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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 24th and 25th, 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 Nativity

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 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: Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

Readings for the Nativity: 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

Monday, December 26 – Synaxis of Theotokos /

Commemoration of David, Joseph & James

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos

Intention: Living and Deceased Benefactors of Our Lady of Wisdom

Reading: Heb 2:11-18 & Gal 1:11-19; Mt 2:13-23

Tuesday, December 27 – Stephen, Protomartyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy – Stephen, Protomartyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Mt 21:33-42

Wednesday, December 28 – 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia

Readings: 2 Tim 4:9-22; Mk 11:23-26

Thursday, December 29 – Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Titus 1:5-2:1; Mk 11:27-33

Readings for the Holy Innocents: 2 Cor 5:15-21; Mt 2:13-23

Friday, December 30 – Anysia, Venerable Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Titus 1:15-2:10; Mk 12:1-12

Saturday, December 31 – Saturday after Christmas

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Robert Handcox

Readings: 1 Tim 6:11-16; Mt 12:15-21

Sunday, January 1 – Sunday before Theophany/

Circumcision of Our Lord/

Basil the Great, Archbishop

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Deceased of the Sirgo Family

Readings: 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8

Readings for Circumcision: Col 2:8-12; Lk 2:20-21.40-52

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.

27th – **St. Stephen**, Protomartyr, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons, and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33, by the Jews (*Acts 7.58*). Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theodore**, brother of St. Theophanes, and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts. Theodore was imprisoned where he died, A.D. 842.

28th – **SS. 20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia**, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day A.D. 286, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors.

29th – **The Holy Innocents**, 14,000 in number, in Bethlehem and within the borders of Judea, put to death for Jesus Christ by the order of King Herod. Our Venerable Father, **Marcellus**, Hegumen-Abbot of the monastic order of the Acoemetes, so named because they recited their Divine Office day and night without interruption. He died about A.D. 485.

30th – **St. Anysia**, a Christian woman, was arrested at Thessalonica when she entered the city to attend the meeting of the Faithful and was put to death A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Maximian Galerius. — Venerable **Zoticus**, a holy priest of Rome, who went to Constantinople where he established hospitals and havens of refuge for poor A.D. 344.

31st – Venerable **Melany**, a Roman Lady who, with her husband sold their possessions, distributed the proceeds to the poor and went into monasteries. She died A.D. 439.

1st – **Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.** The name of Jesus given to the child on this occasion means “Saviour.” — **The Feast of St. Basil the Great**, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, most famous of the Byzantine Church, and one of the four great Doctors called also “Patriarch of the Eastern Monks.” He died A.D. 379 (cf. January 30).

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

THANK YOU - A special thank you to all who helped with the very successful Christmas Brunch with Saint Nicholas and the Christmas Bazaar. Profits are: Net Raffle \$ 4,655.00; Christmas Bazaar \$5,357.00; Eastern Christian Formation Institute gifts from the Christmas Bazaar \$15,000.00.

TAMALES remain on sale for as long as they last. They are only \$18.00 per Dozen. Please see only Fr. Stephen for purchase.

PEANUT AND WALNUT BRITTLE is also for sale. 1/4 pound bags are available at \$4.00 a bag. Please see only Fr. Stephen for purchase.

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 Trapezziarrians for the Holy Table. Trapezziarrians 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 ++++

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

CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!



