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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 10th and 11th, 2016

PARISH SERVED BY:

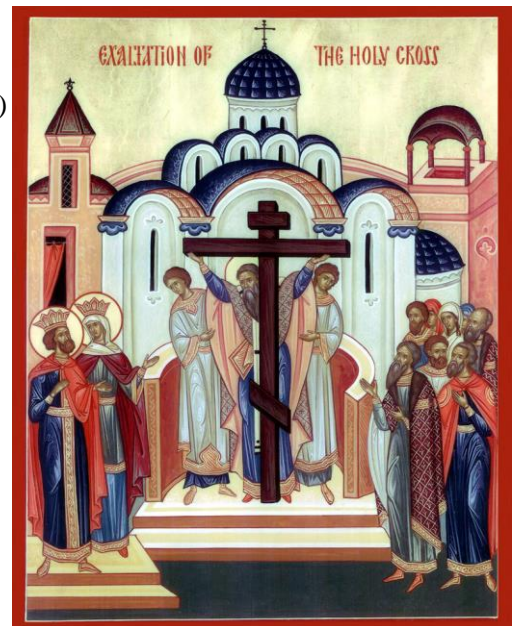
Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor
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LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

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



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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, September 10 – Saturday Before Exaltation of the Cross
5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Michael and Mabel Megella
Readings: 1 Cor 2:6-9; Mt 10:37-11:1

Sunday, September 11 – Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross
10:00am – Third Hour
10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +David Fortier
Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17
Teaching: Cain and Abel; Noah

Monday, Sept 12 – Autonomous, Bishop-Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Eph 4:25-32; Mt 10:46-52

Tuesday, Sept 13 – Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: Living Intention: Fr. Stephen Casmus
Readings: Eph 5:20-26; Mk 11:11-23
Readings for the Feast: Heb 3:1-4; Mt 16:13-18

Wednesday, Sept 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
11:00am - Divine Liturgy: +Mike Rosetti
6:00pm - Teaching: Tower of Babel; Abraham
7:00pm - Divine Liturgy: +Richard, Edward and Dora Long
Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11.13-20.25-28.30-35

Thursday, Sept 15 – Nicetas, Great-Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Eph 5:33-6:9; Mk 11:27-33
Readings for the Martyr: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Mt 10:16-22

Friday, Sept 16 – Euphemia, Great-Martyr
9:00am - Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Eph 6:18-24; Mk 12:1-12
Readings for St. Euphemia: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 7:36-50

Saturday, Sept 17 – Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross
5:00pm - Vesper Liturgy: +Joseph Cusenza
Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-29; Jn 8:21-30

Sunday, Sept 18 – Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
10:00am - Third Hour
10:30am - Divine Liturgy: +Deceased members of the Thompson and D'Agostino Families
Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-38
Teaching: Video – Abraham

10th – **SS. Mendora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora**, Martyrs, were three sisters, devout Christians of the Province of Bithynia in Asia Minor. Condemned for their Faith, they were beheaded A.D. 306 in the great persecution under Diocletian, Emperor.

11th – Our Venerable Mother **Theodora** of Alexandria, Penitent. She was an Egyptian woman who lived a long life of austere penance because of a sin committed in her youth. She is said to have donned male attire, entered a monastery, where she endured much from Satan and passed to her reward A.D. 472, in the reign of the Emperor Zenon.

12th – **St. Autonomus**, Priest-Martyr, is alleged by the Greeks to have been an Italian Bishop, who fled into Bithynia, in Asia Minor, to escape the fury of the Diocletian persecution. He made many converts and died for the Faith about A.D. 300.

13th – **Commemorating the Restoration of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Cornelius**, Priest-Martyr, was the Centurion the Italic cohort, baptized at Caesarea in Palestine by the Apostle St. Peter about A.D. 41 (*Acts 10*). Tradition makes him first Bishop of Caesarea.

