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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month: 7PM



St. Phillip, Deacon and Apostle

### **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 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)**

**Monday, October 10 – Eulampius & Eulampia, Martyrs**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Col 2:13-20; Lk 7:36-50

**Tuesday, October 11 – Phillip, Deacon Apostle/  
John XXIII, Pope of Rome**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Col 2:20-3:3; Lk 8:1-3  
Readings for the Apostle: Acts 8:26-39; Lk 10:1-15

**Wednesday, October 12 – Probus and Others**  
**11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Sal and Anna Iacono**  
Readings: Col 3:17-4:1; Lk 8:22-25  
**6:00pm – Teaching: 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of 10 Commandments**

**Thursday, October 13 – Carpus and Others, Martyrs**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Col 4:2-9; Lk 9:7-11

**Friday, October 14 – Paraskevia, Venerable**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Col 4:10-18; Lk 9:12-18  
Readings for St. Paraskevia: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 7:36-50

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

**Sunday, October 16 – Sunday of Fathers of 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and Judges**

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.

10<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Eulampius** and his sister, **Eulampia**, Martyrs at Nicomedia A.D. 302, under the reign of Maximian Herculeus. They were young children who, for their Faith, were cast into a cauldron of boiling oil; but miraculously came out unhurt and, thereupon, were beheaded. Two hundred soldiers witnessing this became converts and were put to death as Christians.

11<sup>th</sup> – **St. Phillip**, one of the Seven Deacons, converted the Samaritans, baptized the eunuch of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia (*Acts 8*), and was the host of St. Paul at Caesarea (*Acts 21.8*). His four daughters are honored as Saints with him. He became Bishop of Tralles, Lydia, and there suffered martyrdom. Our Venerable Father, **Theophan**, Confessor, Bishop of Nicea and composer of Canons, opposed the Iconoclasts at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Nicea (A.D. 787). Banished by the Emperor Leo the Armenian, he died in exile A.D. 818.

12<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian A.D. 292 – Our Venerable Father, **Cosmas**, Bishop of Majuma, composer of Canons.

13<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Carpus**, Bishop of the Church in Thyatira and **Papyrus**, his Deacon, and with them **Agathonica**, sister of Papyrus, and **Agathodorus**, their servant, suffered A.D. 250, in the persecution under Nero.

14<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Mother **Paraskevia**, child of peasant parents of the city of Callicratia. Her relics were translated to Trapezont, a city in Bulgaria, A.D. 1201 – **SS. Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus**, Martyrs. St. Nazarius' father was a heathen, his mother, Perpetua, a Christian, probably a disciple of St. Peter. At Milan with his companion, Celsus, he was beheaded under Emperor Nero about A.D. 60. Gervase and Portase were brothers, sons of **St. Vitalis**, Martyr. Their relics repose at Milan in the Ambrosian Basilica.

## MARTYR EULAMPIUS AT NICOMEDIA

Saints Eulampius and Eulampia were brother and sister. They lived at the beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nicomedia. Eulampius became upset after reading the decree of the Emperor Maximian (284-305) sentencing all Christians to execution. Eulampius was horrified that the Emperor was taking up arms against his own subjects rather than fighting the enemies of his country.

The youth was brought to trial and commanded to renounce the Christian Faith. When he refused, they first raked him with iron hooks and then placed him upon a red-hot bed of coals. All of a sudden, the sufferer expressed a wish to visit the pagan temple. The judges were delighted, supposing that they had turned him from Christianity. In the pagan temple of Mars, the Saint approached the idol and cried out, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I command you to fall to the floor and crumble into dust!" The idol immediately crashed down to the floor and was destroyed.

The people exclaimed, "The Supreme God is the Christian God, Who is great and mighty!" St Eulampius was again taken away for torture. This time his sister, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared that she also was a Christian. Eulampius told her, "Sister, do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul" (*Mt.10:28*).

The martyrs were tortured and thrown into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded Eulampius, but Eulampia died from her torments before she could be beheaded.

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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who worked at this year's very successful Rummage Sale. This money is designated towards purchasing and installing the remaining **ICONS** of our Church.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** – Priest Medical Collection will be taken again this weekend. 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 10:00am 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.

**WHOLESALE** – Religious Articles Sale Beginning Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon until Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Weekday Hours (9:00am to 7:30pm)

### **CHRIST CALLS EACH OF US TO "MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"**

How many of us anxiously await the return to the church of our missing family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Yet, are our hearts really open to greet and embrace them in their tentative steps to return to the fold of the Good Shepherd? How often do we refuse to engage with others about our glorious Faith? Perhaps, we equate parish activities with actually sharing our faith. Or we are caught up in a false humility, thinking that telling others about the true faith makes us seem judgmental. Maybe we feel it is just better to have the "live and let live" attitude so that we can hold on to our own sense of faith; this way, we can avoid all discussion of our faith and not have to explain or defend it.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis continually implores us to give concrete witness to our Christianity – by following the call of Jesus to seek out the stranger, minister to the sick, and welcome the lost and weary that surround us in our daily lives. Each day brings fresh opportunities to answer the call of Christ to witness to our faith.

To call ourselves Christians truthfully, we must put into action the words of Our Lord: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:19-20*). We share our faith with others not because we think it is a good idea or believe that we are good at it. No, we evangelize because God told us to and we must obey His orders. Sharing our faith is essential to being a Christian. We cannot excuse ourselves from this. Our lives will end and we will be judged – did we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, counsel the doubtful, and clothe the naked? Let us not abandon our posts; but be ready to act as St. Peter writes: "Have no fear of them, nor be troubled... Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you. (*1 Peter 3:14-15*)



