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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

May 27th and 28th, 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



Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

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 27 – Therapont, Bishop-Martyr
5:30pm – Vesper Liturgy: + Billie Jean Tellis
Readings: Acts 20:7-12; Jn 14:10-21

**Sunday, May 28 – Sunday of the Fathers of the
1st Ecumenical Council**

9:30am – Resurrection Matins
10:30am – Divine Liturgy: + Mary Marlene Santo
Readings: Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Jn 17:1-13
Teaching: Hades (Green Book Pg 11)

Monday, May 29 – Theodosia, Venerable Martyr
Readings: Acts 21:8-14; Jn 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, May 30 – Isaac, Venerable
8:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 21:26-32; Jn 16:2-13

Wednesday, May 31 – Hermas, Apostle; Hermeas, Martyr
Readings: Acts 23:1-11; Jn 16:15-23
6:00am – Teaching: Holy Spirit (Green Book Pg. 12)

Thursday, June 1 – Justin and Others, Martyrs
8:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 25:13-19; Jn 16:23-33

Friday, June 2 – Nicephor, Patriarch
8:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 27:1-44; Jn 17:18-26

Saturday, June 3 – 5th All Souls Saturday
5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Pierre Pype
Readings: Acts 28:1-31; Jn 21:15-25

Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost Sunday
10:00am – Moleben to Jesus
10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Fauci Raya
Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Jn 7:37-52, 8:12
Teaching: Communion of Saints (Green Book Pg 13-15)

27th – **St. Therapontus**, Priest-Martyr, died for the Faith A.D. 259, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

28th – Our Venerable Father **Nicetas**, Bishop of Chalcedon, A.D. 836. — **St. Helladius**, Priest-Martyr. — **St. Eutyches**, Martyr in Miletus.

29th – **St. Theodosia**, Venerable-Virgin Martyr of Tyre, who, on seeing some martyrs led to their execution, asked them to pray for her. She was seized, tried, tortured, and cast into the sea A.D. 308, in the reign of Constantine and Galerius, Emperors.

30th – Our Venerable Father, **Isaac**, Monk in Dalmatia A.D. 374, in the reign of Emperor Valentian.

31st – **St. Hermas**, Apostle, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans (16:14) — **St. Hermas**, Martyr, A.D. 141, in the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius.

1st – **St. Justin**, Martyr, a great philosopher, was born in Sichein in Palestine. He delved deeply into philosophical meditations, became a convert to Christianity with others, wrote Apologies for the Christian Religion and a Dialogue with the Jew Tryphon. He was beheaded in Rome A.D. 167, in the reign of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

2nd – Our Holy Father, **Nicephor**, Patriarch of Constantinople. Our Holy Father, **Alexander**, Archbishop of Constantinople. He resolutely stood against the Arian heresy, assisted at the Council of Nicea. The awful death of Arius is regarded as a response to the Saint's prayer for deliverance from the evils of this heresy. He died A.D. 340, in the reign of Emperor Constantinus.

3rd – **St. Lucillian**, Martyr, and with him: **Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius**. Lucillian, an old man, was first tortured and with the four – mere boys – tied to the stake to be burned. Rain, however, extinguished the fire. He was then crucified and the boys beheaded, under Aurelian A.D. 273. **St. Paula**, Martyr, a Christian maiden of Byzantium, who was tortured and beheaded A.D. 273.

4th – Our Holy Father, **Metrophanes**, Patriarch of Constantinople, suffered imprisonment in the persecution under Diocletian, Emperor. He died A.D. 325, in the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.



*Happy Anniversary to Father Francis
for his many years of Priesthood*

May God Grant Him Many Blessed Healthy Years

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

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to those who worked on the Lamb Roast Dinner. It was a very enjoyable and successful event.

PARISH OFFICES will be closed Monday, May 29th in observation of Memorial Day.

CHILDREN'S CANTOR CLASS – There will NOT be class on Tuesday, May 30th. The last class is on Tuesday, June 13th.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION for the Adult Catechumens will be held at St. Gabriel's Byzantine Catholic Church on Saturday, June 3, from 8:30am to 2:00pm. This is required.

MOLEBEN TO JESUS will take the place of the Third Hour every Sunday in June. Please bring your little black prayer book with you if you have one.

BISHOP'S APPEAL – LAST WEEKEND — THERE ARE STILL INCOMPLETE PLEDGES! PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU COMPLETE YOUR BISHOP'S APPEAL BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED. NOT ONLY IS IT A PARISHIONER OBLIGATION, OUR PARISH WILL RECEIVE A NICE REBATE CHECK IF WE EXCEED OUR GOAL.

First Ecumenical Council

Today we commemorate the **First Ecumenical Council**, held in the city of Nicaea, just across the Bosphorus from Constantinople, in Asia, in 325 AD. Convened under the chairmanship of Emperor Constantine the Great, the council was summoned to deal with the heresy of Arianism. The priest Arius taught that Jesus was a creature — that there was a time when the Word did not exist. The Church Fathers had to decide which was true — a time when the Word was not? or was the Word eternal? If the former, then Jesus was not fully God, and the Blood which was shed on the cross was not divine and human blood, but only semi-divine. Then, we would not be saved. If the former, then Jesus was like a demigod, such as Hercules, from Greek legends: a child fathered by God, but not true God, truly divine.

The Council declared that the Son was true God, co-eternal with the Father, and begotten from His same substance, arguing that such a doctrine best codified the Scriptural presentation of the Son as well as traditional Christian belief about Him handed down from the Apostles. If Jesus is not divine and eternal, then we are not saved! In order to teach this, the Fathers adapted a baptismal statement of faith from Syria, and expanded it. The dogma is shown in the first part of the Nicene Creed, which carefully declares that the Son is “*light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; one in essence with the Father; through Whom all things were made.*”

Arianism did not die: some emperors and even bishops kept to it. Worse, many barbarian tribes were converted by Arian missionaries and, when they invaded and occupied much of the Western Roman Empire, they persecuted the orthodox faithful and clergy. Jehovah's Witnesses are modern Arians: they name Jesus as the first-born, but not divine, and they will not worship Him, and they deny the Holy Trinity





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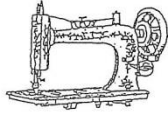
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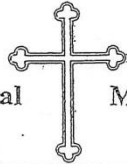
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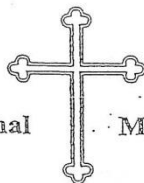
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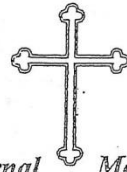
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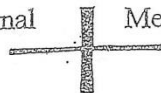


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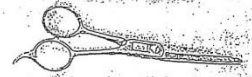
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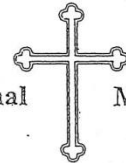
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