14th – **Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross**. Discovery of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord suffered, together with the nails, is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem A.D. 326. In the Church of Jerusalem, erected by St. Helen over the Sepulchre of Our Lord, the Patriarch St. Macarius elevated the Cross and all the people beholding it cried out, "Lord, have mercy!"

15th – **St. Nicetas**, the Great Martyr, was a Goth and a victim of the fury of King Athanaric, ruler of the nations settled about the Danube. He was a disciple of the celebrated Ulphilas (Theophilus). He was burned to death about A.D. 78.

16th – **St. Euphemia**, the Great Virgin-Martyr. She was burned at the stake for the Faith of Christ, in the city of Chalcedon, in the reign of Galerius, about A.D. 107.

17th – **SS. Sophia and her Three Daughters, Faith, Hope, and Charity**. These three virgins suffered death for Christ while still children, under the Emperor Hadrian. Three days later, their mother, praying at their tomb, passed away.

18th – Our Venerable Father, **Eumenius**, Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortyna on the Island of Crete, was conspicuous for his charity. He died in exile in the latter half of the 3rd century.

ST. SOPHIA AND MARTYRS, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

St. Sophia came from Italy of a rich and devout family. After her husband died while she was still young, she decided to remain a widow. She brought her daughters; Faith, Hope, and Love, to imitate the virtues whose names she had given them. Living at Rome during the persecution of the Emperor Adrian, they were arrested for their Christian faith.

St. Faith, who was 12 years old, was brought to trial first. She boldly dismissed the tyrant's flatteries and deprecated his shameless deeds and vain plots against the Christians. The infuriated Emperor had her stripped, mercilessly beaten, and her breasts torn off, whence there flowed, not milk but honey. Finally, she was beheaded.

St. Hope, who was 10 years old, was brought in next. She was beaten and cast into a raging furnace and after many other tortures, she too died by the sword.

St. Love, the third of the sisters, was 9 years old. She was hanged on a gallows and chained so tightly that her limbs were broken by the bonds. She was then thrown into a furnace, from which she was delivered by an Angel and, finally, beheaded.

St. Sophia reposed three days after, on the tomb of her daughters.

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

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 14th, at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

A **RUMMAGE SALE** is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, beginning at 6:00am, and on Sunday, September 25th, from 12noon until 4:00pm. Please bring items you would like to donate for this sale to the Parish Hall.

ACOLYTE MEETING – An acolyte meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016, at 10:00AM. All acolytes and those interested in becoming acolytes should make every effort to attend.

CANTOR'S MEETING – A Cantors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 10:00am. All cantors should make every effort to attend.

REMINDER: The Third Hour will continue to be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week at 9:00am. In addition to the hours of the week, Divine Liturgy will now be celebrated on Wednesday mornings at 11:00am.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH – Parishioners and friends who wish to Learn the Spirituality of the Eastern Catholic Church may attend Mrs. Rose Watkins' classes each Sunday after the coffee AGAPE. Please let her know that you are interested in learning the Spirituality of the Domestic Church.

ADULT CATECHUMEN CLASSES continue to be taught each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. and on Sunday after the Divine Liturgy and Agape.

PRIEST'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN THE 2ND WEEK OF OCTOBER.

THE MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE

The Greek term for this holy Mystery is *Metanoia* (meta = change, noia (nous) = mind). Metanoia is a God-inspired turning of the sinner toward God, a turning away from sin, and a turning back to others in charity and justice. The process of metanoia by Christians is carried out by means of the Mystery of Repentance, which is also known as Penance, Confession, and Reconciliation (especially by Western Catholics). We seek the forgiveness of our sins and the graces of healing to recover from sin. We confess our sins before a priest, who in turn, invokes the healing power of God upon the repentant. What a wonderful ministry Christ has entrusted to His Church! "Priests have received a power which God has given neither to angels nor to archangels. . . . 'Whose sins you shall forgive,' He says, 'they are forgiven them; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.'" (*John 20:21-23*). What greater power is there than this? The Father has given all judgment to the Son. And now, I see the Son placing all this power in the hands of men."



