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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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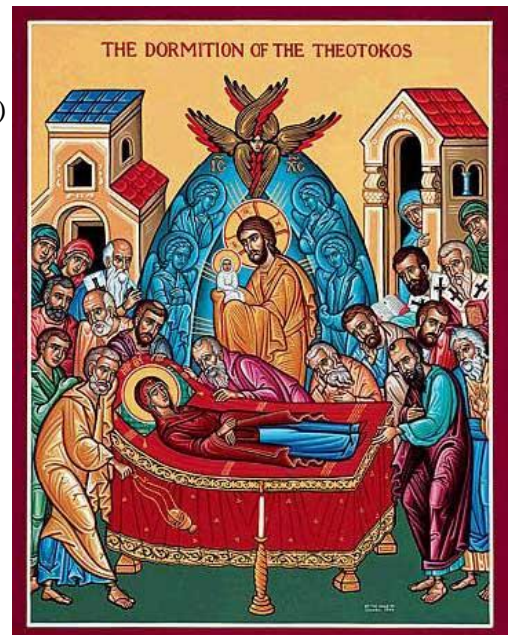
## August 13<sup>h</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### **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  
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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



Dormition of the Holy Theotokos

### **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, August 13 – Maximus the Confessor, Venerable**

**9:00am - Divine Liturgy – Carmelite Profession Liturgy**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Giuseppe Ala**

Readings: 1 Cor 2:5-9; Mt 22:15-22

**Sunday, August 14 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

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

Readings: 1 Cor 16:13-24 Mt 21:33-42

**Monday, August 15 – Dormition of the Theotokos**

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

**11:00am - Divine Liturgy**

+ *Deceased members of Scorpinito and Quail Families*

**7:00pm - Divine Liturgy**

*Living Intention: The John J Murray Family*

Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42.11:27-28

**Tuesday, August 16 – Translation of the Icon of Our Lord**

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

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

Readings: Col 1:12-18 or 2 Cor 3:4-11; Lk 9:51-56.10:22-24

**Wednesday, August 17 – Myron, Martyr**

Readings: 2 Cor 13:3-13; Mk 4:35-41

**Thursday, August 18 – Florus and Laurus, Martyrs**

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

Readings: Gal 1:1-10.20-2:5; Mk 5:1-20

**Friday, August 19 – Andrew and Others, Martyrs**

**9:00am - Third Hour**

Readings: Gal 2:6-10; Mk 5:22-25.35-6:1

**Saturday, August 20 – Samuel, Prophet**

**5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: + Steve Trabilla**

Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday, August 21 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am - Third Hour**

**10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Gino Ala**

Readings: 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Mk 22:1-14

13<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Maximus**, Confessor, was a Greek of noble birth, at first attached to the Court of the Emperor Heraclius, but later retired to the monastery of Chrysopolis (Scutari). For championing the Faith against the Monothelites, St. Maximus was seized in Rome and taken as prisoner to Constantinople, and, for his steadfastness, his right hand was cut off and his tongue torn out. He died of his wounds in prison, A.D. 662.

14<sup>th</sup> – **St. Micah**, Prophet, one of the Twelve Minor Prophets, of the stock of Ephrem, and contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. He continued to prophesy for 54 years into the first decades of the eighth century B.C. **Translation of the Relics** of our Venerable Father, **Theodosius**, Hegumen-Abbot of Cave, which took place A.D. 1091, in the presence of the Great Russian Prince, Vsevolod, and his Hegumen, John. This Translation was made from his grave in the Cave to the church of the Mother of God, which St. Theodosius had built.

15<sup>th</sup> – **Dormition (Assumption) of the Theotokos**. It is considered to be our Lady's greatest Feast. The commemoration of her death and the Assumption of her body and soul into heaven was the occasion of special devotion in very early times. In Ephesus, it was observed even in the first century. In A.D. 1950, Pope Pius XII defined and promulgated the Assumption of the Theotokos to be a dogma of the Church.

16<sup>th</sup> – **Translation of the miraculously-formed Icon of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**, from Edessa to Constantinople, called "Veronica's Veil," A.D. 950. **St. Diomidius**, Martyr, endured death A.D. 288, during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

17<sup>th</sup> – **St. Myron**, Martyr, who was seized by the imperial officers of Decius, Emperor, tortured and executed for the Faith A.D. 250, in Cyzicus on the Sea of Marnora. **SS. Paul and Juliana**, his sister, Martyrs in Palestine. Both patiently endured savage torture before being beheaded with other Martyrs under Julian the Apostate.

