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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 22nd and 23rd, 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



Saint Demetrius, Martyr

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. 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

Monday, October 24 – Arethas and Others, Martyrs
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 2:20-3:8; Lk 10:22-24
Readings for Martyrs: Heb 11:33-40; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Tuesday, October 25 – Marcian and Martyrius, Martyrs
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 3:9-13; Lk 11:1-10

Wednesday, October 26 – Demetrius, Great Martyr
11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +*Fr. Porazo*
Readings: 1 Thess 4:1-12; Lk 11:9-13
Readings for Demetrius: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Jn 15:17-16:2
Teaching: 1 Samuel 15, 16, & 17

Thursday, October 27 – Nestor, Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 5:1-8; Lk 11:14-23
Readings for Nestor: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Friday, October 28 – Paraskevia, Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: 1 Thess 5:9-13, 24-28; Lk 11:23-26
Readings for St. Paraskevia: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 7:36-50

Saturday, October 29 – Anastasia, Venerable Martyr
5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +*Dawn Mussi*
Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-6; Lk 8:16-21

Sunday, October 30 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am – Akathist to the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30am – Divine Liturgy
+*Deceased members of Hughes and Kneidel Family*
Readings: Eph 2:14-22; Lk 8:26-39
Teaching 2 Samuel Chapter 7 (Where Panahida comes from)

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 H Hegumen-Abbot, Presbyter, and became Patriarch of Constantinople A.D. 842. After nine years of exile, he died at age 80 A.D. 878

24th – **SS. Arethas** and other Martyrs with him, endured death A.D. 523.

25th – **SS. Marcian and Martyrius**, Martyrs. Marcian, a Lector and Martyrius, a Sub-deacon, in Constantinople were put to death A.D. 351.

26th – **St. and Glorious Demetrius, the Great**, Myrrh-exuding. Martyr, martyred A.D. 299. Many miracles have taken place at his shrine at Thessalonica.

27th – **St. Nestor**, Martyr, endured death A.D. 304. **S.S. Captiolina**, a Cappadocian lady, with her handmaid, **Erotheides**, Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 304, under Diocletian, Emperor.

28th – **St. Paraskevia**, Martyr, surnamed “Friday,” who endured death at Iconium A.D. 290. **SS. Terentius and Neonila** and their children: **Photius, Anicetas, Theodulus, Hierarchus, and Eunicius**. Our Venerable Father, **Stephen of Sabbas**, composer of Canons about A.D. 785.

29th – **St. Anastasia**, Venerable-Martyr from Rome is said to have been a nun of the community presided over by St. Sophia. She was brought before Probus, during the persecution of Valerian, Emperor and, undergoing the most frightful tortures and outrages, was beheaded A.D. 253. **SS. Abram**, Hermit of Edessa and **Mary**, his niece, died about A.D. 360.

30th – **SS. Zenobius and Zenobia**, his sister, Martyrs, suffered death A.D. 304. — Venerable **Peter**, Bishop of Syracuse, disciple of St. Peter, Apostle. — **SS. Asterius, Claudius, Neon, Theonilla**, Martyrs, A.D. 285, at Aegea in Silicia under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. — **SS. Terentius, Mark, Justus, and Artem**, Apostles, four of the Seventy Apostles.

GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 190, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But, when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bathhouse. While the games were underway in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bathhouse and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, “O God of Demetrius, help me!” and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this and, when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bathhouse. As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

+++ **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.

LOVE FOR ALL SEASONS

Love is a fruit in season and out of season, without limits – a fruit that is available to all.

Are we convinced of Christ's love for us and of our love for Him? Is this conviction a sunbeam that increases the sap of life and makes petals of holiness bud? Is this conviction the rock on which holiness is built, in the service of the poor, delivering to them what we would like to offer to Christ Himself?

If we follow this path, our faith will grow; and through our growing conviction, the pursuit of holiness will become our daily task.

God loves those to whom He can give more, those who expect more from Him, those who are open, those who sense their need and rely on Him for everything. Our works are just an expression of the growth of God's love in us. Therefore, he who is more united to God is the one who loves his neighbor more.

May the love of Christ be a living bond between every two of us. From that others will realize that we are true Missionaries of Charity.

It may happen that a mere smile, a short visit, the lighting of a lamp, writing a letter for a blind man, carrying a bucket of charcoal, offering a pair of sandals, reading the newspaper for someone – something small, very small – may, in fact, be our love of God in action.

Even if this year we should collect less money, much less, the important thing is that we continue to spread Christ's love. If we give Christ to him who is hungry – not only for bread but also for our love, for our presence, for our contact – then this year could well be the year of the real live explosion of the love that God brings to our earth.

Without God we can spread only pain and suffering around us.

*Heart of Joy
Mother Teresa*



