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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### **PARISH SERVED BY:**

Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Stephen E. Casmus, M.A.T., Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy (Contact for Parish Safe Environment Program)  
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Toni Ritchey, Secretary – Claire Lynott, Finance Officer  
Mary Weishaar, ECF Director  
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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  
Myrrh-Bearers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month: 7PM



Saint Andrew, 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, November 26 – Alypius the Stylite, Venerable**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Robert Handcox**  
Readings: Eph 1:16-23; Lk 10:19-21

**Sunday, November 27 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Robert Handcox**  
Readings: Col 1:12-18; Lk 13:10-17

**Monday, November 28 – Stephen, Venerable Martyr**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
**6:30pm – Dry Liturgy Teaching**  
Readings: Heb 3:5-11, 17-19; Lk 19:37-44

**Tuesday, November 29 – Paramon and Philemon**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Heb 4:1-13; Lk 19:45-48

**Wednesday, November 30 – Andrew, Apostle**  
**11:00am – Divine Liturgy +Robert Handcox**  
**6:00pm – Teaching Ester Video**  
Readings: Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 20:1-8  
Readings for St. Andrew: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 1:35-51

**Thursday, December 1 – Nahum, Prophet**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Heb 7:1-6; Lk 20:9-18

**Friday, December 2 – Habakkuk, Prophet**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Heb 7:18-25; Lk 20:19-26

**Saturday, December 3 – Zephaniah, Prophet**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Marie & Eugene McMahon**  
Readings: Eph 2:11-13; Lk 12:32-40

**Sunday, December 4 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Robert Handcox**  
Readings: Col 3:12-16; Lk 17:12-19  
**Teaching: First Maccabees**

26<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Alypius**, Stylite, who remained on his lofty perch 53 years and attained the age of 118, A.D. 608. — Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev.

27<sup>th</sup> – **St. James the Persian**, Great Martyr, suffered a fearful martyrdom A.D. 421, under the Persian ruler Varanes V. He was progressively cut to pieces; first fingers, then toes, hands, feet, arms, legs were successively cut from his living body while he praised God in Psalmody. — Our Venerable Father, **Palladius**.

28<sup>th</sup> – **St. Stephen**, “the Younger”. Venerable Martyr suffered martyrdom with 343 other Christians, victims of the fury of the Iconoclast Emperor Constantine Copronymus A.D. 766. **St. Irenarchus, and Seven Women**, Martyrs, who suffered death with him A.D. 292.

29<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Paramon and Philemonus**, Martyrs; the former martyred during the reign of Emperor Decius, A.D. 250; the latter under Aurelian, Emperor. Our Venerable Father, **Bessarion**. Venerable, **Acacius**, spoken of in “The Ladder of Perfection.”

30<sup>th</sup> – **St. Andrew**, the “First-called” Apostle, brother of St. Peter the Prince of the Apostles. He was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. Tradition has it that he was crucified on a cross shaped in the form of an X at Patras in Achiia (Greece) A.D. 60, under the reign of Nero, Emperor.

1<sup>st</sup> – **St. Nahum**, Prophet. One of the Minor Prophets, lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. He saw the fulfillment of his prophecy of the destruction of Ninive. **St. Filaret**, the “Almsgiver” and **St. Ananias**, Martyr.

2<sup>nd</sup> – **St. Habakkuk**, one of the Twelve Lesser Prophets, of the Tribe of Simeon, lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. His relics were discovered in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great about A.D. 379.

3<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Zephaniah**, Prophet, said to be of the Tribe of Simeon, foretold the judgments of God upon Jerusalem and the ultimate conversion of the Jews. He lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Our Venerable Father, **Theodulus**, was Prefect of Constantinople A.D. 320.

4<sup>th</sup> – **St. Barbara**, Great Martyr, endured death A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximianus, Emperors — Our Venerable Father, **St. John Damascene**, Doctor of the Church, born in Syria, educated by St. Comas, succeeded his father as the Caliph’s Vizier. He distributed his possessions among the poor, retired to the monastery of St. Sabbas at Jerusalem. Laboring and writing much, he championed the Faith against the Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Isaurian, and was sentenced to have his right hand cut off. It was miraculously restored by the Theotokos. By him was composed the beautiful “Canon of the Resurrection.” He lived to be 104 years old, died in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D. (Between A.D. 750-780)

## STEPHEN, ARCHDEACON AND & FIRST MARTYR

Saint Stephen was a Jew, by race and, as some say, a disciple of Gamaliel, the teacher of the Law mentioned in *Acts 5:34* and *22:3*. He was the first of the seven deacons whom the Apostles established in Jerusalem to care for the poor and to distribute alms to them. Being a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, he performed great signs and wonders among the people. While disputing with the Jews concerning Jesus, and wisely refuting their every contradiction so that no one was able to withstand the wisdom and the spirit whereby he spake, he was slandered as a blasphemer and was dragged off to the Sanhedrin of the elders. There, with boldness he proved from the divine Scriptures the coming of the Just One (Jesus), of Whom they had become the betrayers and murderers, and he reproved their faithless and hardheartedness. And finally, gazing into Heaven and beholding the divine glory, he said: “Lo, I see the Heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.” But when they heard this, they stopped up their ears and, with anger, cast him out of the city and stoned him while he was calling out and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then, imitating the long-suffering of the Master, he bent his knees and prayed in a loud voice for them that were stoning him and he said, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” And, saying this, he fell asleep (*Acts 6, 7*), thus becoming the first among the Martyrs of the Church of Christ.

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

**TEACHING – Fr. Francis will give a teaching on the Dry Liturgy Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Fr. Stephen will teach this again; date to be determined.**

**CHURCH BRUNCH** December 4, 2016 after Liturgy 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

**CANDY –** Lots of candy is needed for our upcoming Saint Nicholas Celebration. Please pick up a bag or two as a donation to the church. Please drop off the candy in front of the St. Nicholas Icon before Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** for the St. Nicholas raffle are to be returned by Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, before noon.

**POT LUCK** for Saint Nicholas Day on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, will be at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share with our parish family.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** will be on the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Please remember those Sisters and Religious Brothers who served the church and now are in need. Thank you in advance for your kind gifts.

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE** — Due to the fact that Fr. Francis has retired from his position as Rector of the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer and the return of Fr. Stephen to the parish, Our Lady of Wisdom has incurred additional expenses. Considering this reality, each parish family is asked to remember that their gifts to the Lord need to be consistent each week. The parish advisory board brings this to your attention at this time because the funds received in our weekly collections are currently not sufficient to pay the bills.

**EYE GLASSES COLLECTION** — Sharon Huntington is collecting old, unused eye glasses of all types to be given out to the people needing them at The Catholic Worker. If you have any lying around that you are not using, please give to Mrs. Huntington or put them in her mailbox in the back room.

**OFFICER NEEDED** — Our parish church is in need of Trapezziaris for the Holy Table. Trapezziaris are those who take care of the Holy Table and dressing the church for the Feasts. Duties include: dressing the Holy Table, sewing on buttons, fixing snaps, taking vestments to the Dry Cleaner and bringing the clean vestments home, sewing on tassels and ensuring all service cloths are in good condition. If you are interested in holding this office, please speak to Fr. Francis personally.



