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OUR LADY OF WISDOM ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 6th and 7th, 2018

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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



Theophany

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 6 – Theophany of Our Lord

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: +Rebecca Glantz

Readings: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

Sunday, January 7 – Sunday after Theophany

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: *Living Intention: Lucchesi Family*

Readings: Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

Teaching: 1st Year – Orientation

2nd Year – Domestic Church – Jan Pg. 62-64

Monday, January 8 – George, Dominica and Emilian, Venerables

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 2:14-26; Mk 10:46-52

Tuesday, January 9 – Polyeuct, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 3:1-10; Mk 11:11-23

Wednesday, January 10 – Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop

Readings: James 3:11-4:6; Mk 11:23-26

Readings for St. Gregory: 1 Cor 12:7-11; Mt 10:1.5-8

6:00pm – Teaching: 2nd Year – Domestic Church – Feb Pg. 64-66

Thursday, January 11 – Theodosius, Venerable

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: James 4:7-5:9; Mk 11:27-33

Readings for Venerable: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:27-30

Friday, January 12 – Tatiana, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: 1 Pet 1:1-2.10-12; 2:6-10; Mk 12:1-12

Saturday, January 13 – Saturday after Theophany

Hermolaus and Stratonikus, Martyrs

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy:

+*Deceased members of the Pype and Gibbons Families*

Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11

Sunday, January 14 – 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: +*Elenor Pype*

Readings: 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10

Teaching: 1st Year – Creation

2nd Year – Domestic Church – During Great Fast Pg 66-68

6th – **Theophany or Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.** One of the oldest feasts in the East, it has been traced back to the beginning of the 2nd century. The Western Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Eastern Church in the 3rd century.

7th – **Synaxis of St. John,** the glorious Prophet, Precursor, and Baptist, who baptized our Lord Jesus Christ in the River Jordan.

8th – Our Venerable Father, **George,** The Chozebite and **Emilian,** Confessor. They were martyred A.D. 820, in the reign of Nicephorus Gennicus. — Our Venerable Mother, **Dominika,** of Carthage, who lived in the year A.D. 374, in the reign of Theodosius the Great. — **SS. Juliana and Basilissa,** martyred A.D. 300, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

9th – **St. Polyeucte,** Martyr, suffered death A.D. 244, during the reign of the Decius or Valerianus. — **Eustratius,** Venerable, endured death in the reign of Leo Iconomachus, Emperor

10th – Our Holy Father, **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa,** consecrated in A.D. 372, brother of St. Basil the Great. Died A.D. 395. — **Dometian,** Venerable, Bishop of Melite, died A.D. 570, in the reign of Justinus the Younger — Our Venerable Father, **Marcian,** Presbyter and Treasurer of the great Church of Holy Wisdom; died A.D. 489.

11th – Our Venerable Father, **Theodosius,** Hegumen-Abbot died in A.D. 485, in the reign of Leo and Anastatius, Emperors, at the age of 105.

12th – **St. Tatiana,** Martyr, lived in A.D. 227, in the reign of Alexander. Her father, was a Soldier and Elder of the city; after many tortures, she died by the sword along with her father.

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

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

Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

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

REMINDERS — 2018 Weekly Contribution Envelopes were recently distributed to parishioners. If your contributions are cash, please use your envelopes whenever possible. However, if you need to use the envelopes in the back of the church, write your name, date, and the amount on the envelope. When writing checks to the church, be sure to write on the memo line what it is for (building fund, ECFI, holy day, special collection, etc) unless it is a normal weekly contribution. This will ensure all monies are recorded correctly. Thank you.

FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: *Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34.*

John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the One Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:11*).

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (*3:15*). John consented and baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on Him. When this happened, a voice came from the heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ’s baptism in the Jordan was “Theophany,” a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord’s public ministry. It was also a “Theophany” in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father’s testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of “manifestation” or “revelation” is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, “Christ has appeared and enlightened the world.” Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.





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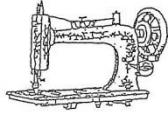
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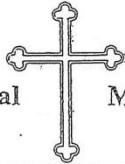
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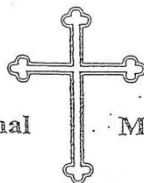
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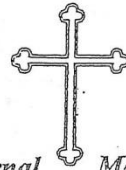
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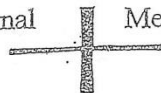


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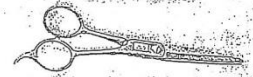
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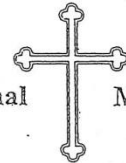
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