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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 17th and 18th, 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



The Prophet Daniel

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 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

Monday, December 19 – Boniface, Martyr
9:00am – Royal Hours
 Reading: James 2:14-26; Mk 9:42-10:1

Tuesday, December 20 – Ignatius, Bishop Martyr
9:00am – Royal Hours
7:00pm – Royal Hours (Confessions will be heard)
 Readings: James 3:1-10; Mk 10:2-12

Wednesday, December 21 – Juliana, Martyr
11:00am – Royal Hours (Confessions will be heard)
 Readings: James 3:11-4:6; Mk 10:11-16

Thursday, December 22 – Anastasia, Great Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
 Readings: James 4:7-5:9; Mk 10:17-27

Friday, December 23 – Royal Hours / Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete
9:00am – Royal Hours - Third Hour
12noon – Royal Hours – Sixth Hour
3:00pm – Royal Hours – Ninth Hour
7:00pm – Royal Hours – Vespers
Confessions during Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24 – Saturday Before Christmas Vigil
5:00pm – Vespers and Christmas Vigil Divine Liturgy
Intention: Our Lady of Wisdom Parishioners
11:00pm – Christmas Divine Liturgy: +Deceased Benefactors
 Readings: (AM) Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29; (PM) Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Birth of Our Lord
10:00am – Third Hour
10:30am – Christmas Divine Liturgy
+Living Intention: Louis Benoit and Clotilde Verdon
 Readings: Gal 4:4-7; Mt 2:1-12

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.

19th – **St. Boniface**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

20th – **St. Ignatius**, “God Bearer,” Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch.

21st – **St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 36, in the reign of Maximinian, Emperor.

22nd – **St. Anastasia**, Great Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of **St. Chrysogonus**. She was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

23rd – **SS. Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

24th – **SS. Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

25th – **The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, or “Christmas Day.”** The Eastern Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Western Church in the 4th century.

26th – **Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God and St. Joseph her Spouse.** The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from Holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. **St. Euthymius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts, he was scourged to death A.D. 840, under the Emperor Theophilus.

Royal Hours are simply the Little Hours of the Divine Office: Prime, Terce, Sext and None plus Typica, celebrated consecutively as one service. Each hour has special hymns (idomelia) and readings added to the normal structure.

This service is celebrated in the morning on the Eve’s of Christmas and Theophany, as well as Great Friday morning.

The designation “Royal” comes from the fact that, in the great Cathedral of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, not only the choirs, monks, clergy and faithful attended, but the Emperor himself came together to recite these prayers and to hear special readings appointed for the particular Feast. This served as a reminder to the Emperor and to the ordinary people, that in the eyes of Christ, there is “no rich or poor, no Jew or Greek, no free man nor slave” as the Apostle says.

Although the Royal Hours are splendid, they are also penitential. On days when the Royal Hours are celebrated, it is not permitted to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

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.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES – When you use a blank envelope from the back of the church for your weekly contribution to our parish, do not write only your initials... please write out your full name. All monies received, registered parishioners or not, are recorded to your name so you are provided with correct IRS statements. For the two people that have been using initials – please write your full name and then the initials you used on the next envelope so your statement will be correct. Thank you!

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 Trapezzarians for the Holy Table. Trapezzarians 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



