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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 11th and 12th, 2017

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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



Saint Gregory Palamas

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, March 11 – 2nd All Souls Saturday

11:00am – All Souls Liturgy

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

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy:

*+Deceased members of the Dreschler and
Sperneck Families*

Readings: Heb 3:12-16; Mk 1:35-44

Sunday, March 12 – 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Elizabeth Rock Robin

Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

Teaching: Video – Jesus of Nazareth 2nd Half

Monday, March 13 – Translation of th Relics of

Nicephorus, Patriarch

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

5:30pm – Soup Suppers – Queen Esther (note time change)

Reading: Gen 6:9-22; Prov 8:1-21

Tuesday, March 14 – Benedict, Venerable

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 7:1-5; Prov 8:32-9:1

Wednesday, March 15 – Agapius and Others, Martyrs

6:00pm – Teaching: Mt Ch 26 (Eucharist)

7:00pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts:

+Ivan & Janie MacAulay

Readings: Gen 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18

Thursday, March 16 – Sabinus & Papas

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 7:11-8:4; Prov 10:1-22

Friday, March 17 – Alexis, Man of god, Venerable

9:00am Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 8:4-21; Prov 10:31-11:12

Saturday, March 18 – 3rd All Souls Saturday

11:00am – All Souls Liturgy

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

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Anna Bartish

Readings: Heb 10:32-28; Mk 2:14-17

Sunday, March 19 – 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

Veneration of the Cross

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Bernice Bartish

Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

Teaching: Dry Liturgy – Father Francis

11th – Our Holy Father, **Sophronius**, Patriarch of Jerusalem, died A.D. 638, in the reign of Heraclius the Emperor. He revised the prominent Church Book called the “Minea,” and also composed the prayer for the solemn blessing of the water on the Feast of the Epiphany.

12th – Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theophane** of Syngria, was banished by the Emperor Leo the Armenian, for his stand against the Iconoclasts at the Second Council of Nicea, A.D. 787. Died in exile A.D. 818, bound and starved to death. — Our Holy Father, **Gregory the Great**, Dialogus, Pope of Rome, who probably composed the Liturgy of the Presanctified for the Eastern Churches. He died A.D. 604, in the reign of Emperor Phocas.

13th – **Translation of Relics of our Father, Nicephor**, Patriarch of Constantinople. He defended the practice of the Veneration of Icons in the persecution of Leo the Armenian. He died in the 15th year of his exile, A.D. 771, in the reign of Constantine V Copronymus, Emperor.

14th – Our Venerable Father, **Benedict**, Abbot. He founded, in Italy in the 6th century, the Benedictine Order based on the rules of St. Basil the Great, hence merited the title of “Patriarch of the Western Monks.” Died A.D. 543. **St. Alexander** of Pidna, Priest-Martyr, suffered and died in Thrace A.D. 272, in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

15th – **St. Agapius**, Martyr, and with him six others. **Timolaus, two Alexanders, Romel, two Dionisii**. These were put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

16th – **SS. Sabinus and Papas**, Martyrs, Egyptians, were thrown into the River Nile A.D. 296, in the persecution under Diocletian. **St. Julian**, Martyr, died A.D. 298, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor. **St. Alexander**, Priest-Martyr, Pope of Rome, passed away about A.D. 119, under Hadrian, Emperor.

17th – Our Venerable Father, **Alexis**, man of God, was the only son of a Roman Senator; died A.D. 404. Pope Innocent I and the Emperor Honorius are said to have been present at his burial.

18th – Our Holy Father, **Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem**. His “Catechetical Instruction,” given to the Catechumens on the elements of the Faith are among the most precious documents of Catholic teaching. He was named by Pope Leo XII among the Doctors of the Church. He died A.D. 386, in the reign of Theodosius, Emperor. — **SS. Alexandra, Claudia, Evphrasia**, and other Martyrs, who suffered death in Missena A.D. 237, during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

19th – **SS Chrysanthus and Daria**, Martyrs, came from the East to Rome, where they suffered death by being buried alive A.D. 283. — Our Venerable Father, **Thomas**, Patriarch of Constantinople, died in peace during the reign of Phocas, Emperor, A.D. 608.

