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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

# January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **PARISH SERVED BY:**

Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., Pastor

Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy, ECF Safe Environment Contact

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### **LITURGIES AND SERVICES:**

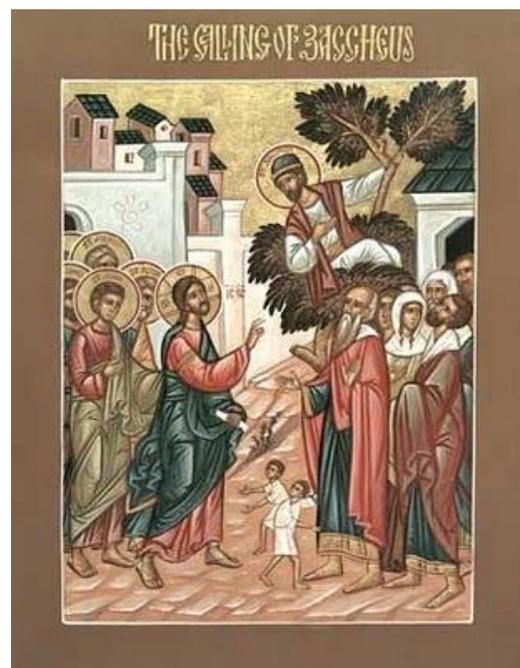
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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



Zacchaeus

### **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.**

Dear Friends of Fr. Francis and Our Lady of Wisdom,

I am writing this update, as it has come to my attention that many of our friends who are not parishioners who have known Fr. Francis, and who regularly review our website, are yet still finding out about his recent falling asleep.

Fr. Francis entered the hospital during the last week of this past October for heart surgery. The initial procedure went well enough that a full recovery was expected. He was a bit low on energy and suffered some various post-op complications that were slowly on the mend, but at one point he was deemed well enough to be released. He convalesced at home – his nephew from back east staying with him - and he was slowly getting about, getting back into various areas of his daily rounds. It came to pass that he was re-admitted into the hospital, however, and after a series of medical go-rounds it was determined he had a thoracic aneurysm. This necessitated another serious surgical intervention in order to correct the problem, but this second surgery left him much diminished.

To fast-forward a bit, Fr. Francis' rallying from this second procedure was only in fits and starts. He felt better and more hopeful on some days, and worse and less hopeful (of recovery) on others. I saw him the day before he passed – we had a good visit – he spoke about some longer term plans he had in some instances, though with an air of resignation and finality about other things. I believe – however hopeful of recovery he may have been – that he also very much realized his mortality and that perhaps his hour had come. Fr. Francis left time on the morning of 21 December, 2017, after having a cardiac incident from which he could not be resuscitated – his funeral took place here at Our Lady of Wisdom on 29 December, 2017. We pray and trust that for Fr. Francis, God will comfort and rest his soul in the paradise of joy in the heavenly Jerusalem

Fr. Francis, being a very private man, was not willing that anyone should know how ill he was, or even that he was ill at all. This made it difficult for me to address inquiries as to his whereabouts during his time in hospital, as I wanted to honor his wish for privacy – yet did not want to mislead any who made inquiry. This explains why not much has been forthcoming in our online bulletin postings over the past weeks – something I was kindly reminded of by a gentleman from Utah who called me earlier today – hence, this update.

In closing, we ask your prayers for us as we pass through this challenging time of transition. It may be some weeks before we hear the decision of our eparchy as to who the new pastor will be, but please join your prayers with ours that the Holy Spirit guide the deliberations of the Bishops, and others whose responsibility it will be to make that decision. Until such time, however, we will have a rotation of various priests from our eparchy here with us to celebrate Divine Liturgy, and the administrative staff and our faithful church family here at OLOW are keeping things going here as well.

Glory to Him forever!

Subdeacon Paul F. Kilroy

## CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 13 – Saturday after Theophany**  
**Hermolaus and Strantonicus, Martyrs**

**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy:**  
*+Deceased members of the Pye and Gibbons Families*  
 Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11

**Sunday, January 14 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +Elenor Pye**  
 Readings: 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10  
**Teaching: 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Creation**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Domestic Church – During Great Fast Pg 66-68**

**Monday, January 15 - Paul and John, Venerables**  
 Readings: 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Mk 12:13-17  
 Readings for the Saints: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Tuesday, January 16 – Veneration of the Chains of Peter**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 1 Peter 3:10-22; Mk 12:18-27  
 Readings for the Apostle: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 21:15-25

**Wednesday, January 17 – Anthony the Great, Venerable**  
 Readings: 1 Pet 4:1-11; Mk 12:28-37  
 Readings for St. Anthony: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23  
**Teaching: 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Fall**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Domestic Church – Pg 69-70**

