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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

Dec 31st, 2016 and Jan 1st, 2017

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



Theophany

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 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

Monday, January 2 – Sylvester, Pope

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Heb 3:5-11.17-19 & 1 Tim 3:14-4:5; Lk 20:27-44 & Mt 3:1-11

Tuesday, January 3 – Malachy, Prophet

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-19

Wednesday, January 4 – Synaxis of the 70 Apostles

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Deceased of the St. George Family

Readings: Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7.10-11.20-24

Readings of the Apostles: Rom 8:8-14; Lk 10:1-15

Thursday, January 5 – Vigil of Theophany, Royal Hours

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

12noon – Sixth Hour and Communion

3:00pm – Ninth Hour and Communion

**7:00pm – Vesper Liturgy / Blessing of Water and Oranges
+Rebecca Glantz**

Readings: 1 Cor 9:19-27; Lk 3:1-18

Friday, January 6 – Theophany of Our Lord

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy: +Greg Wallace

Readings: Titus 2:11-15.3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

**Saturday, January 7 – Saturday after Theophany
Synaxis of John the Baptist**

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy

+Deceased of the Quail and Scorpinito Families

Readings: Eph 6:10-17 & Acts 19:1-8; Mt 4:1-11 & Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, January 8 – Sunday after Theophany

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy

+Deceased of the Drechsler and Spernak Families

Readings: Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

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).

2nd – Our Holy Father, **Sylvester**, Pope of Rome, under his Pontificate was held the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea A.D. 325, the decrees of which were approved by him. He died A.D. 335, during the reign of Constantine the Great Emperor.

3rd – **St. Malachy**, Prophet. 400 B.C. – **St. Gordius, Martyr**, who suffered death A.D. 320, during the reign of Licinius, Emperor.

4th – **Synaxis of 70 Apostles**, whose names St. Dorotheus recorded. Our Venerable Father, **Theoktistus**, Hegumen-Abbot in Cucume of Sykeleia.

5th – **SS. Theopemptus and Theonas, Martyrs**, martyred A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian. **Synlectica**, Venerable **St. Micah**, Prophet.

6th – **Theophany or Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ**. One of the oldest feasts in the East, it has been traced back to the beginning of the 2nd century. The Western Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Eastern Church in the 3rd century.

7th – **Synaxis of St. John**, the glorious Prophet, Precursor and Baptist, who baptized our Lord Jesus Christ in the River Jordan.

8th – Our Venerable Father, **George**, The Chozebite and **Emilian**, Confessor. They were martyred A.D. 820, in the reign of Nicephorus Gennicus. Our Venerable Mother, **Dominika**, of Carthage, who lived in the year A.D. 374, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. **SS. Juliana and Basilissa**, martyred A.D. 300, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

In accordance with the Old Testament Law, all male infants should be circumcised on the eighth day from birth. Therefore, Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after His Nativity. This circumcision of the flesh was a type of the circumcision of the heart, which is carried out by God Himself. Concerning this second spiritual circumcision, the Apostle Paul says: “*You are circumcised with a circumcision not done by hand, in putting off the sinful body of the flesh, by the Circumcision of Christ. (Col 2-11).*”

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

ROYAL HOURS will be held on Thursday, January 5th, at 9:00am, 12noon, and 3:00pm.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Vigil Vesper Liturgy and Blessing of Water and Oranges will be celebrated on Thursday, January 5th, at 7:00pm.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water and Oranges will be celebrated on Friday, January 6th, at 7:00pm.

BLESSED JORDAN WATER — Please bring your own Holy Water bottles to fill with the Blessed Jordan Water of Our Lord's Baptism to bless your homes.

TAMALES remain on sale for as long as they last. They are available with a donation of \$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 for a donation of \$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.

***CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!***