ST. GREGORY THE DIALOGIST, THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME

Born the Rome of patrician parents – St. Gregory’s mother was St. Sylvia — he became Praetor, or Mayor, of the city before he was 30. He soon resigned the office, turned his ancestral home on the Caelian Hill into a Benedictine monastery in honor of St. Andrew the Apostle, and became a monk there (this was the seventh monastery he founded; he built six others in Sicily).

After the death of Pope Pelagius II, he was chosen Pope (590). He fled from his honour and authority, hiding himself in the mountains. As Pope, he was exceptionally charitable. All of his income was used for building shelters and hospices for the needy. Often, he invited less fortunate men and served them at table.

He spent his time writing beneficial books. He is also called Dialogist because he wrote a book under that name in which he extolled the miracles of the Italian Saints. He also composed the “Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts,” which is celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Lenten Season. He reposed in peace in 604.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

Holy Mother the Church asks us to go to the Holy Mystery of Second Baptism (confession) once during the Great Fast so we can worthily receive communion for the Holy Resurrection of Christ Jesus. Fr. Martinez will be here to hear confessions on Sunday March 19th, 2017. I have not been able to get priests for confession after this. Please see to it that you make the Holy Mystery of Second Baptism by then. Thank you! May God Bless you and keep you well! Papas Francis

Sunday March 19, 2017, Mrs. Peggy Thompson will be here, (after the Divine Liturgy) to meet the children who are interested in joining the Junior Cantor Club to learn how to become liturgical cantors.

SOUP SUPPERS with Film Teachings will be held on Mondays during the Great Fast beginning March 6th at 5:30pm. Teaching Film at 6:00 pm. The Parish will provide the soup. Please remember to bring bread or crackers to share.

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 \$275.00 per household, which can be paid in monthly installments until May 31, 2017. God Bless You!

Sausage orders for Easter are to be given to Sub-Deacon Paul in the parish office, with prepayment.

2nd SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT ~ COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

The 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent is the continuation of the first Sunday “*of Orthodoxy*” in the commemoration of the struggles of the Holy Fathers for the Holy Orthodox Faith. For this reason, it is dedicated to the memory of **St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica**, the *Fourth Father and Theologian of the Church*, because of his struggles during the 14th century against the heresies of the Roman Catholics.

St. Gregory was born in 1296 in Constantinople, into the pious and noble Palamas family. His father, Constantine (who reposed as a monk), was a Senator of the Emperor Andronicus II Paleologus. Gregory received an excellent education, both in Theology and Philosophy and, as a young man, became a monk on Mt. Athos, where he had as teachers of the Jesus prayer **St. Gregory the Byzantine** and the ascetic Nicodemus.

He became the *Defender of Hesychasm*. He upheld the doctrine that the human body played an important part in prayer and he argued that the Hesychasts did indeed experience the Divine and Uncreated Light of Tabor. To explain how this was possible, St. Gregory developed the distinction between the essence and the energies of God. He set Hesychasm on a firm dogmatic basis, by integrating it into Orthodox Theology and by showing how the Hesychast vision of Divine Light in no way undermined the doctrine that God cannot be comprehended. His teachings were confirmed by the local Councils held in Constantinople in 1341 and 1351.

St. Gregory began by reaffirming the Biblical doctrine of man and of the Incarnation; i.e., the whole man, united in body and soul, was created in the image of God, and Christ, by taking a human body at the Incarnation, has made the flesh an inexhaustible source of sanctification. The Hesychasts, so he argued, in placing emphasis on the body's part in prayer, are not guilty of a gross materialism, but are simply remaining faithful to the Biblical doctrine of man as a unity. Christ took human flesh and saved the whole man; therefore, it is the whole man that prays to God. The vision of Light that the Hesychasts receive is the same Light that surrounded Christ on Mount Tabor. It is a true vision of God in His divine energies.

How is it possible for man to know God and, at the same time, affirm that God is by nature unknowable? St. Gregory answered by quoting St. Basil the Great, who said, “*We know our God from His energies, but we do not claim that we can draw near to His essence. For His energies come down to us, but His essence remains unapproachable*”.

He reposed in peace in 1359, on the 14th of November, graced with the gift of working miracles as Archbishop of Thessalonica. In 1368, just nine years after his repose, his disciple, St. Philotheus Kokkinos, Patriarch of Constantinople, canonized him among the Saints of the Orthodox Church. His Relics are to be found in the Cathedral of Thessalonica that is dedicated in his name.



