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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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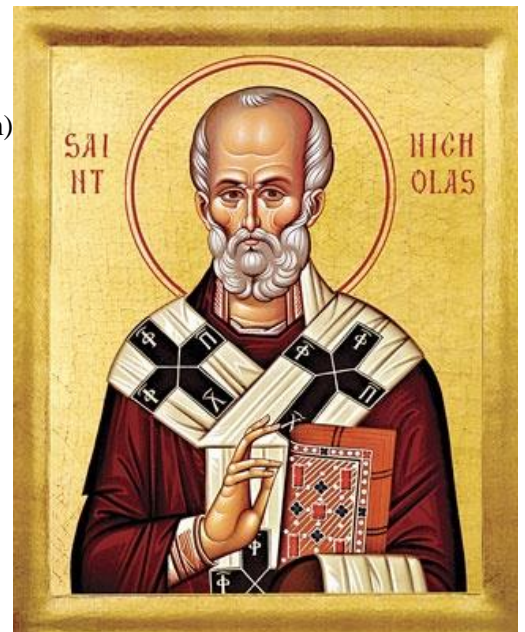
December 3rd and 4th, 2016

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)
Rose Watkins, Christodoulah
Toni Ritchey, Secretary – Claire Lynott, Finance Officer
Mary Weishaar, ECF Director
William St. George, Prayer Line Director (702-379-5268 / Bill@lvac.com)

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



Saint Nicholas of Myra

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 3 – Zephaniah, Prophet

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Marie & Eugene McMahan

Readings: Eph 2:11-13; Lk 12:32-40

Sunday, December 4 – 29th 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

Monday, December 5 – Sabbas, Venerable

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

**7:00pm – Saint Nicholas Vigil Vespers and Divine Liturgy
+Robert Handcox**

Readings: Heb 8:7-13; Lk 20:27-44

Readings for Father Sabbas: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

Tuesday, December 6 – Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Robert Handcox

Readings: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23

**6:00pm 6:00pm Pot Luck and Raffle Drawing
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Wednesday, December 7 – Ambrose, Archbishop

9:00am – Confessions

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**7:00pm – Maternity of Holy Anna Vigil Vespers & Divine Liturgy
+Robert Handcox**

Readings: Heb 10:1-18; Lk 21:5-7.10-11.20-24

Thursday, December 8 – Maternity of the Holy Anna

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Robert Handcox

Readings: Gal 4:22-31; Lk 8:16-21

Friday, December 9 – Patapius, Venerable

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7.11-11.20-24

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

3rd – **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 7th century B.C. Our Venerable Father, **Theodulus**, was Prefect of Constantinople A.D. 320.

4th – **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 2nd half of the 8th century A.D. (Between A.D. 750-780)

5th – Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **St. Sabbas**, Hegumen-Abbot. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church against the Eutychian heretics. He died at the age of 94, A.D. 532, in the reign of the Emperor Justinian the Great.

6th – Our Holy Father, **Nicholas**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the "Wonderworker." He is the Patron of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Faithful. He also used his large inheritance to assist the poor. He is a very popular Saint among the various nations; also here in the U.S.A. He died in the middle of the 4th century A.D. (Confer May 9).

7th – Our Holy Father, **Ambrose**, Archbishop of Milan, is one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church. He is a great exegete and orator, by whom St. Augustine was converted and baptized. He died A.D. 387.

8th – **Maternity of St. Anna**. The Eastern Church has been celebrating this feast since the 6th century to commemorate the conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception (i.e., the preservation from the stain of the first sin) was declared A.D. 1854.

9th – Our Venerable Father, **Patapius**, was of Thebes, Egypt, lived as a Hermit in the suburbs of Constantinople.

10th – **SS. Mennas Hermogenes and Eugephus**, 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.

THE CONCEPTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA

St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the Priest, Nathan, from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married St. Joachim, who was a native of Galilee. In accordance with the eternal purpose of God, Who willed to prepare a most pure habitation of Himself, in order to take flesh and dwell among men, for a long time St. Anna was childless. After 20 years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an Angel of the Lord announced to them the conception of a daughter, who would bring blessing to all the human race. The conception of St. Anna took place at Jerusalem, where also was born the Most Holy Virgin, Mary by name.

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

CHURCH BRUNCH — Everyone is invited to the Saint Nicholas Brunch on Sunday, December 4th, after the Divine Liturgy.

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

POT LUCK for Saint Nicholas Day on Tuesday, December 6th, 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 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.

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 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.

ST NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER AND ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra is transformed in our modern secular culture as Santa Claus – the man in the red suit, who brings gifts at Christmas to all those who are good. It is interesting – and telling – to consider what the Church remembers him for. Yes, he is said to have punched Arias in the nose for denying the divinity of Jesus. But most of the stories that come to us through history are of him living the Christian life – like providing a dowry to three young women so they could marry and avoid slavery (the three bags of gold he threw through their windows landed in their stockings, and so today we hang our stockings by the chimney with care). All of the stories about Archbishop Nicholas that come to us through history are about love for people – especially the poor. St. Nicholas was good. So good that his goodness shines through history – and radiates even from the man in the red suit. Such goodness can only be found in one who dwells intimately with Lord – for He is the only good One (*Mt 19:17*).



