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ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 24th and 25th, 2018

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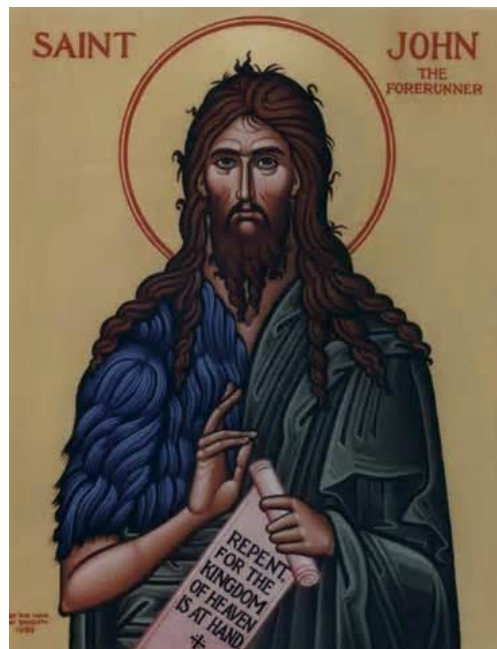
Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM

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 John the Forerunner

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 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

Monday, February 26 – Porphyry of Gaza, Bishop
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

5:00pm – Soup Supper
6:30pm – Teaching: Michael Iglinski
Readings: Gen 6:9-22; Prov 8:1-21

Tuesday, February 27 – Procopius, Venerable-Confessor
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 7:1-5; Prov 8:32-9:1

Wednesday, February 28 – Basil, Venerable-Confessor
Readings: Gen 7:6-9; Prov 9:12-18

Thursday, March 1 – Eudoxia, Venerable-Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 7:11-8:4; Prov 10:1-22

Friday, March 2 – Theodotus, Bishop-Martyr
9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Teaching after Liturgy: Matthew St. George
Readings: Gen 8:4-21; Prov 10:31-11:12

Saturday, March 3 – 3rd All Souls Saturday
11:00am – All Souls Divine Liturgy

Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30
5:00pm – Vespers and Divine Liturgy *Intention: Pro Popolo*
Readings: Heb 10:32-38; Mk 2:14-17

Sunday, March 4 – 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Cross

10:00am – Third Hour
10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Pro Popolo*
Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

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.

26th – Our Holy Father, **Porphyry**, Bishop of Gaza, sold his goods and distributed the proceeds to the poor. He died A.D. 420, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. — **St. Sebastian**, one of the most renowned of the Roman Martyrs. He was an officer in the Imperial Army and a favorite of Emperor Diocletian. Becoming a Christian, no mercy was shown him. He was made a target for the archers and, thus, died A.D. 288. — **St. Photina**, of Samaria, Martyr. Tradition identifies her as the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well.

27th – Our Venerable Father, **Procopius**, Venerable Confessor and Monk of Decapolis, died about A.D. 740, during the reign of Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian.

28th – Our Venerable Father, **Basil**, Confessor and Co-Faster with St. Procopius. Famous for their resistance at Constantinople to the Decree of Leo III, the Isaurian, ordering the destruction of holy pictures. They died about 740. — **Marina, Cyra and Domnicia**, Venerable-Women.

1st – **St. Eudoxia**, Venerable-Martyr. At first, she led a profligate life, but was baptized by Theodotus, Bishop. Arrested, she was beheaded for her Christianity about A.D. 107, during the leadership of Diogenes, in the reign of Trajan, Emperor.

2nd – **St. Thodotus**, Priest-Martyr Bishop of Cyrene, on the Island of Cyprus was imprisoned, tortured for the Faith under Diocletian, Emperor. He survived and died peacefully A.D. 325.

3rd – **St. Eutropius** and his bodyguards. — **SS. Cleonicus and Basiliscus**, Martyrs. They suffered martyrdom A.D. 296 in the reign of Diocletian the Emperor.

