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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

February 18th and 19th, 2017

PARISH SERVED BY:

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Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

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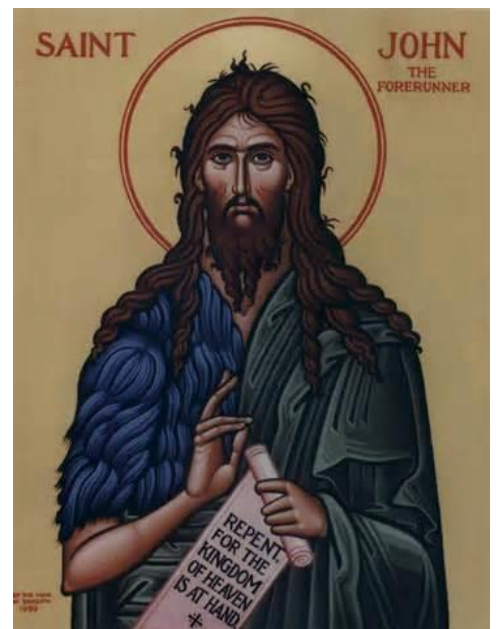
LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

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



John the Forerunner

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, February 18 – First All Souls Saturday

9:00am – All Souls Liturgy

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy +Deceased of the Vivona Family

Readings: 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 21:8-9.25-27.33-36

Sunday, February 19 – Sunday of Meat Fare

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Ken Sullivan

+Panahida for Eddie Hein

Readings: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Mk 25:31-46

Teaching: Mt Ch 16 & 17 (Pharisees/Transfiguration)

Monday, February 20 – Leo of Catania, Bishop

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

6:30pm – Cantor Meeting in Narthax

Reading: 3 Jn 1-15; Lk 19:29-40.22:7-39

Tuesday, February 21 – Timothy, Venerable

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Jude 1:10; Lk 22:39-42.45-23:1

Wednesday, February 22 – Finding of Relics of Martyrs of Eugenia

11:00am – Divine Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Quail and Scorpinito Families

Readings: Joel 2:12-26; Joel 4:12-21

6:00pm Teaching: Mt 18 & 19 (Divorce)

Thursday, February 23 –

1st & 2nd Finding of Head of John the Baptist

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Jude 11-25; Lk 23:1-34.44-56

Readings for St. John: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

Friday, February 24 – Venerable Father, Erasmus

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Zech 8:7-17; Zech 8:19-23

Saturday, February 25 – All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers

5:00pm – Divine Liturgy: +Deceased members of the Olender Family

Readings: Rom 14:19-26; Mt 6:1-13

Readings for Holy Ascetics: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

Sunday, February 26 – Sunday of Cheesefare

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: Living Intention: John Galvin

Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

Teaching: Mt Ch 20 & 21 (Parable of Vineyard/Entry into Jerusalem)

4:30pm – Meatless Pot Luck

7:00pm – Forgiveness Vespers

18th – **St. Theodore of Tyre**, the Great Martyr, was burned to death A.D. 306, during the reign of Emperor Maximian Herculeus. — Memory of **St. Mariamna**, sister of Philip, the Apostle.

19th – **St. Archippus**, Apostle, a co-worker with St. Paul, first Bishop of the Colossians. Tradition says he was stoned to death during the reign of Emperor Nero — **SS. Maxim, Theodot, Isychus, and Asklepiodotus**, Martyrs.

20th – Our Venerable Father, **Leo**, Bishop of Catania, in Sicily. By his miracles, he acquired the name “Wonder-Worker.” He lived near Mt. Etna, the first of which consumed Iliodorus, the sorcerer. He died about A.D. 780, during the reign of Leo IV and Constantine. **St. Sadok**, Priest-Martyr and, with him, 128 fellow Christians put to death by King Sapor of Persia A.D. 345. **St. Agatho**, Venerable, Pope of Rome, died A.D. 682.

21st – Our Venerable Father, **Timothy**, Hermit. Our Holy Father, **Eustacius**, Archbishop of Antioch, assisted at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea. He contended against the Arians by word and pen. He died about A.D. 337, during the reign of emperor Constantine the Great.

