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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<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: 9:00 AM  
Myrrh Bearers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month 7:00 PM



Conception of St. John the Baptist

### **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, September 23 – Conception of John the Baptist**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Members of Quail and Scarpinito Families**  
Readings: 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 4:31-36  
Readings for the Baptist: Gal 4:22-31; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday, September 24 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Tom Moran**  
Readings: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 5:1-11  
**Teaching: Sin – Eastern Perspective (Green Book) Pg. 48-50**

**Monday, September 25 – Euphrosyna, Venerable**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
**7:00pm – Vigil Liturgy: +Jose Serrano**  
Readings: Eph 1:22-2:3; Lk 4:37-44

**Tuesday, September 26 – The Passing of John Apostle, Evangelist**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Eph 2:19-3:7; Lk 5:12-16  
Readings for St. John: 1 Jn 4:12-19; Jn 19:25-27; 21:24-25

**Wednesday, September 27 – Callistratus and Others, Martyrs**  
**6:00pm – Teaching: First Three Commandments (Green Bk Pg 52-55)**  
Readings: Eph 3:8-21; Lk 5:33-39

**Thursday, September 28 – Chariton, Venerable-Confessor**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Eph 4:14-19; Lk 6:12-19  
Readings for Venerable: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:17-23

**Friday, September 29 – Cyriacus, Venerable**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
Readings: Eph 4:17-25; Lk 6:17-23  
Readings for Venerable: Gal 5:22-6:2; Lk 6:17-23

**Saturday, September 30 – Gregory Illuminator Bishop-Martyr**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy:**  
**+Deceased members of the Dreschler and Spernak Families**  
Readings: 1 Cor 14:20-25; Lk 5:17-26  
Readings for St. Gregory: 1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 24:42-47

**Sunday, October 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Protection of the Theotokos**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: + Bill Laverty**  
**Teaching: Commandments 4 through 10 (Green Book Pg 55-62)**  
Readings: 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 & Heb 9:1-7; Lk 16:31-36 & Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28

23<sup>rd</sup> - **Conception of St. John the Baptist, the glorious Prophet and Precursor of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

24<sup>th</sup> – **St. Thecla**, First Virgin-Martyr. One of the most celebrated of the Saints of the Early Church. St. Epiphanius and others relate that she was converted at Iconium in Lycaonia by St. Paul (*Acts 14*) A.D. 51. She died before the close of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

25<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Mother, **Euphrosyna**, was an Egyptian maiden of pious Christian parents at Alexandria. To avoid marriage and preserve her virginity, she assumed male attire, entered a monastery of Monks to frustrate a search for her. She retired into a cell and for 38 years was looked upon as a holy man. Even her own father sought spiritual advice from her and appreciated her counsels. He assisted at her last moments. Only then did she disclose her identity. After her death, about A.D. 470, her father took possession of her cell where he passed the rest of his days in penance and prayers.

26<sup>th</sup> – **The Passing of St. John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist.**

27<sup>th</sup> – **St. Callistratus**, Soldier-Martyr and a **body of fifty African soldiers** were put to death at Constantinople under the Emperor Diocletian A.D. 295, for the Christian Faith. It is related that they were sewn up in sacks and cast into the sea.

28<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Chariton**, Confessor-Martyr, appears to have been burned to death A.D. 362.

29<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Cyriacus**, Hermit, was a Greek by birth, embraced monastic life in Palestine. He lived for 198 years and died A.D. 500.

30<sup>th</sup> – **St. Gregory**, Bishop Martyr and the Illuminator of Greater Armenia. He is considered an Apostle of his country. It seems certain that he was consecrated first Patriarch of the Armenians, that he converted Tiridates, King of the country and suffered much from the heathens. He died about A.D. 332.

1<sup>st</sup> – **Protection of the Theotokos**. This special Feast Day of the Byzantine Rite Church celebrated every year since A.D. 911, when the Immaculate Virgin miraculously appeared in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople. — **St. Ananias**, Apostle, one of the 70, who baptized St. Paul, the Apostle. — Our Venerable Father, **Roman**, the sweet-singer, author of many Kondaks, about A.D. 496.

### APOSTLE ANANIAS

St. Ananias came and lived in Damascus, Syria. When the revelation on the road to Damascus left Saul blind from the overwhelming brilliance of the Divine Light, it was Ananias who was sent to him. He baptized him and restored his sight by the laying on of hands. Despite the danger, he boldly and openly confessed Christianity before the Jews and the pagans. He was consecrated first Bishop of Damascus, from where he went to preach at Eleutheropolis, where he healed many people of their infirmities. The Roman Governor of the city, Lucian, tried to persuade him to offer sacrifice to idols and, because of this staunch and solid confession of Christ, he gave orders to torture him. Harsh torments did not sway the witness to the Truth. Then, the torturers led him out beyond the city, where they stoned him. His Relics were later transferred to Constantinople.

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** – You will be receiving an envelope in your mailbox for the Priest Medical Emergency Collection held September 30 and October 1. Please be generous!!!

**GUEST LITURGIST** – Fr. David Petras will be celebrating Liturgy with us the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BISHOP DINO** will be celebrating Liturgy with us the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS** - On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, after the Liturgy, we will be making peanut butter sandwiches for the homeless. Please donate peanut butter and sandwich bread, if you can, and join us in the Hall for preparing and bagging the sandwiches.

**CHILDREN'S CANTOR CONCERT** will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm in our Parish.

**POLYNESIAN DINNER, CELEBRATION AND SILENT AUCTION** will be held on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. Tickets are now available. Please see SubDeacon Paul. This event is the same fund raiser as the Hawaiian Dinner we had in the past. **MELE KALIKIMAKA**

**ADULT CATECHUMENS (Level One)** will soon be receiving a letter as to when their classes begin.

**ICON WRITING** – We may have an opportunity to bring an **ICONOGRAPHER** to our Parish to teach us how to write Icons. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Francis.

### **THE CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

The Conception of St. John the Baptist is one of the first miracles of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. With this miracle of the Conception, God wished to confirm and herald the miracles of miracles, the Incarnation, by another, like to it but not the same. So, in order that St. John should, in everything, be Christ's Forerunner, six months before the Archangel Gabriel visited Virgin Mary, he appeared to the High Priest Zachariah as he was going into the Temple to offer the sacrifice of incense and told him:

*“Do not be afraid, for your prayer is heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord...and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. (Luke 1:13-15).*

Zachariah and his wife were both old, so that he doubted the truth of the Archangel's words. This is why Gabriel told him that he would be dumb until the birth of the child, as a punishment, and to teach him to use his tongue only to give glory to God.





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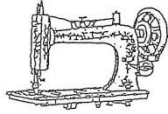
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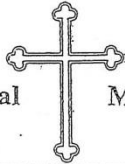
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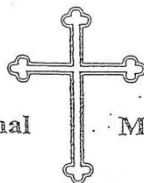
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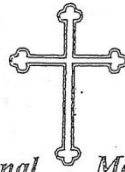
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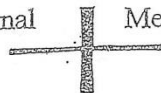


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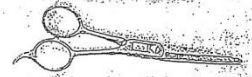
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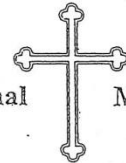
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