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# OUR LADY OF WISDOM

## ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **PARISH SERVED BY:**

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### **LITURGIES AND SERVICES:**

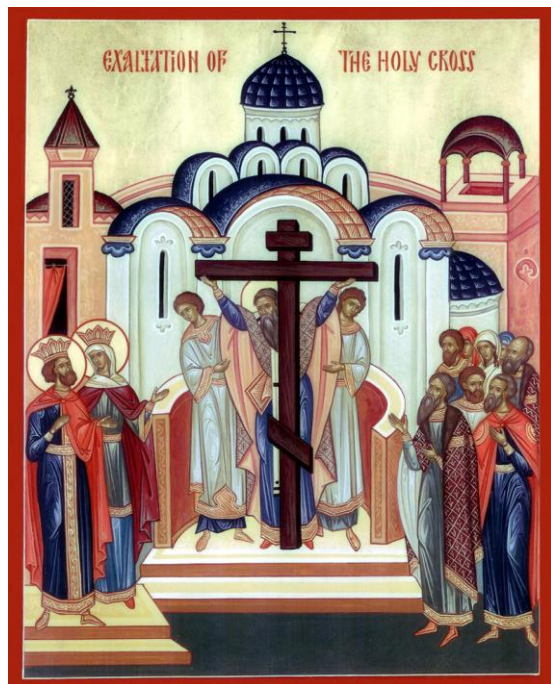
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### **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 9 – Saturday Before Exaltation of the Cross**  
**Venerable Joachim and Anna**

**5:00pm Vesper Liturgy +Jeffrey Nye**  
 Readings: 1 Cor 2:6-9; Matt 10:37-11:1

**Sunday, September 10 – Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**

**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +John and Kathleen Moran**  
 Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17  
**Teaching: Theosis/Created & Uncreated Grace**  
 (Green Book) Pg 44 & 45

**Monday, September 11 – Theodora, Venerable**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Holy Communion**

Readings: Gal 2:11-16; Mk 5:24-34  
 Readings of St. Theodora: Gal 3:23-29; Jn 8:3-11:

**Tuesday, September 12 – Autonomous, Bishop-Martyr**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Holy Communion**

Readings: Gal 2:21-3:7; Mk 6:1-7

**Wednesday, September 13 – Dedication of the Church**  
**of the Resurrection**

**6:00pm – Teaching: Gifts and Fruits of Holy Spirit**  
 (Green Book) Pg 46

**7:00pm – Vigil Liturgy:**  
 +*Deceased members of Quail and Scarpinito Families*

Readings: Gal 3:15-22; Mk 6:7-13  
 Readings for Dedication: Heb 3:1-4; Mt 16:13-18

**Thursday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Holy Communion**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy: +Olga Escamilla**  
 Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11.13-20.25-28.30-35

**Friday, September 15 – Nicetas, Great-Martyr**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Holy Communion**

Readings: Gal 4:8-21; Mk 6:45-53  
 Readings of the Martyr: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Mt 10:16-22

**Saturday, September 16 – Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +John Leonard**

Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-29; Jn 8:21-30

**Sunday, September 17 – Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**

**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Mary Marlene Santo**  
 Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-38  
**Teaching: Actions of God (Green Book) Pg 46 & 47**

9<sup>th</sup> – **SS. And Venerable Joachim and Anna.** Tradition holds that these Saints were the parents of the Theotokos although nothing is known of them except that they lived in Galilee and later in Jerusalem, where their traditional tomb was rediscovered in A.D. 1889. — **St. Severianus,** Martyr, was an Armenian Soldier-Saint, tortured to death under the power of Licinius A.D. 332.

10<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Mendora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora,** Martyrs, were three sisters, devout Christians of the Province of Bithynia in Asia Minor. Condemned for their Faith, they were beheaded A.D. 306, in the great persecution under Diocletian, Emperor.

11<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Mother, **Theodora,** of Alexandria, Penitent. She was an Egyptian woman who lived a long life of austere penance because of a sin committed in her youth. She is said to have donned mail attire, entered a monastery, where she endured much from Satan and passed to her reward A.D. 472, in the reign of the Emperor Zenon.

12<sup>th</sup> – **St. Autonomus,** Priest-Martyr, is alleged by the Greeks to have been an Italian Bishop, who fled into Bithynia, in Asia Minor, to escape the fury of the Diocletian persecution. He made many converts and died for the Faith about A.D. 300.

13<sup>th</sup> – **Commemorating the Restoration of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** — **St. Cornelius,** Priest-Martyr, was the Centurion the Italic cohort, baptized at Caesarea in Palestine by the Apostle St. Peter about A.D. 41 (*Acts 10*). Tradition makes him first Bishop of Caesarea.

