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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 6^h and 7th, 2016

PARISH SERVED BY:

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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



The Transfiguration

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 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 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Kingston Rio Mejia
Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26

Monday, August 8 – Emilian, Bishop Confessor
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
7:00pm - Vesper Liturgy
+ *Deceased members of the Scorpinito and Quail Families*
Reading: 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mk 3:6-12

Tuesday, August 9 – Matthias, Apostle
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
11:00am - Divine Liturgy: +Margaret Schneider
6:30pm - Teaching Catholic Epistles
Readings: 2 Cor 8:16-9:5; Mk 3:13-19
Readings for Matthias: Acts 1:12-17.21-26; Lk 9:1-6

Wednesday, August 10 – Lawrence, Archdeacon-Martyr
7:00pm - Divine Liturgy Living Intention: Ronald Olender
Readings: 2 Cor 9:12-10:7; Mk 3:20-27

Thursday, August 11 – Euplus, Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 2 Cor 10:7-18; Mk 3:28-35

Friday, August 12 – Photius and Anicetus, Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 2 Cor 11:5-21; Mk 4:1-9

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 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Pat Daly
Readings: 1 Cor 16:13-24 Mt 21:33-42

6th – **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.

7th – **St. Domitius**, Venerable-Martyr. Julian the Apostate, Emperor, irritated, it is alleged, by the reproaches Domitius ventured to address to him, had him stoned to death A.D. 362. **St. Pulcheria** was the daughter of the Eastern Emperor Arcadius. On the death of her brother, Emperor Theodosius II, a fallen-away Catholic, she became Empress, and ruled wisely and well. She died A.D. 453. The Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon salutes Pulcheria as “Guardian of the Faith, Maker of Peace, Pious, Orthodox, and a second St. Helen.

8th – **St. Emilian**, Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus, fearlessly denounced the Iconoclasts. He was brought before the emperor Leo the Armenian, subjected to many indignities, and died in exile A.D. 820. **SS. Eleutherius and Leonidas**, Martyrs.

9th – **St. Matthias**, Apostle. Some writers suppose him to have preached the Gospel in Judea and later in Ethiopia, and to have met his death by crucifixion. Others assert that he was stoned to death by the Jews in Jerusalem.

10th – **St. Lawrence**, Archdeacon-Martyr, one of the most famous martyrs of Rome. He was a Deacon of Pope St. Sixtus II. This holy deacon was tortured and, in the end, was roasted alive on a gridiron A.D. 258, under Emperor Valerian.

11th – **St. Euplus**, Archdeacon-Martyr, endured death A.D. 304, during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. He was put on the rack and bidden to worship Apollo, Mars, and Aesculapius. He replied that he adored only the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

12th – **SS. Photius and Anicetus**, Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 288, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

13th – 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.

THE HOLY MARTYR EUPLUS

Euplus was a deacon in Catania, Sicily. Emperor Diocletian dispatched Commander Pentagurus to Sicily to exterminate any Christians he found there. Pentagurus did not find a single Christian, for the few that were there, hid from the persecutor and did not reveal themselves. Then someone accused St. Euplus of taking a book to secret Christians and reading to them. This book was the Holy Gospel. They soon brought him to court, hung that book around his neck, and led him to prison. After seven days of imprisonment and hunger, Euplus was handed over for torture. While they were beating him with iron rods, Euplus, mockingly, said to the torturing judge: “O ignorant one; do you not see that because of God’s help, these tortures are for me as a cobweb? If you can, find other harsher tortures, for all of these are as toys.” Finally, they led the martyr of Christ out to the scaffold. Then St. Euplus opened the Holy Gospel and read from it to the people for a long time. Many converted to the Faith of Christ. St. Euplus was beheaded in the year 304 A.D. and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven. His miracle-working relics repose in a village near Naples called Vico della Batonia.

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

DIVINE LITURGY celebrating the Dormition of the Theotokos will be held on Monday, August 15th, at 11:00am and 7:00pm. Please bring plants and flowers from your home to be blessed after the Liturgy.

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.

REGISTRATION – Do you know anyone that would like to become Catholic? Registration is until August 28th. Ask them to “Come and See” to join the Catholic Family! **ORIENTATION** for New Catechumens and Candidates will be on Sunday, August 28th, following the Divine Liturgy. **CATECHUMENATE** classes for adults begin Sunday, September 4th, after the Divine Liturgy.

NEW YEAR DIVINE LITURGY AND POT LUCK will be on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7:00pm. Please bring a food dish to share and don’t forget to bring another plate to break!

Parish Survey for Wednesday Divine Liturgies has chosen 11:00 am as the time for Celebration. (9 out of 13)

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion, but at the same time, of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-Wise, wanted to partially show them His divine Glory before His Passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James, and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: “And His Face shone as the sun and His Garments became white as snow.” (*Matthew 17:2*). There appeared alongside Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament Prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: “Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” (*Matthew 17:4*). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: “This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; hear Him.” (*Matthew 17:5*). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: “Arise and be not afraid.” (*Matthew 7:7*). Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all? Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley? So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Why was our Lord transfigured at night? Because, the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly-thoughts and because the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? In order to destroy the error of the Jews, as though Christ is one of the prophets; Elijah or Jeremiah or some other: that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord’s passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.



