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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 20th and 21st, 2018

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



Publican and Pharisee

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, 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

Readings: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Lk 18:10-14

Monday, January 22 – Timothy – Apostle

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mk 13:9-13

Readings for St. Timothy: 2 Tim 3:1-9; Lk 10:1-15

Tuesday, January 23 – Clement of Ancyra, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mk 13:14-23

Wednesday, January 24 – Xenia, Venerable

Readings: 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mk 13:24-31

Thursday, January 25 – Gregory the Theologian, Bishop

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 1 Jn 1:8-2:6; Mk 13:31-14:2

Readings for Father Gregory: 1 Cor 12:7-11; Jn 10:9-16

Friday, January 26 – Xenophon & Mary, Venerables

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 1 Jn 2:7-17; Mk 14:3-9

Saturday, January 27 - Translation of the Relics of John Chrysostom

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Paul Parquette

Readings: 2 Tim 3:9; Lk 20:45-21:4

Readings for the Translation: Heb 7:26-8:2; Jn 10:9-16

Sunday, January 28 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy and Panachida: +Father Francis Vivona

Readings: 1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32

20th – 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.

21st – 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.

22nd – **St. Timothy**, Apostle, was the most famous disciple of St. Paul during the reign of Emperor Nero and the first Bishop of Ephesus in Asia Minor. — **St. Anastasius**, Venerable Martyr of Persia, suffered martyrdom A.D. 619, at the hands of Chosroas, during the reign of Heraclius, Emperor.

23rd – **St. Clement**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Ancyra, lived in exile for 28 years under several persecutors and died by the sword A.D. 296. — **St. Agathangel**, Martyr, suffered death also in the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors.

24th – Our Venerable Mother, **Xenia** was of a noble and famous Roman family. Her former name was Eusebia and her parents planning her marriage; she escaped from her bridegroom and with two handmaids she fled to Alexandria for refuge.

25th – Our Holy Father, **Gregory, the Theologian** of Cappadocia in Asia Minor. Archbishop of Constantinople is one of the greatest writers and poets and one of the four great doctors of the Byzantine Rite Church. He died in A.D. 389, in the reign of Theodosius the Great; he presided in Constantinople in the church of Holy Wisdom 12 years. He died at the age of 80.

26th – Our Venerable Father, **Xenophon**, his wife, **Mary**, and sons, Arcadius and John, died in the year A.D. 520, in the reign of Justin. — **Theodore**, Hegumen-Abbot of Monks of Studites, and his brother, **Joseph**, who died A.D. 826, during the reign of Michael the Stutterer, Emperor.

27th – **Translation of the Relics** of our Father **St. John Chrysostom** took place in A.D. 435 — (confer January 30 and November 13.)

28th – Our Venerable Father **Ephrem**. “Prophet of Syrians and an instrument of Holy Spirit,” a great poet, orator, exegete, and defender of Orthodoxy. He died about A.D. 373 as a Deacon.

IRS STATEMENTS – All registered parishioners will be given a 2017 IRS statement for your taxes. If you are NOT registered but contributed monetarily in 2017, please fill out the below and return it to the Parish or place in Toni Ritchey’s mail box. Thank you.

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 21st. Parishioners are invited to a reception after the Liturgy. Memoria Eterna!

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

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL — This year, the Bishop's Appeal has a new process for all their Parishes. Each parishioner was mailed their pledge form from the Eparchy. All payments are to be sent directly to the Eparchy.

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in [Luke 18:10-14](#). This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, “or even this tax collector” (v. 11). He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, “I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess” (v. 12).

In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (v. 13).

Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (v. 14).

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means “change of mind.” To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself, who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5:3](#)), “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.





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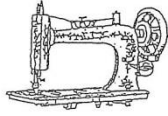
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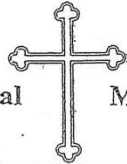
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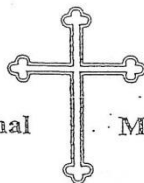
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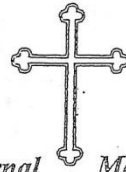
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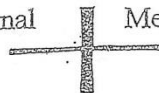


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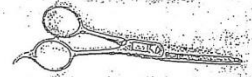
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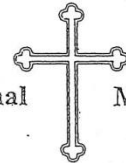
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