22nd – **Finding of the Venerable Relics of SS. Martyrs at Eugenia**. Venerable **Peter**, Monk and **Athanasius**, suffered martyrdom at the hands of Iconoclasts A.D. 735, during the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian, Emperor.

23rd – **St. Polycarp**, Bishop-Martyr, Bishop of Smyrna, was burned alive A.D. 166, in the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius. — **First and Second Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John, the Precursor**. The First Finding was by two monks in the home of Herod, King. They brought the Head to the city Emmesia. The Second Finding was much later, during the reign of Emperor Marcianus, A.D. 431.

24th – Our Venerable Father **Erasmus** of the Kiev Caves.

25th – All **Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers**. — **St. Tarasius**, Archbishop of Constantinople, opposed the Iconoclasts, denounced the vices of the Byzantine Princes and their profligate courts. Known as the “Father of the poor,” he died A.D. 806, during the reign of Nicephorus, Emperor.

26th – Our Holy Father **Porphyrius**, Bishop of Gaza, sold his goods and distributed the proceeds to the poor. He died A.D. 420, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. — **St. Sebastian**, renowned Roman Martyr. He was an officer in the Imperial Army and a favorite of Emperor Diocletian. Becoming a Christian, no mercy was shown him. He was made a target for the archers and, thus, died A.D. 288. — **St. Photina**, of Samaria, Martyr. Tradition identifies her as the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well (cf *John 4*)

ST. TIMOTHY OF SYMBOLA, BITHYNIA

St. Timothy was a recluse in a place called Symbola, on the Asiatic side of Mt. Olympus. In his youth, he was tonsured a monk and, until old age, spent his time in fasting, prayer, vigils, and ceaseless labor. He remained pure and chaste throughout his entire life. Through his labors for the salvation of his soul, he succeeded in building in himself a beautiful home for the Holy Spirit. He reposed in peace in 795.

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

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY POTLUCK – On Sunday, February 26th, at 4:30pm, everyone is welcome to the *Meatless* Pot Luck Dinner in the Parish Hall. Please bring a *meatless* dish to share with our parish family.

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE will follow the potluck beginning at 7:00pm.

FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST begins with the Sixth Hour and Anointing at 11:00am. Presanctified Liturgy will be at 7:00pm.

COLUMBARIUM NICHEs as of 2017 are now available for a donation of \$ 1,500.00. Opening and closing of the Niche donation is \$50.00 each. A name plate to be placed on the Niche is for a donation of \$25.00.

RETRouvaille is a Catholic-based program designed to help couples rediscover their love for each other. If you or someone you know is considering separation or divorce, please urge them to sign up for Retrouvaille. This program helps couples with communication issues, addiction challenges, infidelity, or parenting problems. The couples learn new techniques in communication and resolving conflicts. Our next weekend is March 24 -26, 2017. Space is limited. Please contact Chuck Moore 702-604-1006 to reserve your space.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – as is done each year, we are asked to participate in the Bishop's Appeal. I ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge that you give to the Bishop for the Work of the Eparchy. Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation and the recommended sacrificial pledge is \$200.00 per household, which can be paid in monthly installments until May 31, 2017. God Bless You!

THE SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

“The week following the Sunday of the Prodigal Son is called Meatfare week and it terminated on the Sunday called Meatfare Sunday. Meatfare Sunday is the last day on which it was still permissible to eat meat before the Great Fast. Meatfare means “farewell to meat.” Hence, the name “meatfare” Sunday. Of course, we are speaking here of the time when the Great Fast was observed in all strictness.

The Sunday of Meatfare is also called the Sunday of the terrible judgement. In this day's Gospel, Christ speaks of the terrible Judgement, of the reward of the righteous, and the eternal punishment of the wicked. The entire service of this day is devoted to the Last Judgement. By recalling the manner in which the Terrible Judgement will be carried out, this service is designed to fill us with salutary fear, sorrow for our sins, and to stress the importance of good works, especially works of mercy.”

*“The Lord is coming and who will not fear Him? Who will be able to appear before His face?
O my soul, prepare for this encounter.”*

The fast is the time to rid ourselves of what is not good in our life and not to give up something that I will begin again after Pascha (Easter) is over. Please set time aside for deeper prayer and worship of God in His Glory.



