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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 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: 8:00 AM



Christ Meeting the Woman of Samaria

### **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, May 13 – Glyceria, Martyr**

**5:30pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Peter and Caroline Lary**

Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 8:31-42

**Sunday, May 14 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**9:30am – Resurrection Matins**

**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Anthony and Mary Cicalo**

Readings: Acts 11:19-26.29-30; Jn 4:5-42

**Teaching: Revelation (Green Book)**

**Monday, May 15 – Pachomius the Great, Venerable**

**8:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Acts 12:12-17; Jn 8:42-51

**Tuesday, May 16 – Theodore, Venerable**

**8:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Acts 12:25-13:12; Jn 8:51-59

**Wednesday, May 17 – Andronicus and Others, Apostles**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +William Lukasavaga**

Readings: Acts 13:13-24; Jn 6:5-14

**6:00pm – Teaching: Creed (Green Book)**

**Thursday, May 18 – Theodotus and Others, Martyrs**

**8:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Jn 9:39-10:9

**Friday, May 19 – Patrick, Bishop Martyr**

**8:00am – Third Hour and Communion**

Readings: Acts 15:5-34; Jn 10:17-28

**Saturday, May 20 – Thalaleus and Others, Martyrs**

**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Mary Marlene Santo**

Readings: Acts 15:35-41; Jn 10:27-38

**Sunday, May 21 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

**9:30am – Resurrection Matins**

**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Henry and Margaret Schneider**

Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-38

13<sup>th</sup> – **St Glyceria**, Martyr, suffered for the Faith in Trajanopolis in Greece by being thrown to the wild beasts in the Amphitheatre after cruel torments, about A.D. 141. — **St. Alexander**, Martyr, on the island Cyprus, martyred for the Faith A.D. 298.

14<sup>th</sup> – **St. Isidore**, Martyr, on the island of Chios, was put to death A.D. 250, under the reign of Decius Emperor.

15<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father **Pachomius the Great**. Egyptian by birth, soldier by profession, convert to Christianity, received tonsure from the hermit Palaemon, founded monasteries grouped Religious Houses subject to one Rule under the jurisdiction of a Head Hegumen-Abbot. He died AD. 438. **Isaiah**, Bishop – Wonderworker of Rostov.

16<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Theodore**, disciple of St. Pachomius, Hegumen-Abbot of Taberna, died A.D. 367, in the reign of Valentinian, Emperor. **SS. Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia**, Martyrs. Vitus, a child with his nurse, Crescentia, and her husband, Modestus, by whom he was instructed in the Christian Faith, was driven from home by his inhuman parents. They suffered martyrdom together about A.D. 302, under Diocletian, Emperor.

17<sup>th</sup> – **St. Andronicus**, Apostle, and others with him. **St. Junia**.

18<sup>th</sup> – **St. Theodotus** of Ancyra in Galatia (Asia Minor), grain dealer by trade, seeking to recover the bodies of holy women martyrs from quicksand, was himself made to share the same fate in the reign of Diocletian. A.D. 304. **SS. Petrus, Dennis, Andreas, Paul, Christina, Heracleus, Paulinus, and Venedimus**, Martyrs. **SS. Seven Virgins; Alexandra, Thekusa, Claudia, Falina, Evphrasia, Matrona and Julia**.

19<sup>th</sup> – **St. Patrick**, Bishop-Martyr of Prusa in Bithynia (Asia Minor) and **his companions**. After many tortures for Christ, he was put to the sword with **Menander and Acatius** A.D. 363, in the reign of Julian the Apostate, Emperor.

20<sup>th</sup> – **St. Thaleus**, Martyr and others. At the sight of his constancy in Faith, Asterius and Alexander, his executioners, and other bystanders declared themselves Christians and all shared his fate A.D. 272, in the reign of the Emperor Aurelian.

21<sup>st</sup> – **SS. Constantine the Great**, King and Equal to the Apostles, and **Helen**, his mother. Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and Byzantium (Constantinople) and became the first Christian Emperor, champion of the Faith, and builder of many Christian edifices. He died A.D. 337. **St. Helen**, mother of this Great Emperor, discovered the true Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

# Happy Mother's Day!



## +++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

**LAMB ROAST DINNER** in Honor of Christ's Resurrection will take place on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** Vigil Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm and Divine Liturgy celebrated on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL!!** **\*\*THERE ARE ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN\*\*** and we still have families that have not pledged or completed their pledge yet. Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation. The recommended sacrificial pledge is \$275.00 per household. Thank you and God Bless You!

### *Fifth Sunday After Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

The fifth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of *Saint John 4:5-42*.

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There, the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son, Joseph (*Gen. 49:22*). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the 10 tribes. In the time of the Romans, it was called Neapolis and, at present, Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost 300 years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (*John 4:5*), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while, the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage, came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her, many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans, we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the 10 tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathens and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (*John 4:9*). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine and her feast is kept on February 26.

## *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

## *Christós Anésti! Alíthós Anésti!*





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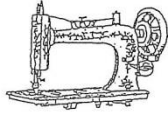
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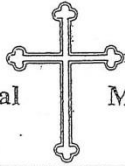
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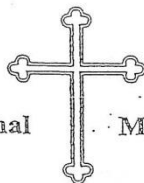
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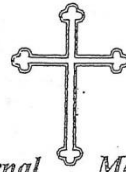
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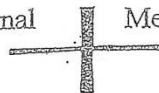


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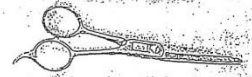
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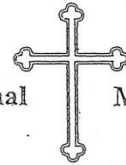
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