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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 15th and 16th, 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



St. Luke, Apostle and Evangelist

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, Oct. 15 – Euthymius, Venerable
5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Gordon MacAulay, Jr.
Readings: 1 Cor 5:1-10; Lk 6:1-10

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Sunday of Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council
10:00am – Akathist to the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Francis Toomey
Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Lk 8:5-15
Readings for the Fathers: Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13
Teaching: Joshua (Ch 2) and Judges

Monday, Oct. 17 – Hosea, Prophet
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 1:1-5; Lk 9:18-22

Tuesday, Oct. 18 – Luke, Apostle - Evangelist
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 1:6-10; Lk 9:23-27
Readings for St. Luke: Col 4:5-9, 14-18; Lk 10:16-21

Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Joel, Prophet
6:00pm – Teaching: Video - Ruth
Readings: 1 Thess 2:1-8; Lk 9:44-50

Thursday, Oct. 20 – Artemis, Great Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 2:9-14; Lk 9:49-56
Readings for the Martyr: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Jn 15:17-16:2

Friday, Oct. 21 – Hilary the Great, Venerable
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 2:14-19; Lk 10:1-15
Readings for Venerable: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 6:17-23

**Saturday, Oct. 22 – Abercius – Bishop/
John Paul II, Pope of Rome**
5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Renee Joss
Readings: 2 Cor 8:1-5; Lk 7:1-10

Sunday, Oct. 23 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am – Akathist to the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30am – Divine Liturgy +Gordon MacAulay
Readings: Eph 2:4-10; Lk 16:19-31
Readings for James, Brother of the Lord: Gal 1:11-19; Mt 13:54-58
Teaching: Samuel, Chapters 3, 7-8
12:00pm – Religious Articles Sale Begins

15th – Our Venerable Father **Euthymius**, the New. – **St. Lucian**, Venerable-Martyr, Presbyter of greater Antioch, was put to death for the Faith at Nicomedia in Asia Minor by order of Emperors Maximian and Galerius, buried at Helenopolis in Bithynia.

16th – **St. Longinus**, the Centurion, is credited by tradition to have been the one who pierced the side of Our Lord hanging on the Cross (*John 19:34*). Converted to Christianity, he was put to death in Cappadocia. His body is venerated in the Church of St. Augustine in Rome.

17th – **St. Hosea**, Prophet, a descendant of Isachar, lived in the 8th century B.C. **St. Andrew of Crete**, Venerable-Martyr opposed the Iconoclasts and reproached the Emperor Constantine for his impiety. The enraged monarch ordered him to be seized and tortured, from which he died A.D. 761.

18th – **St. Luke**, Apostle and Evangelist, was a physician of Antioch in Syria, converted to Christianity, became the fellow-worker of St. Paul. He is the inspired writer of the Third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, as revealed to the Prophet Ezechiel in the vision on a calf, six centuries B.C.

19th – **St. Joel**, Prophet, was of the Tribe of Ruben in the 8th century B.C. **St. Varus**, Martyr, a Roman soldier who, while guarding some condemned monks in prison for their Faith, on seeing one of them expire in his dungeon, took his place and shared the torture and cruel death of the others A.D. 307. **St. Sadoth**, Priest-Martyr, a Bishop in Persia, who, with 128 of his fellow Christians, was put to death A.D. 345, by King Sapor near Ctesiphon.

20th – **St. Artemius**, Great Martyr, a veteran officer in high command, was charged with breaking down the statue of an idol. After cruel torture, he was beheaded A.D. 363, under Julian the Apostate, Emperor.

21st – Our Venerable Father, **Hilary the Great**, Hegumen-Abbot. After a long life of severe fasting and prayer, and having founded many monasteries in Palestine, he died at the age of 80 in Cyprus A.D. 371.

22nd – **St. Abercius**, Equal to the Apostles. Bishop of Hieropolis, Wonderworker, died about A.D. 167. **SS. Seven Youths of Ephesus**.

23rd – **St. James**, Apostle, brother of the Lord, the first Bishop of Jerusalem. He composed the First Liturgy, which was later abbreviated somewhat by St. Basil the Great and still more by St. John Chrysostom. At 96 years of age, he suffered martyrdom at the hands of the Jews, who cast him down from the pinnacle of the Temple A.D. 61— Our Holy Father, **Ignatius**, confessor, was the son of the Byzantine Emperor Michael. Successively, he was monk HHegumen-Abbot, Presbyter, and became Patriarch of Constantinople A.D. 842. After nine years of exile, he died at age 80 A.D. 878

APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

St James became the first Bishop of Jerusalem. He presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (*Acts 15*). In his 30 years as Bishop, he converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill him. So they lead him up on the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem and asked what he thought of Jesus. Greatly angered from his answer, they threw him off the roof! The Saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies, while they were stoning him!

He composed the Divine Liturgy of the Church of Jerusalem, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Sts Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The church has preserved an Epistle of St. James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1850, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the Relics of St. James. Today, his apostolic Head is to be found in Esphigmenou Monastery, Mt. Athos and a part of his Relics at Dionysiou Monastery, Mt. Athos.

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

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.

WHOLESALE –Religious Articles Sale will run Sunday, October 23rd at 12:00 Noon until Saturday, October 29th at 4:00pm; weekday hours from 9:00am to 7:30pm.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS – Our parish will again be making food baskets for families in need. If possible, please donate non-perishable food items and place them in front of the St. Nicholas Icon in the Church beginning November 1st. Thank you and God Bless You!!

PHILLIP’S FAST begins Monday, November 14th. This is our penitential preparation period for the Feast of the Nativity. Phillip’s Fast is a simple fast, which means we abstain from meat and meat products on Fridays. Wednesdays are recommended, but voluntary.

THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Document Actions:

Held in Nicea, Asia Minor in 787. Under Empress Irene. 367 Bishops were present.

THE ICONOCLAST CONTROVERSY—It centered around the use of icons in the Church and the controversy between the iconoclasts and iconophiles. The Iconoclasts were suspicious of religious art; they demanded that the Church rid itself of such art and that it be destroyed or broken (as the term “iconoclast” implies).

The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man’s dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The Iconoclast controversy was a form of Monophysitism: distrust and downgrading of the human side.

THE COUNCIL’S PROCLAMATION—“We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor, but not of real worship, which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature, ... which is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands.”