**Thursday, January 18 – Athanasius & Cyril, Archbishops**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mk 12:38-44  
 Readings for the Fathers: Heb 13:7-16; Mt 5:14-19

**Friday, January 19 – Macarius, Venerable**  
**9:00am – Third Hour and Communion**  
 Readings: 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mk 13:1-8  
 Readings for the Father: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Saturday, January 20 – Euthymius the Great, Venerable**  
**5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy and Panachida +Ed Hein**  
 Readings: 2 Tim 2:11-19; Lk 18:2-8  
 Readings for the Venerable: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23

**Sunday, January 21 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**  
**10:00am – Third Hour**  
**10:30am – Divine Liturgy and Panachida +William Stone**  
 Reading: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Lk 18:10-14  
**Teaching: 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Cain & Abel/Noah**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Domestic Church Pg. 71-72**

13<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Hermolaus and Strantonicus**, Martyrs: Deacon of Singudunum (Belgrade) and his servant were tortured and drowned in the River Danube A.D. 315, under Licinius, Emperor.

14<sup>th</sup> – Our **Venerable Father of Sinai and Raito**, suffered martyrdom from the Sarcens A.D. 296, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

15<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Fathers, **Paul of Thebes and John the “Tent-Dweller.”** Paul was the First Hermit. He fled into the desert of Egypt during the reign of Emperor Decius and died about A.D. 343. John was of famous parentage and received tonsure in the monastery of the Cenobites in the reign of Leo the Great, Emperor (457-475).

16<sup>th</sup> – **Veneration of the Venerable Chains of St. Peter**, the all-praiseworthy Apostle. The chains with which St. Peter was bound in the prison were preserved at the station church on the Esquiline in Rome and, in the Middle Ages, attracted numerous Pilgrims.

17<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **Anthony the Great**; an Egyptian by birth, who went into the desert during the reign of Constantine the Great in the year A.D. 312. Living to the age of 105, he died A.D. 356. He was a friend of St. Paul the Hermit and was one of the founders of the cenobitical life.

18<sup>th</sup> – Our Holy Fathers, **Athanasius and Cyril**, Archbishops of Alexandria. St. Athanasius is one of the four great doctors of the Byzantine Rite church: called the “Father of Orthodoxy.” He opposed the Arians with admirable zeal and endured exile for 46 years. He died in A.D. 373. (*Confer May 2*). St Cyril opposed the Nestorians and taught that the divine and human natures in Christ are united in oneness of person and that the Blessed Virgin ought truly to be called the Mother of God. He presided over the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ecumenical Council at Ephesus A.D. 431. He died in A.D. 444. (*Confer June 9*).

19<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable Fathers, **Macarius of Egypt**, A.D. 373, and Macarius of Alexandria, Monks; date of death A.D. 395, in the reign of Theodosius the Great, Emperor. — **St. Euphrosinia**, Virgin.

20<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father **Euthymius the Great**, Hegumen-Abbot, lived at the time of the reign of Arcadius and Honorius, Emperors; died in the year A.D. 473.

21<sup>st</sup> – Our Venerable Father, **Maximus**, confessor, died from tortures A.D. 662, in the reign of Constans II. His tongue torn out and right hand cut off, he died in prison. — **SS. Eugene, Canidius, Valerian and Aquilas**, Martyrs, died by fire A.D. 292.

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### 2017 IRS CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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

**MEMORIAL LITURGY AND PANACHIDA** for Dr. William Stone, husband of Judy Stone, will be celebrated on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Parishioners are invited to a reception after the Liturgy. Memoria Eterna!

**PARISH OFFICES** will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON** Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00am.

**THE HOLY APOSTLE ZACCHAEUS**

At first, Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a sinner. When our Lord saw him in Jericho in a tree and entered his home, Zacchaeus was brought to repentance. “He (Jesus) came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed the sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, Who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him: ‘Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.’ And he came down quickly and received Him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, ‘He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.’ But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house because this man is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.’” (*St. Luke 19: 1-10*). Later on, Zacchaeus followed the Apostle Peter, who appointed him Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, where he faithfully served the Gospel and died peacefully.





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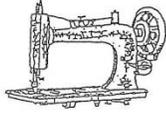
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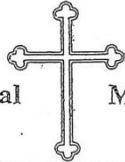
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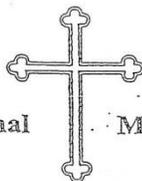
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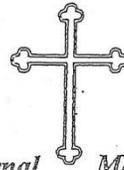
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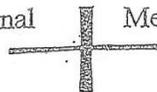


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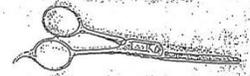
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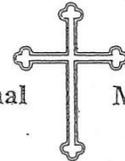
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