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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

January 7th and 8th, 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

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, 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 Spornak Families

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

Teaching: Isaiah/Daniel Prophecies (bridge)

Monday, January 9 – Polyuct, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 8:7-13; Mk 8:11-21

Tuesday, January 10 – Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 9:8-10.15-23; Mk 8:22-26

Readings for St. Gregory: 1 Cor 12:7-11; Mt 10:1.5-8

Wednesday, January 11 – Theodosius, Venerable

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: + Deceased of the Quail and Scorpinito Families

Readings: Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34

Readings for Father Theodosius: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:27-30

6:30 pm – Teaching: The Infancy Gospel

Thursday, January 12 – Tatiana, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 10:35-11:7; Mk 9:10-16

Friday, January 13 – Hermolaus and Startonicus, Martyrs

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 11:8.11-16; Mk 9:33-41

Readings of the Fathers: Rom 8:28-39; Lk 6:17-23

Saturday, January 14 – Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho

5:00pm – Divine Liturgy and Panahida: +Robert Louis Stone

Readings: Eph 5:1-8; Lk 14:1-11

Sunday, January 15 – 35th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: Living Intention: Joseph and Christine Bartish

Readings: Col 3:12-16; Lk 18:18-27

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.

9th – **St. Polyucte**, Martyr, suffered death A.D. 244, during the reign of the Decius or Valerianus. **Eustratius**, Venerable, endured death in the reign of Leo Iconomachus, Emperor

10th – Our Holy Father, **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**, consecrated in A.D. 372, brother of St. Basil the Great. Died A.D. 395. **Dometian**, Venerable, Bishop of Melite, died A.D. 570, in the reign of Justinus the Younger — Our Venerable Father, **Marcian**, Presbyter and Treasurer of the great Church of Holy Wisdom; died A.D. 489.

11th – Our Venerable Father, **Theodosius**, Hegumen-Abbot died in A.D. 485, in the reign of Leo and Anastatius, Emperors, at the age of 105.

12th – **St. Tatiana**, Martyr, lived in A.D. 227, in the reign of Alexander. Her father was a Soldier and Elder of the city; after many tortures, she died by the sword along with her father.

13th – **SS. Hermylas and Stratonicus**. Martyrs: Deacon of Singudunum (Belgrade) and his servant were tortured and drowned in the River Danube, A.D. 315, under Licinius, Emperor.

14th – Our Venerable **Fathers of Sinai and Raitho**, suffered martyrdom from the Saracens A.D. 296, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

15th – Our Venerable Fathers, **Paul of Thebes and John, the “Tent-Dweller.”** Paul was the First Hermit. He fled into the desert of Egypt during the reign of Emperor Decius and died about A.D. 343. John was of famous parentage and received tonsure in the monastery of the Cenobites in the reign of Leo the Great, Emperor (A.D. 457-475)

CHRIST IS BORN!

GLORIFY HIM!

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

THANKS TO ALL who helped make the Christmas Liturgies beautiful celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord: the cantors, lectors, decorators, cleaners, contributors, etc.

THANKS to Laura Escamilla for accepting the office of Greeter.

BISHOP'S APPEAL has commenced and continues through May 31, 2017.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for adults and the catechumenate resumes January 8, 2017 after the Liturgy. The Wednesday teachings also resume beginning January 11, 2017.

SACRIFICIAL PRAYER SPONSORS are still needed for the catechumens. If you want to help the catechumens on their faith journey through prayer, please consider becoming a sponsor.

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: *Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34.*

John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the One Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:11*).

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (*Matthew 3:15*)." John consented and baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on him. When this happened, a voice came from the heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with Who I am well pleased." This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ's baptism in the Jordan was "Theophany," a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. It was also a "Theophany" in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father's testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of "manifestation" or "revelation" is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, "Christ has appeared and enlightened the world." Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Christian celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.

