of Seleucius.

2<sup>nd</sup> – **Translation of the Holy Relics of St. Stephen, the first Martyr and Archdeacon** from Jerusalem to Constantinople during the reign of the Emperor Constantine the Great A.D. 312. **St. Stephen**, Priest-Martyr, Pope of Rome, and others with him martyred A.D. 260 during the reign of Valerian and Gallienus, Emperors. Tradition alleges that he was beheaded while seated in his chair before the Altar in the Catacombs.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Our Venerable Fathers, **Isaacius, Dalmatius, and Faustus**. Isaacius died A.D. 368, in the reign of Valens, Emperor. He had predicted the death of Valens, the Arian, going into battle. This prediction was fulfilled. Dalmatius and Faustus died in the reign of Theodosius the Great, Emperor (379-395).

4<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Seven Youth of Ephesus, Martyrs, their names being: Maximilian, Dionisius, Amblichus, Martin, Antonin, John, and Marcell. St. Eudokia**, Venerable Martyr.

5<sup>th</sup> – **St. Eusignius**, Martyr, an old soldier in the army of Constantine Chlorus, Emperor, who, at the age of 110 years, refused to sacrifice to idols on command of Julian the Apostate, Emperor. He was scourged and beheaded as a Christian at Antioch in Syria A.D. 362.

6<sup>th</sup> – **The Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ**. By this manifestation of His Divine Glory, Jesus, Who has just foretold His Passion to the Apostles, strengthened their Faith and prepared them for His sufferings and death.

## **OUR VENERABLE FATHER BASIL, FOOL FOR CHRIST**

Basil's father was named Jacob and his mother Anna. At age 16, he dedicated himself to a life of asceticism as a "Fool for Christ" and, in this difficult mortification, persevered for 72 years. Altogether, he lived to be 88 years old. He traveled barefooted, bareheaded, and in rags. He did not have any permanent dwelling place. He admonished sinners, reprimanded the noblemen, prophesied the truth, and had visions of distant places. Having suffered greatly from hunger, frost, and from the insults of men, Blessed Basil presented his holy soul to God. Tsar Ivan, with the Metropolitan, attended his funeral. He is buried in Moscow in the Church of the Most-Holy Birth-Giver of God, later named after him.

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

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS** Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm. Please bring a container for Holy Water.

**THE VIRGIN MARY FAST** for the Dormition of the Virgin Mary begins on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, as it does each year. This Fast replaced the Feast of the Virgin Mary for blessing the Vineyards, which falls on August 15<sup>th</sup>; due to the sacredness of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. The church instituted that the faithful should go on a fast in preparation for the celebration of this feast. It is called the Virgin Mary's Fast. As in the past, this fast lasts for fourteen days starting on August the first, during which the faithful have one meal a day. This meal was free of meat, eggs, or dairy products. It consisted mainly of vegetables and beans, usually taken in the evening. Due to the industrial society we live in, the Bishop has dispensed the fast from dairy products, but not from meat, for the fourteen days in preparation for the celebration of Mary's Holy Dormition.

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

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Please bring fruit from your home to be blessed.

**SUBDEACON PAUL** – Please join us to celebrate SubDeacon Paul's anniversary on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, after Liturgy, in the Hall.

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

**REGISTRATION** – Do you know anyone that would like to become Catholic? Registration begins on July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Ask them to “Come and See” to join the Catholic Family!

**ORIENTATION** for New Catechumens and Candidates will be on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy.

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

**CATECHUMENATE** classes begin Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, after the Divine Liturgy.

### **THE PROCESSION OF THE WOOD OF THE VENERABLE AND LIFE-CREATING CROSS**

Because of the heat in the city of Constantinople, the Greek Empress instituted the procession of the Holy Cross of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ. In imitation of Saint Helen, using the Holy Cross to cure the blind person when she found the Cross, the Empress Zoe commanded the procession of the Holy Cross to go through the streets of Constantinople to combat disease in the city. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Cross was carried first to the middle of the Church of Holy Wisdom [*Hagia Sophia*] and, after that, along the streets for the people to venerate as a commemoration of the miraculous help of the Cross. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Honorable Cross was carried from the imperial court to the Church of the Holy Wisdom of God and from there; it was carried along the streets for the consecration of the earth and the air. Finally, on August 14, it was again returned to the church of the imperial palace.

In our parish churches, we process the cross to the four corners of the church in commemoration of what the Empress Zoe had done in Constantinople.



