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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 18th and 19th, 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: 9:00 AM

Myrrh Bearers – 2nd Monday of every month 7:00 PM



Entrance of the Theotokos

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, November 18 – Plato and Roman, Martyrs

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Dan Wortley

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Sunday, November 19 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Maximo, Yicenta and Rose Albinda

Readings: Eph 2:14-22; Lk 12:16-21

Teaching: Domestic Church (Liturgical Cycle Pg 53-55)

Monday, November 20 – Gregory the Decapolite, Venerable

9:00am – Third Hour

Readings: 2 Thess 1:1-10; Lk 17:20-25

Tuesday, November 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos

9:00am – Third Hour

Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Wednesday, November 22 – Philemon and Others, Apostles

6:00pm – Teaching: Domestic Church (Sept. Feasts Pg 55-56)

7:00pm – Vigil Thanksgiving Liturgy: +Anna Chinnici

Readings: 2 Thess 2:1-12; Lk 18:15-17.26-30

Readings for the Apostle: Philemon 1-25; Lk 10:1-15

Thursday, November 23 – Amphilochius & Gregory, Bishops

Readings: 2 Thess 2:13-3:5; Lk 18:31-34

Readings for the Saints: Heb 13:7-16; Mt 24:42-47

Friday, November 24 – Catherine and Mercurius, Great Martyrs

Readings: 2 Thess 3:6-18; Lk 19:12-28

Readings for the Martyrs: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Saturday, November 25 – Clement and Peter, Pope and Bishop

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy:

+Deceased Members of the Witmeyer Family

Readings: Gal 1:3-10; Lk 10:19-21

Readings of the Saints: Phil 3:20-4:3; Mt 5:14-19

Sunday, November 26 – 25th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Mary Marlene Santo

Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 13:10-17

18th – **SS. Plato and Roman**, Martyrs. The former suffered death A.D. 296, the latter A.D. 304.

19th – **St. Obadiah**, Prophet, is of the Twelve Minor Prophets, having lived in the 9th century B.C. — **St. Barlam**, Martyr, was a pious peasant, who was imprisoned and tortured for the Faith at Antioch A.D. 304, in the persecution under Diocletian and Galerius, Emperors.

20th – Our Venerable Father, **Gregory** of Decapolis, suffered much in the Iconoclastic persecution under the Emperor Leo the Armenian. Our Holy Father, **Proclus**, Archbishop of Constantinople, was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom. He died A.D. 446, in the reign of Theodosius the Younger, Emperor.

21st – **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple** (This Feast was introduced in Constantinople about the year A.D. 700.)

22nd – **SS. Philemon and Others with him**, Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul the Apostle, suffered martyrdom A.D. 68, under the Emperor Nero. — **St. Cecilia**, one of the most famous Virgin Martyrs; she converted to Christianity her betrothed and his brother. She was seized and suffocated with the steam of a heat bath in her own mansion. She died probably in the reign of Septimus Severus, Emperor.

23rd – Our Holy Father, **Amphilochius**, Bishop of Iconium and **Gregory**, Bishop of Agrigentum. The former died about A.D. 400; the latter about A.D. 600.

24th – **St. Catherine**, Great Virgin Martyr, after confessing the Christian Faith, was scourged for a long time with scorpions and suffered martyrdom by beheading A.D. 250, under the tyrant Maximin Daza, Emperor. — **St. Mercurius**, Great Martyr, martyred A.D. 250, during the Reign of Decius Emperor.

25th – Our Holy Father, **Clement**, Pope of Rome (3rd after St. Peter, the Apostle) was cast into the Black Sea with an anchor around his neck, probably A.D. 100, under Trajan, Emperor. — Our Holy Father, **Peter**, Bishop of Alexandria, put to death by the order of Emperor Maximin Daza A.D. 311.

26th – Our Venerable Father, **Alpius**, Stylite, who remained on his lofty perch 53 years and attained the age of 118 A.D. 608 —Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev.

MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

James, was born into a pious Persian Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian and the couple raised their children in piety. He occupied a high position at the Court of the Persian Emperor, Izdegerd, and his successor, Barakhranes V. Blinded by so much evidence of the King's favor and by the vain pleasures of the world, he denied Christ and joined himself to the King's idolatrous cult. Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the Emperor. Under interrogation, he bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the Emperor could make him renounce Christ. The Emperor then ordered the Saint to be put to death. They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture, St. James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Finally, the Martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence. Among other places, a part of Relics is to be found in the Great Cave Monastery, Kalavryta, Greece.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

THANKSGIVING VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 22nd, at 7:00pm.

PARISH OFFICES will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.

SCRIPTURE TEACHING – Deacon Murrone will give a teaching on Scripture Wednesday, November 29th, at 7:00pm in the Church

CANDY – Lots of candy is needed for our upcoming Saint Nicholas Celebration. Please pick up a bag or two as a donation to the church. Please drop off the candy in front of the St. Nicholas Icon.

SAINT NICHOLAS FESTIVAL begins on Sunday, December 3rd, with the Third Hour at 10:00am. Divine Liturgy is celebrated at 10:30am, with the Pageant of Saint. Nicholas. If you would like to attend the luncheon after Liturgy, you must RSVP using the notice that was placed in your mailbox.

THE STORY OF THE ENTRANCE OF MARY INTO THE TEMPLE

The venerable tradition passed on by her family was that, at three years of age, when Mary was ready to awaken to an awareness of social life, she asked her parents Joachim and Anne to present her to the Temple of God in order to prepare herself for the awesome role she was to play in this world. Her parents agreed and brought her to the Temple as an offering and as a precious gift of thanks for the goodness of the Lord to them.

Around this event, Christians developed a celebration that only hearts aflame with love for the Lord Jesus Christ, her Son, could imagine and produce. They surrounded it with dignity and solemnity, in order to bring out its meaning, and show their infinite respect for Mary to the Lord. They told the event not simply as historians reporting a fact, but as troubadours of beauty and love. Their imagination soared beyond the confines of human limitations, and introduced humanity to a new order of things where our insight is sharpened and our sensibility purified. We are totally convinced that Mary's supreme dignity as future Bearer of God merits her not only to enter the Temple, but to penetrate to the most sacred place of the Temple, the "Holy of Holies." This part of the temple is called the "Holy of Holies" because it contained the "Shekhina," the glory of God, with the Manna, the Rod of Aaron, and the Tablets of the Ten Commandments. Mary was no mere receptacle of signs and symbols, as was the Temple. She was more sacred and holier because she was to contain Glory Himself, the One Whom nothing can contain, the God of all:

*The holy one, the all-blameless one,
moved by the Holy Spirit,
enters the Holy of Holies,
to be fed by an angel.*

*She will become a most holy Temple
to our most Holy God,
Who by dwelling in her,
sanctified the whole creation
and divinized our fallen nature.*

(Office of the Feast)

Mary is a subject of joy, and of admiration and love. God is pleased at the sight of a beautiful little girl surrendering to a way of life which is a mystery even to herself. She walks straight to meet the high priest who is filled with joy at her sight. Angels "admire and rejoice," and Joachim and Anne forget their sorrow and overcome the breaking of their heart to look at her "with fullness of joy."

"Theotokos"
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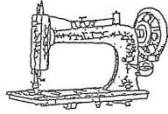
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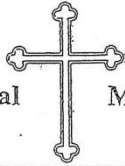
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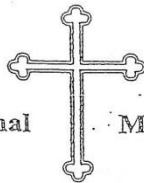
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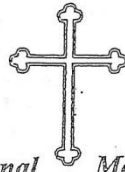
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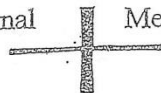


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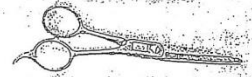
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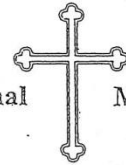
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