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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 16th and 17th, 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 – 2nd Monday of every month 7:00 PM



Daniel the Prophet

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, December 16 – Haggai, Prophet

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Jose Alfonso Roybal

Readings: Eph 1:16-23; Lk 14:1-11

Sunday, December 17 – Sunday of the Forefathers

10:00am – Third Hour

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

Readings: Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

Monday, December 18 – Sebastian and Others, Martyrs

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 3:5-11.17-19; Mk 9:42-10:1

Tuesday, December 19 – Boniface, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 4:1-13; Mk 10:2-12

Wednesday, December 20 – Ignatius, Bishop - Martyr

Reading: Heb 5:11-6:8; Mk 10:11-16

Thursday, December 21 – Juliana, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Heb 7:1-6; Mk 10:17-27

Friday, December 22 – Royal Hours / Anastasia, Great Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour

11:00am – Divine Liturgy

Readings: Heb 7:18-25; Mk 10:23-32

3:00pm – Ninth Hour

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy

Readings: Heb 7:18-25; Mk 10:23-32

**Saturday, December 23 – Saturday Before Christmas
Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete**

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy +Joe and Tresa Prestis

Readings: Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

Sunday, December 24 – Sunday before Christmas/Of the Ancestors

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy +Laudir Adamski

Readings: Heb 11:9-10.17-23.32-40; Mt 1:1-25

7:00pm – Christmas Vigil Liturgy:

+Deceased Member of Our Lady of Wisdom Parish

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20

16th – **St. Haggai**, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon and that he lived to see the second temple 516 B.C.

17th – **St. Daniel and The Three Youths, SS. Hannaniah, Azariah, and Mishael**. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5th century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, but miraculously came out unscathed. (*Daniel 3*)

18th – **SS. Sebastian and Companion** were put to death A.D. 292, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

19th – **St. Boniface**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

20th – **St. Ignatius**, “God Bearer,” Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch.

21st – **St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 36, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

22nd – **St. Anastasia**, Great Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of **St. Chrysogonus**. She was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

23rd – **SS. Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

24th – **SS. Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day, A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

Royal Hours are simply the Little Hours of the Divine Office: Prime, Terce, Sext, and None plus Typica, celebrated consecutively as one service. Each hour has special hymns (idomelia) and readings added to the normal structure.

This service is celebrated in the morning on the Eve’s of Christmas and Theophany, as well as Great Friday morning.

The designation “Royal” comes from the fact that, in the great Cathedral of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, not only the choirs, monks, clergy, and faithful attended; but the Emperor himself came together to recite these prayers and to hear special readings appointed for the particular Feast. This served as a reminder to the Emperor and to the ordinary people that, in the eyes of Christ, there is “no rich or poor, no Jew or Greek, no free man nor slave” as the Apostle says.

Although the Royal Hours are splendid, they are also penitential. On days when the Royal Hours are celebrated, it is not permitted to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

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

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE — Non-perishable food and grocery items are now being collected to make up Christmas Dinner boxes. Please leave your donations under the St. Nicholas icon. If you know anyone who needs a food basket for Christmas, please give that information to one of the Church officers or to SubDeacon Paul.

TYING OF STRAW — Volunteers are needed to tie straw after Liturgy on Sunday, December 17th. Please bring scissors.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place beginning Monday, December 18th. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.

++++ **Christmas Celebrations and Information** ++++

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Sunday, December 24th, beginning at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated on Monday, December 25th, at 10:30am. Third Hour begins at 10:00am.

SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 26th, at 7:00pm.

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday, December 27th, at 7:00pm.

PREFESTIVE DAYS OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 9:6-7 – For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will perform this. (KJV)

Come Lord Jesus, Come! – How shall we approach this great mystery, our Saviour born in time, a Virgin giving birth, God born as man? We might ask a thousand questions, searching for details and explanations and clarifications. It is a reasonable question after all; “How can this be?”

Recall a child's wonder in this season of giving. He might inquire how Santa knew that he really needed a bicycle and however did he manage to carry it in a sleigh? But a child knows that love made it possible.

As children of a Heavenly Father, all our answers come with a simple reply. “It is by the power of the Holy Spirit.” What do you wish to know about the Christmas feast? What question will you ask your angel? The answer is found in accepting that this feast is a celebration of the power of the Holy Spirit, Who has accomplished such a wonderful miracle. The Spirit of Love, the Lord of Life, the Spirit of Power has overshadowed our world, and the Virgin conceived, the cave is illumined, and a world transformed. The questions may be many, but the answer is One. “It is by the power of the Holy Spirit!” A profound confidence in the Spirit of God will calm our restless mind, our searching reason, our yearning soul. Glory be to the Life-Giving Spirit, our answer and our hope.





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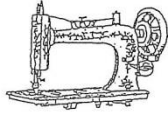
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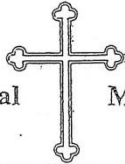
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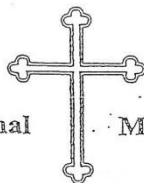
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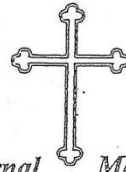
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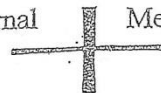


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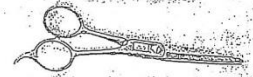
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