14<sup>th</sup> – **Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross.** Discovery of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord suffered together with the nails, is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem A.D. 326. In the Church of Jerusalem, erected by St. Helen over the Sepulchre of Our Lord, the Patriarch St. Macarius elevated the Cross and all the people beholding it cried out, “Lord, have mercy!”

15<sup>th</sup> – **St. Nicetas,** the Great Martyr, was a Goth and a victim of the fury of King Athanaric, ruler of the nations settled about the Danube. He was a disciple of the celebrated Ulphilas (Theophilus). He was burned to death about A.D. 78.

16<sup>th</sup> – **St. Euphemia,** the Great Virgin-Martyr. She was burned at the stake for the Faith of Christ in the city of Chalcedon in the reign of Galerius, about A.D. 107

17<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Sophia and her Three Daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity.** These three Virgins suffered death for Christ while still children, under the Emperor Hadrian. Three days later, their mother, praying at their tomb, passed away.

### **DO BYZANTINE CATHOLICS PRAY THE ROSARY?**

The Roman Catholic devotion of praying the Rosary is not generally a part of the Byzantine prayer life, although some individual Byzantines pray it. This is not because Byzantines in any way reject the Rosary. It’s a wonderful method of prayer. We don’t generally use it because we have our own repetitive prayer traditions. Asking a Byzantine why he does not pray the Rosary is sort of like asking a Greek why he doesn’t speak Latin at the dinner table. The Greek has his own devotions. He can appreciate the devotions of the Latins, but he simply chooses to keep the ones he grew up with that have been handed down over the centuries.

So, what is an example of a Byzantine Equivalent? The “*Jesus Prayer*” (“*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!*”). The “*Jesus Prayer*” is part of the hesychastic prayer tradition that originated in Byzantine monasticism, but which is also very popular among laymen. Typically, this prayer is prayed with the use of a prayer rope, consisting of 100 or 150 knots.

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

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** is September 10<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy.

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm and Divine Liturgy on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am.

**COOKIE BAKE SALE** - The first cookie bake sale will be September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> after liturgies!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** – You will be receiving an envelope in your mailbox for the Priest Medical Collection held October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous!!!

**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 NIGHT** – including a 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**

## **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

The Feast of the Holy Cross is one of the greatest feasts of the Eastern Churches. It is frequently mentioned in ecclesiastical writings and always has as its object the triumph of Christ, His Resurrection, and the veneration of the Holy Cross, the sign of victory over death. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was first instituted in order to commemorate the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection on September 13, 335. The Emperor Constantine built this church and the one in Bethlehem, and they are both in existence today. The Church of the Resurrection had five naves and in the interior a circular structure covered by a dome, which protected the sanctuary of the sepulcher or tomb of Christ. The date of September 13 was chosen in order to supplant the pagan feast of the Temple of Jupiter in Rome.

The second historical event, which is the source of our present feast, was the return of the Holy Cross to Jerusalem under Emperor Heraclius. The Wood of the Cross had been preserved in the Church of the Resurrection until May 4, 614, when the Persians captured Jerusalem, burned the Church of the Resurrection, and carried off the Cross. After the victory of Emperor Heraclius over the Persians, the Cross was returned to Jerusalem on September 14, 628. It is said that the Emperor, dressed in his royal vestments, carried the Cross through the streets of Jerusalem. He was stopped by the Patriarch, who demanded that he remove his splendid vestments in order to become more like the scorned Christ. The Emperor agreed and walked through the streets barefooted. A crowd of faithful accompanied him and prostrated before the Holy Cross.

*We bow down to the Tree of your Cross, O Lover of Mankind,  
since You, the Life of all, were nailed upon it.  
O Savior, You opened Paradise to the thief who turned  
to You in faith. You counted him worthy of blessedness  
when he confessed to You, crying: O Lord, remember me!  
As You accepted him, also accept us as we call out:  
We have all sinned; in Your merciful kindness,  
do not forsake us.*





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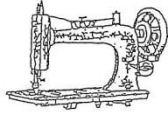
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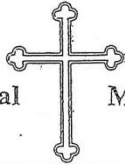
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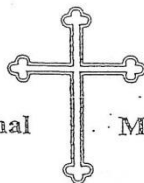
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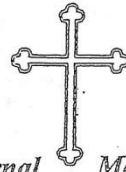
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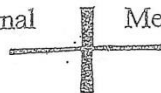


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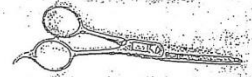
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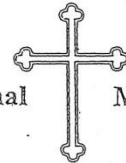
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