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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month: 7PM



The Holy Protection

### **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, October 1 – Protection of the Theotokos**

**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Ruth Spernak**

Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 2 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am – Akathist to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Marie Marlene Santo**

Readings: Gal 1:11-19; Lk 6:31-36

**Teaching: Video – Story of Joseph**

**Monday, October 3 – Denis the Areopagite, Bishop Martyr**

**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Phil 4:10-23; Lk 6:24-30

Readings for the Bishop-Martyr: Acts 17:16-34; Mt 13:44-54

**Tuesday, October 4 – Hierotheus, Bishop Martyr**

**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Col 1:1-2.7-11; Lk 6:37-45

**Wednesday, October 5 – Charitina, Martyr**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Nicholas Rosetti**

Readings: Col 1:18-23; Lk 6:46-7:1

**6:00pm – Teaching: Birth of Moses**

**Thursday, October 6 – Thomas, Apostle**

**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

**7:00pm – Divine Liturgy: +Nicholas Lorusso**

Readings: Col 1:24-29; Lk 7:17-30

Readings for Thomas: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 20:19-31

**Friday, October 7 – Sergius and Bacchus, Martyrs**

**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Col 2:1-7; Lk 7:31-35

Readings for Martyrs: Heb 11:33-40; Lk 21:12-19

**Saturday, October 8 – Pelagia, Venerable**

**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Suzanne Iron**

Readings: 2 Cor 3:12-18; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, October 9 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:00am – Akathist to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Arnold and Alberta Buss**

Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Lk 7:11-16

**Teaching: Video – 10 Commandments (1<sup>st</sup> half)**

1<sup>st</sup> – **Protection of the Theotokos.** This special Feast Day of the Byzantine Rite Church celebrated every year since A.D. 911, when the Immaculate Virgin miraculously appeared in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople. **St. Ananias**, Apostle, one of the 70, who baptized St. Paul, the Apostle. Our Venerable Father, **Roman**, the sweet-singer, author of many Kondaks, about A.D. 496.

2<sup>nd</sup> – **St. Cyprian**, Priest-Martyr, a cultured Carthaginian, was converted and consecrated Bishop of Carthage. He wrote much and was a cordial friend of the Martyr Pope St. Cornelius. He won his crown of Martyrdom by beheading, A.D. 258, under the Emperor Valerian. – **St. Justina**, Virgin-Martyr, beheaded at Nicomedia under Emperor Diocletian, A.D. 300 – **St. Andreas**, who became a “fool for Christ’s sake.”

3<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Denis**, the Areopagite, Priest-Martyr, first Bishop of Athens, converted by St. Paul, the Apostle, and with him **Rusticus and Eleutherius**, Arthenian converts.

4<sup>th</sup> – **St. Hierotheus**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Athens, disciple of St. Paul. Tradition has it that he was translated on a cloud to Jerusalem to be present at the Dormition (Assumption) of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Venerable **St Francis of Assisi**.

5<sup>th</sup> – **St. Charitina**, Martyr, suffered Martyrdom A.D. at Amasa on the Black Sea, under Emperor Diocletian.

6<sup>th</sup> – **St. Thomas**, the glorious Apostle, otherwise called Didymus (twin). He is stated to have preached the Gospel in Pathia, in Media, and in India, where he is said to have suffered martyrdom.

7<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Sergius and Bacchus**, Martyrs, were officers in the Imperial Army and were put to death A.D. 296, during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

8<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Mother, **Pelagia**. Public sinner, but later penitent in a cave on Mt. Olivet near Jerusalem. Pelagia died A.D. 457.

9<sup>th</sup> – **St. James the Lesser**, son of Alpheus, Apostle and **Brother of St. Matthew**, the Apostle and Evangelist. Our Venerable Father, **Andronicus** and his wife, **Athanasia**, from Antioch of Syria. On the death of their children, they agreed to separate and thenceforth led lives of prayer and penance in the solitudes of Upper-Egypt.

## MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION

Longinus came from Cappadocia, Asia Minor, and served in Judea under the Governor Pontius Pilate. During the time of the Crucifixion of our Saviour Jesus Christ, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus who stood watch around Golgotha, at the very foot of the Holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events jolted his soul and Longinus believed in Christ and confessed before everyone that, “Truly this was the Son of God”. (Mt. 27:54)

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus, with his company, stood watch at the Sepulcher of the Lord and were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to be bear false witness and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold and left Judea for Cappadocia. They were beheaded there, in accordance with an order of the Emperor Tiberius. St. Longinus’ head was sent to Jerusalem to certify to Pilate and the Priest that he had indeed been put to death. It was thrown into a cesspit outside the city. Many years later, it was found after a vision of a wealthy Cappadocian lady and transferred to Cappadocia.

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** – Priests’ Medical Collection will be taken October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

**AKATHIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will be celebrated before the Divine Liturgy on Sundays during the month of October.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** for Saint Nicholas Day will be sent out in early October.

**BAPTISMAL CLASSES** will be held the third Saturday at 10:00 AM every month starting in October. Please make sure you register with Fr. Stephen prior to your child’s Baptism Class and bring a copy of the baby’s birth certificate to the class.

### **AKATHIST HYMNS**

The Akathist is one of the most ancient ornces or collection of prayers in the Byzantine Church. It is a prayer of veneration, thanksgiving, and petition. “Akathist” means standing because it is an expression of profound joy in recognizing the honor being paid to Our Lord, Our Lady, or the saint who is being venerated. An Akathist, therefore, is prayed standing.

he Church has composed several Akathist dedicated to either Our Lord under the title of our Most Sweet Jesus, or to various saints, such as St. Michael the Archangel and All the Holy Angels. The most popular is the Akathist to Our Lady, composed in the year 532. Today, the Church has granted the benefit of a plenary indulgence to all who pray the Akathist of Our Lady, when fulfilling all the proper requirements.

The Akathists are designed to be chanted, but it is not necessary to do so if prayed individually, or in a small group. If chanted, the Preamble and chants are sung recitando, and the kontakia are sung in Tone 7.

### **THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS OF ALL PROTECTION**

An apparition of the Mother of God in the 10<sup>th</sup> century at Constantinople is commemorated by the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.

According to tradition, at the church of Blachernes, where there was enshrined several relics attributed to the Theotokos, the Holy Virgin appeared, accompanied by St. John the Forerunner, St. John the Evangelist, and several saints. During the course of the apparition, the Virgin held out her veil over the assembled congregation.

Although the apparition was witnessed by only two people, St. Andrew, known as the “fool of Christ,” and his disciple, Epiphanius, all who were gathered in the church perceived something marvelous was taking place and experienced a sense of the Virgin’s special protection.

The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God is commemorated on the first of October.



