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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 22nd and 23rd, 2017

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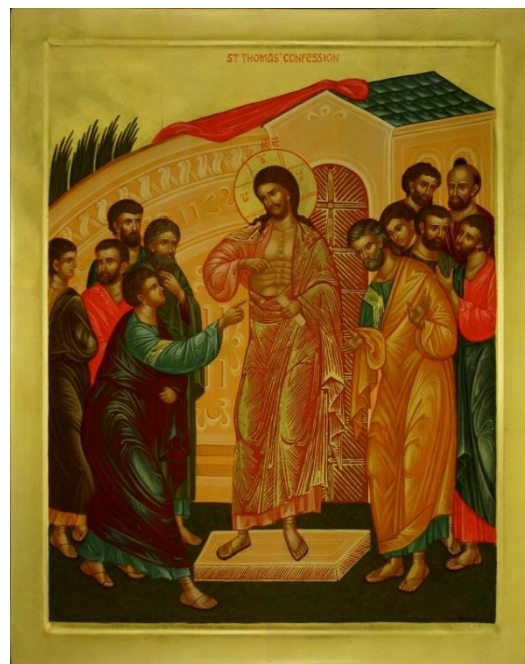
LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

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: 8:00 AM



The Confession of St. Thomas

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, April 22 – Bright Saturday

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Quail and Scarpinito Families

Readings: Acts 3:11-16; Jn 3:22-33

Sunday, April 23 – Thomas Sunday / George – Great Martyr

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy

+Deceased members of the Ozello and Petschaurer Families

Readings: Acts 5:12-20; Acts 12:1-11; Jn 20:19-31; John 15:17-16:2

Monday, April 24 – Sabbas, Martyr

8:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11

Tuesday, April 25 – Mark, Apostle - Evangelist

8:00am – Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy: +June Deppen

Readings: Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21

Readings for the Apostle: 1 Pet 5:6-14; Mk 6:7-13

Wednesday, April 26 – Basil, Bishop Martyr

11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Nicholas Ryan Friedman

Reading: Acts 4:13-22; Jn 5:17-24

Thursday, April 27 – Simeon, Bishop Martyr

8:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30

Friday, April 28 – Jason & Sosipater, Apostles

8:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Reading: Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2

6:00pm – Movie Night: “King of Kings”

Saturday, April 29 – The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice

5:30pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Ray Benton

Readings: Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27

Sunday, April 30 – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Steve Trubilla

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Acts 12:1-11; Mk 15:43-16:8; Lk 5:1-11

22nd – Our Venerable Father, **Theodore**, “**Sykeot**,” died A.D. 541, in the reign of Justinian, Emperor. **SS. Nathanael, Luke, and Clement**, Apostles. Venerable, **Vitalius**, leaving his cell, went to Alexandria and, enduring many indignities from the men, brought many infamous women to do penance. He died A.D. 615, in the reign of Heraclius, Emperor.

23rd – **Feast of St. George, the Glorious Great-Martyr and Wonderworker**. He refused to sacrifice to the gods, was tortured and beheaded at Nicomedia in Asia Minor. **St. Alexandra**, Martyr, wife of Emperor Diocletian. Both George and Alexandra were martyred in the reign of Diocletian, about A.D. 296.

24th – **St. Sabbas**, Martyr and a Christian officer in the army of the Emperor Aurelian, suffered death for the faith in Rome A.D. 272.

25th – **St. Mark**, Apostle and Evangelist, a disciple and companion of St. Peter, Apostle, wrote the Second Gospel under St. Peter’s direction. He founded the great church of Alexandria and there died in prison A.D. 68, in the days of Nero, Emperor.

26th – **St. Basil**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Amasea in Pontus (Asia Minor), was cast into the sea by the order of the Emperor Licinius A.D. 319. Venerable Virgin, **Graphyra**, a Christian handmaid of Constantia, wife of the Emperor Licinius, fled to escape the unlawful attentions of her mater, was pursued, captured and sentenced to death A.D. 324.

27th – **St. Simeon**, Priest-Martyr, son of Cleopas and kinsman of our Lord, was Bishop of Jerusalem, governed that church for over 40 years, lived over 100 years and was crucified in the reign of Emperor Trajan A.D. 112. Venerable Father, **Stephen**, Bishop of Vladimir.

28th – **SS. Jason and Sosipater**, Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul in the reign of Nero A.D. 69. **SS. Maximus, Dadas, and Quinctillianus**, Martyrs, beheaded about A.D. 303. Venerable Father, **Cyril**, Bishop of Turov.

29th – **SS. Nine Martyrs at Cyzice**. — Venerable, **Memnon**, Wonderworker.

30th – **St. James the Greater**, Apostle, Brother of St. John the Theologian, was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem A.D. 43.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!

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

KING OF KINGS – On Friday, April 28th at 6:30pm, we will be showing the first half of the movie **King of Kings** in the Parish Hall. If you haven't seen this film, please make an effort to do so. If possible, please bring popcorn! The second half of this film will be shown on Friday, May 5th, at 6:30pm.

HOME MISSION COLLECTION will be taken May 6th and 7th, at each Liturgy.

LAMB ROAST DINNER in Honor of Christ's Resurrection, will take place on Sunday, May 21st, at 4:00pm. Donation is \$25.00 per person; wine is included. Children under 12 years of age eat free. Tickets will be available from the parish office.

ERITREAN COMMUNITY PASCHA will be celebrated on May 4th, at 6:30pm, in our parish church.

CATHOLIC WAR VETS are holding their meeting in our Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 9th, at 5:00pm.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

Every day during the week of Easter, called **Bright Week** by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in all their splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (*Jn 20:26*).

It is important to note that the number eight has symbolical significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come since seven is the number of earthly time. The **Sabbath, the seventh day**, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The "first day of the week," the day "after Sabbath"; stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ's Resurrection (*Mk 16:1, Mt 28:1, Lk 24:1, Jn 20:1, 19*), is therefore also the eighth day, "the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God (see *Hebrews 4*).

The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of **Bright Week**. It is, therefore, called the **Antipascha**, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.

In the Church services, the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the word of the gospel:

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My Hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My Side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20:27-29)

We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched His risen body with our physical hands, yet, in the Holy Spirit, we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (*1 Jn 1:1-4*), and so we believe. At each of the daily services until Ascension Day, we sing the **Easter Troparion**. At each of the Sunday services, beginning with Antipascha, we sing the Easter canon and hymns, and repeat the celebration of the "first day of the week" on which Christ rose from the dead. At all the liturgies, the epistle readings are taken from the **Book of Acts**, telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. All of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of St. John, considered by many to be a gospel written particularly for those who are newly baptized into the new birth of Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The reason for this opinion is that all of the "signs" – as the miracles in St. John's Gospel are called – deal with sacramental themes involving water, wine, and bread. Thus, each of the Sundays after Thomas Sunday, with the exception of the third, is dedicated to the memory of one of these "signs."





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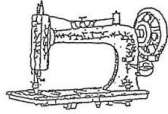
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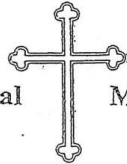
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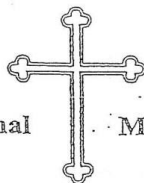
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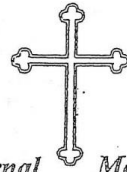
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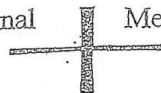


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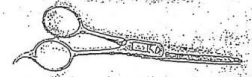
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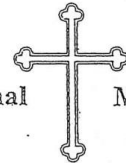
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