18<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Florus and Laurus, Martyrs**. They were twin brothers and stonecutters by trade, who, for the Faith, were put to death by drowning in a well A.D. 320, under the power of Licinius.

19<sup>th</sup> – **St. Andrew**, a Tribune in the Greek army **and with his 2,593 soldiers**. Martyrs, who were massacred for the Faith on Mt. Taurus in Silicia A.D. 300, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

## THE HOLY MARTYRS FLORUS AND LAURUS

Florus and Laurus were brothers in the flesh, and in spirit, and in vocation. Both were zealous Christians and, by occupation, stonecutters. They lived in Illyria. A pagan prince hired them for the building of a temple to the idols. It happened that during their work, a piece of stone flew and struck the eye of the pagan priest's son, who was observing the work of the builders with curiosity. Seeing his son blind and bloody, the pagan priest began to shout at Florus and Laurus and wanted to beat them. Then, the holy brothers said to him that, if he would believe in the God in Whom they believed, his son would be healed. The pagan priest promised. Florus and Laurus prayed with tears to the One, Living, Lord God and traced the sign of the Cross over the child's injured eye. The child was immediately healed and his eye became whole, just as it had been. Then, the pagan priest, Merentius, and his son were baptized and, shortly after that, both suffered for Christ by fire. When they completed the temple, Florus and Laurus placed a cross on it, summoned all Christians and consecrated it in the name of the Lord Jesus with an all-night vigil of hymn singing. Hearing of this, the Illyrian deputy burned many of those Christians and threw Florus and Laurus, alive, in a well and then filled it with dirt. Later, their relics were revealed and translated to Constantinople. These two wonderful brothers suffered and were martyred for Christ and were glorified by Christ in the second century.

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

**TEACHING** about the Catholic Epistles continues on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm.

**DIVINE LITURGY** celebrating the Dormition of the Theotokos will be held on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am and 7:00pm. Please bring plants, flowers, and herbs to be blessed for your home. The blessing will be after the Divine Liturgy. The Paraclisis in honor of the Theotokos will be sung during the blessing of the plant, flowers, and herbs.

**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 by August 15<sup>th</sup>. There is also a donation of \$35.00 for the two meals. Continental Breakfast will be available at Our Lady of Wisdom at 6:00am. We will leave for the Monastery at 6:30am.

**REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN'S ECF** classes begins August 1st. Please see Sub-Deacon Paul to register.

**THE CHILDREN'S ECF PROGRAM** is in need of your help. We need more teachers. We give you the lesson plans, you help the children understand. Classes are very small, sometimes with just one child at a level, and no classes during the summer months. Please see Mary Weishaar for more information.

**WE HAVE AN ECF CALENDAR** available on-line. Go to OLOW website, click on ECF link, then go to the calendar within the ECF website. This is for parents, adult students, and ECF teachers; all.

**CHILDREN'S ECF TEACHERS** will have a meeting to discuss the school year on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy, in the classroom.

**CHILDREN'S ECF CLASSES** begin on Sunday, August 28th. This is earlier than last year. This class is for both parents and children and it is an orientation for the school year. Please attend with your children.

**REGISTRATION** – Do you know anyone that would like to become Catholic? Registration is until 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. **CATECHUMENATE** classes begin Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, after the Divine Liturgy.

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** Pot Luck will be on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00pm. Please bring your food dish to the Hall. Vesper Liturgy will follow at 7:00pm with the Forgiveness Service of the Breaking of the Plates. Please bring your own plate to break.

**MYSTAGOGIA**, Days of Prayer will be on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 4:00pm; Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm Vespers; Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 7:00pm ending with Divine Liturgy for the feast of John the Forerunner.

**FEAST DAY OF SAINT ROSALIE** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, with pot luck luncheon after Divine Liturgy.

**A RUMAGE SALE** is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016.

## **FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY** **THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (Dormition and, in the Greek, *kimisis*) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that, when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (*John 19:25-27*). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in *Acts 2:14* that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord, who were preaching throughout the world, returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them, including the Apostle Paul, were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.



