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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

December 10th and 11th, 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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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: 2nd Monday of every month: 7PM



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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, December 10 – Mennas and Others

5:00pm – Vespers and Divine Liturgy: +Robert Handcox

Readings: Eph 5:1-8; Lk 13:18-29

Sunday, December 11 – Sunday of the Forefathers

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Robert Handcox

Readings: Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

12:00noon – St. Nicholas Christmas Bazaar

Monday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Todd Madden

Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday, December 13 – Eustratius and Others, Martyrs

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

11:00am – Divine Liturgy – Feast of Saint Lucy: +Lucille Cozzi

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Feast of Saint Lucy: +Fr. James Swenson

Readings: Heb 12:25-26; 13:22-25; Mk 8:22-26

Readings for Martyrs: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Wednesday, December 14 – Thyrsus and Others, Martyrs

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Katie Prager

Readings: James 1:1-18; Mk 8:30-34

Thursday, December 15 – Eleutherius, Bishop Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 1:19-27; Mk 9:10-16

Friday, December 16 – Haggai, Prophet

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 2:1-13; Mk 9:33-41

Saturday, December 17 – Daniel, Great Prophet

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Eugene and Marie McMahon

Readings: Col 1:3-6; Lk 14:1-11

Redings for Saints: Heb 11:33-40; Lk 11:47-12:1

Sunday, December 18 – Sunday Before Christmas of the Ancestors

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Todd Madden

Readings: Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Mt 1:1-25

10th – **SS. Mennas Hermogenes and Eugraphus**, Martyrs, were tortured and beheaded during the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors, A.D. 304, for spreading Christianity in Egypt.

11th – Our Venerable Father, **Daniel**, Stylite, imitating St. Simeon in the mode of austere life, he spent 30 years on his pillar, miraculously healing many sick people. He died A.D. 492, at the age of 80.

12th – **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our Venerable Father, **Spiridon**, Wonderworker. Bishop of Tremyfia. In the persecution under Galerius, Emperor, Spiridon, with many other Christians, was condemned to lose an eye and to slave in the mines. He lived as late of A.D. 347.

13th – **SS. Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 302, at Sebaste in Armenia, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. **St. Lucy**, Virgin-Martyr, endured shameful tortures and indignities. Finally, a sword was thrust through her throat A.D. 304, at Syracuse, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

14th – **SS. Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Apollonius, Arianus, and Callinicus**, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 303.

15th – **St. Eleutherius**, Priest-Martyr, endured death A.D. 120, in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Our Venerable Father, **Paul** of Latra, was a Holy Hermit in Greece, about A.D. 880, in the reign of Basil Macedo, Emperor. **Father, Stephen**, Confessor, Abbot of Sodrozh.

16th – **St. Haggai**, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon and that he lived to see the second temple 516 B.C.

17th – **St. Daniel, and SS. Three Youth, SS Hannaniah, Azariah and Mishael**. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5th century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nabuchodnosor of Babylon, but miraculously came out unscathed.

18th – **SS. Sebastian and Companions** were put to death A.D. 202, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

Saint Lucy, Italian Santa Lucia (died 304, Syracuse, Sicily; feast day December 13), Virgin and Martyr, who was one of the earliest Christian saints to achieve popularity, having a widespread following before the 5th century. She is the Patron Saint of the city of Syracuse (Sicily). Because of various traditions associating her name with light, she came to be thought of as the Patron of Sight and was depicted by medieval artists carrying a dish containing her eyes.

In actuality, Lucy was probably a victim of the wave of persecution of Christians that occurred late in the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian. References to her are found in early Roman sacramentaries and, at Syracuse, in an inscription dating from 400 CE. As evidence of her early fame, two churches are known to have been dedicated to her in Britain before the 8th century, at a time when the land was largely pagan.

One of the Patron Saints of Virgins, St. Lucy is venerated on her feast day, December 13, by a variety of ceremonies. In Sweden, St. Lucia's Day marks the beginning of the Christmas celebration. On that day, the eldest daughter of the family traditionally dresses in a white robe and wears, as a crown, an evergreen wreath studded with candles.

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

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION will be taken this weekend, December 10th and 11th. Please remember those Sisters and Religious Brothers who served the church and now are in need. Thank you in advance for your kind gifts.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, December 12th, at 11:00am.

ST. LUCY Liturgy and anointing of eyes will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 13th, at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

TYING OF STRAW will be after Liturgy on Sunday, December 18th, in the Parish Hall. Please bring a pair of scissors and come help us with this. Many hands make light work!

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place beginning Monday, December 19th. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS will be sung beginning at 10:00pm on Saturday, December 24th, before the 11:00pm Divine Liturgy.

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 in the box located in the Narthex.

OFFICER NEEDED — Our parish church is in need of Trapeziarians for the Holy Table. Trapeziarians 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.

++++ *Christmas Celebrations* +++++

Monday, December 19 th	9:00am	Royal Hours
Tuesday, December 20 th	9:00am	Royal Hours
	7:00pm	Royal Hours — Confessions will be heard
Wednesday, December 21 st	11:00am	Royal Hours — Confessions will be heard
Friday, December 23 rd	9:00am	Royal Hours, Third Hour — Confessions will be heard
	12noon	Royal Hours, Sixth Hour — Confessions will be heard
	3:00pm	Royal Hours, Ninth Hour — Confessions will be heard
	7:00pm	Royal Hours, Vespers — Confessions will be heard
Saturday, December 24 th	5:00pm	Vespers and Vigil Divine Liturgy — Christmas Birth of our Lord
	10:00pm	Christmas Carols
	11:00pm	Divine Liturgy — Christmas Birth of Our Lord
Sunday, December 25 th	10:00am	Third Hour
	10:30am	Divine Liturgy — Christmas Birth of Our Lord
Monday, December 26 th	7:00pm	Divine Liturgy — Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos
Tuesday, December 27 th	7:00pm	Divine Liturgy — Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon and Protomartyr



