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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 17th and 18th, 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



Saint Theodore, Great Martyr

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, February 17 – Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great Martyr Theodore

5:00pm – Vespers and Divine Liturgy *Intention: Pro Popolo*
Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Mk 2:23-3:5

Sunday, February 18 – 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00am – Procession with Icons into the Church
10:30am – Divine Liturgy: *Intention: +Helen Zientek*
Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

Monday, February 19 – Archippus, Apostle

5:00pm – Soup Supper
7:00pm – Teaching: Iconography – SubDeacon Paul
Readings: Gen 3:21-4:7; Prov 3:34-4:22

Tuesday, February 20 – Leo of Catania, Bishop

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 4:8-8:15; Prov 5:1-15

Wednesday, February 21 – Timothy, Venerable

Readings: Gen 4:16-26; Prov 5:15-6:3

Thursday, February 22 – Finding of Relic of Martyrs of Eugenia

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Gen 5:1-24; Prov 6:3-20

Friday, February 23 – Polycarp, Bishop-Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion
7:00pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Teaching After the Liturgy – Matthew St. George
Readings: Gen 5:32-6:8; Prov 6:20-7:1

Saturday, February 24 – First and Second Findings of the Head of John the Baptist

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy: *Intention: Pro Popolo*
Readings: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

Sunday, February 25 – 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00am – Third Hour
10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Pro Popolo*
Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

17th – **St. Theodore of Tyre**, the Great Martyr, was burned to death A.D. 306, during the reign of Emperor Maximian Hercules. — Memory of **St. Mariamna**, sister of Philip, the Apostle.

18th – Our Holy Father **Leo the Great**, Pope of Rome, opposed the Nestorians and taught, like St. Cyril of Alexandria, the unity of person in Christ. He saved Rome from the invasion of Attila and died A.D. 461 during the reign of Emperor Leo the Great.

19th – **St. Archippus**, Apostle, a co-worker with St. Paul, first Bishop of the Colossians. Tradition says he was stoned to death during the reign of Emperor Nero. — **SS. Maxim, Theodot, Isychus and Asklepiodotus**, Martyrs.

20th – Our Venerable Father, **Leo**, Bishop of Catania, in Sicily. By his miracles, he acquired the name “Wonder-Worker.” He lived near Mt. Etna, the first of which consumed Iliodorus, the sorcerer. He died about A.D. 780, during the reign of Leo IV and Constantine. — **St. Sadok**, Priest-Martyr and with him 128 fellow Christians put to death by King Sapor of Persia A.D. 345. — **St. Agatho**, Venerable, Pope of Rome, died A.D. 682.

21st – Our Venerable Father, **Timothy**, Hermit. — Our Holy Father, **Eustacius**, Archbishop of Antioch, assisted at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea. He contended against the Arians by word and pen. He died about A.D. 337, during the reign of emperor Constantine the Great.

22nd – **Finding of the Venerable Relics of SS. Martyrs at Eugenia.** — Venerable **Peter**, Monk and **Athanasius**, suffered martyrdom at the hands of Iconoclasts A.D. 735, during the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian, Emperor.

23rd – **St. Polycarp**, Bishop-Martyr, Bishop of Smyrna, was burned alive A.D. 166, in the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

24th – **St. Tarasius**, Archbishop of Constantinople, opposed the Iconoclasts, denounced the vices of the Byzantine Princes and their profligate courts. Known as the “Father of the poor,” he died A.D. 806, during the reign of Nicephorus, Emperor.

25th – **First and Second Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John the Precursor.** The First Finding was by two monks in the home of Herod, King. They brought the Head to the city Emmesia. The Second Finding was much later, during the reign of Emperor Marcianus A.D. 431.

Simple Abstinence: The Law of *simple abstinence* forbids the use of meat, but permits the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe *simple abstinence* when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Strict Abstinence: The Law of *strict abstinence* (fasting) forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs, and dairy products. All faithful who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe *strict abstinence* when prescribed. *Strict abstinence* (fasting) is to be observed in 2018 on Pure Monday, Feb. 12, (the first day of the Great Fast) and on Great and Holy Friday, March 30.

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

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY — Procession with Icons into the Church will take place on Sunday, February 18th, before Divine Liturgy begins. Bring an icon from home with you to carry in the Procession, as well as any new icons you may have that you wish to have blessed during Divine Liturgy.

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS will be celebrated each Friday at 7:00pm during the Great Fast.

TEACHINGS FOLLOWING THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS by Matthew St. George will be on February 16th, 23rd and March 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

SOUP SUPPER AND TEACHING will be held on Mondays. Supper starts at 5:00pm. Teachings by SubDeacon Paul on February 19 and by Michael Iglinski February 26, March 5, 12 and 19 begin at 7:00pm.

CANTORS — We are in need of cantors for both Saturday and Sunday Liturgies. If you are a registered member of Our Lady of Wisdom and have a singing talent that you would like to share for the honor and glory of God, please see Rose after Liturgy or text/call with your information (702-204-2358).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for various cleaning projects here at OLOW: Bathrooms, kitchen, sweeping/dusting as needed, etc. Looking to get a Saturday crew together or else anyone interested could schedule volunteering at other times. Please see or email Paul if you can help maybe once or twice each month with a couple of hours of your time. (Paul's email: onpilgrimage8512@yahoo.com)

FASTING

Why is fasting important? The primary aim of fasting is to make us conscious of our need and hunger for God. If we avoid a minimal “token” observance, the lenten abstinence from food involves a sense of real hunger, but never to a degree that jeopardizes our health. Fasting is not an end in itself, but has, as its purpose, our turning to a sense of inward brokenness and contrition for the sake of coming to appreciate the full force of our Lord’s statement, “Without me you can do nothing” (*John 15:5*). If we always have our fill, we may grow overly confident and have a false sense of self-sufficiency and autonomy. Fasting physically undermines this sinful complacency. Moreover, abstinence leads not only to hunger and some weariness, but to a sense of lightness, wakefulness, freedom, and joy. Thus, fasting is not a mere matter of diet. It is moral as well as physical. True fasting is to be converted in heart and will; it is to return us to God, to guide us home as was the Prodigal to the Father’s house.

Fasting and Hospitality: Abba Silvanus and his disciple Zachary visited a monastery. The monks invited them to share a small meal before they continued their journey. Departing, Zachary saw a pond by the road and desired a drink of water. Silvanus reminded him that they were observing a fast that day. Zachary protested, “But, Abba, we have already broken our fast today.” Silvanus replied, “We ate with them because we love them. Now that we are on our own, let’s keep our fast, my son.”





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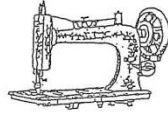
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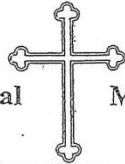
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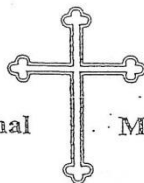
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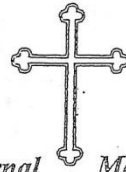
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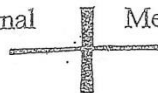


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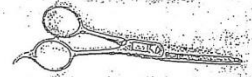
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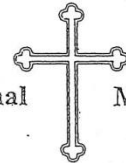
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