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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 25th and 26th, 2017

PARISH SERVED BY:

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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



St. Theodore, Great Martyr

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 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

Monday, February 27 – First Day of the Great Fast
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
11:00am – Sixth Hour with Anointing
7:00pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
+Deceased members of the Feeney Family
Reading: Gen 1:1-13; Prov 1:1-20

Tuesday, February 28 – Basil, Venerable-Confessor
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 1:14-23; Prov 1:20-33

Wednesday, March 1 – Eudoxia, Venerable-Martyr
**6:00pm – Teaching: Mt Ch 22 & 23 (Parable of wedding feast/
Pharisees' hypocrisy)**
7:00pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: +Gordon MacAulay
Readings: Gen 1:24-2:3; Prov 2:1-21

Thursday, March 2 – Theodotus, Bishop Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 2:4-19; Prov 3:1-18

Friday, March 3 – Eutropius & Others, Martyrs
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 2:20-3:20; Prov 3:19-34

**Saturday, March 4 – Commemoration of Miracle
of Great-Martyr Theodore**
5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Billy Jean Telles
(Kutia after Liturgy)
Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Mk 2:23-3:5

**Sunday, March 5 – 1st Sunday of the Great Fast/
Procession of the Icons**
(Bring Icons from home for procession)
10:00am – Third Hour
10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Joseph Bartish
Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51
12:30 pm – Meatless Pot Luck (Bring meatless covered dish)
Teaching: Mt 24 & 25 (Doctrine of Last Things)

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*)

27th – Our Venerable Father, **Procopius**, Venerable Confessor and Monk of Decapolis, died about A.D. 740, during the reign of Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian.

28th – Our Venerable Father, **Basil**, Confessor and Co-Faster with St. Procopius. Famous for their resistance at Constantinople to the Decree of Leo III, the Isaurian, ordering the destruction of holy pictures. They died about 740. **Marina, Cyra, and Domicia**, Venerable-Women.

Mar 1st – **St. Eudoxia**, Venerable-Martyr. At first, she led a profligate life but was baptized by Theodotus, Bishop. Arrested, she was beheaded for her Christianity about A.D. 107, during the leadership of Diogenes, in the reign of Trajan, Emperor.

2nd – **St. Thodotus**, Priest-Martyr Bishop of Cyrene, on the Island of Cyprus, was imprisoned, tortured for the Faith under Diocletian, Emperor. He survived and died peacefully A.D. 325.

3rd – **St. Eutropius** and his bodyguards, **SS. Cleonicus and Basiliscus**, Martyrs. They suffered martyrdom A.D. 296, in the reign of Diocletian the Emperor.

4th – Our Venerable Father, **Gerasimus**, a Hermit, founded a monastery on the bank of the River Jordan. In his youth, a follower of the heretic Eutyches, he did severe penance the rest of his life. Died A.D. 475. — **SS. Paul and his sister Juliana**, Martyrs, sent to their reward A.D. 275, in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

5th – **St. Comon**, Martyr, a poor Christian gardener of Nazareth in Galilee, who in Pamphylia (Asia Minor), or on the Island of Cyprus, was martyred A.D. 250, by Governor Pomplius. With nails driven through his ankles, he was forced to run before a chariot till he fell dying to be crushed under its wheels.

ST. ANASTASIA THE PATRICIAN

St. Anastasia was a patrician lady of the Imperial Palace of Emperor Justinian (527-565). After she was widowed and when she perceived that Empress Theodora could not tolerate her, she immediately slipped out of Constantinople and turned up in the wilderness of Egypt. The renowned Spiritual Father, Abba Daniel, tonsured her a nun and presented her, in accordance with her wishes, as the monk Anastatius the eunuch, so that, as a woman under the guise of a man, she could more easily be protected and hidden from the pursuit of the Emperors. St. Anastasia then closed herself off in a narrow cell, where she spent 28 years, and died there in 563.

+++ **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 Monday, February 27th, begins with the Sixth Hour and Anointing at 11:00am. Presanctified Liturgy will be at 7:00pm.

PROCESSION OF THE ICONS is celebrated on Sunday, March 5th. Please bring an Icon from your home to carry in the procession.

MEATLESS POT LUCK – Please bring a meatless dish to share for the Meatless Pot Luck after Liturgy on Sunday, March 5th.

SOUP SUPPERS with Teachings will be held on Mondays during the Great Fast beginning March 6th, at 5:00pm. The Parish will provide the soup. Please remember to bring bread or crackers to share.

ALL SOULS LITURGY will be celebrated on Saturday, March 11th, at 11:00am.

We are happy to announce we will begin to put together a children's cantor group. If your child is interested, please let Mary Weishaar, Sub Deacon Paul, or Fr. Francis know so that we may begin teaching the children to sing in a group.

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Today, the Church remembers the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The Church also calls us to seek forgiveness as we enter the time of the Bright Sadness, the Great Fast.

God created Adam and Eve to live in communion with Him forever. They were given two commandments in the Garden; one positive and one negative. The first was to be fruitful and multiple (*Genesis 1:28*) and the second was to fast from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. (*Genesis 2:16-17*). Sadly, they did not obey and,

Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today, we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing; a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

God did not leave us, but sent His only Son to redeem us. (*John 3:16*) This is why we also celebrate the forgiveness offered through Christ Jesus on the same Sunday as the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise.