4th – Our Venerable Father, **Gerasimus**, a Hermit, founded a monastery on the bank of the River Jordan. In his youth, a follower of the heretic Eutyches, he did severe penance the rest of his life. Died A.D. 475. — **SS. Paul** and his sister **Juliana**, Martyrs, sent to their reward A.D. 275, in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

ST. BASIL THE CONFESSOR

St. Basil was a companion and co-sufferer with St. Procopius of Decapolis. St. Basil faithfully followed his teacher, St. Procopius, both in peaceful times and in time of persecution. He suffered many hardships from the iconoclasts during the reign of the Emperor Leo V the Isaurian (717-741). Together with his companion St. Procopius, he was subjected to much torture and locked up in prison. Here both Martyrs languished for a long while, until the death of the impious Emperor. When the Holy Confessor Basil and Procopius were set free, together with other venerators of the holy icons, they continued in monastic struggles, instructing many in the Orthodox faith and the virtuous life.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

ALL SOULS LITURGY – The third All Souls Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, March 3rd, at 11:00am.

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 continue. Remaining classes are on March 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

SOUP SUPPER AND TEACHING will be held on Monday, February 26th, March 5th, 12th, and 19th. Supper starts at 5:00pm, with the teaching by Michael Iglinski beginning at 6:30pm.

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. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or 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)

Second Sunday of Great Lent ~ Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas

The 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent is the continuation of the first Sunday “*of Orthodoxy*” in the commemoration of the struggles of the Holy Fathers for the Holy Orthodox Faith. For this reason, it is dedicated to the memory of **St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica**, the *Fourth Father and Theologian of the Church*, because of his struggles during the 14th century against the heresies of the Roman Catholics.

St. Gregory was born in 1296 in Constantinople, into the pious and noble Palamas family. His father, Constantine (who reposed as a monk), was a Senator of the Emperor Andronicus II Paleologus. Gregory received an excellent education, both in Theology and Philosophy, and, as a young man, became a monk on Mt. Athos, where he had as teachers of the Jesus prayer **St. Gregory the Byzantine** and the ascetic Nicodemus.

He became the *Defender of Hesychasm*. He upheld the doctrine that the human body played an important part in prayer and he argued that the Hesychasts did, indeed, experience the Divine and Uncreated Light of Tabor. To explain how this was possible, St. Gregory developed the distinction between the essence and the energies of God. He set Hesychasm on a firm dogmatic basis, by integrating it into Orthodox Theology and by showing how the Hesychast vision of Divine Light in no way undermined the doctrine that God cannot be comprehended. His teachings were confirmed by the local Councils held in Constantinople in 1341 and 1351.

St. Gregory began by reaffirming the Biblical doctrine of man and of the Incarnation; i.e., the whole man, united in body and soul, was created in the image of God, and Christ, by taking a human body at the Incarnation, has made the flesh an inexhaustible source of sanctification. The Hesychasts, so he argued, in placing emphasis on the body's part in prayer, are not guilty of a gross materialism, but are simply remaining faithful to the Biblical doctrine of man as a unity. Christ took human flesh and saved the whole man; therefore, it is the whole man that prays to God. The vision of Light that the Hesychasts receive is the same Light that surrounded Christ on Mount Tabor. It is a true vision of God in His divine energies.

How is it possible for man to know God and, at the same time, affirm that God is by nature unknowable? St. Gregory answered by quoting St. Basil the Great, who said, “*We know our God from His energies, but we do not claim that we can draw near to His essence. For His energies come down to us, but His essence remains unapproachable*”.

He reposed in peace in 1359, on the 14th of November, graced with the gift of working miracles, as Archbishop of Thessalonica. In 1368, just nine years after his repose, his disciple, St. Philotheus Kokkinos, Patriarch of Constantinople, canonized him among the Saints of the Orthodox Church. His Relics are to be found in the Cathedral of Thessalonica that is dedicated in his name.

*Through the prayers of Thy Saint, Gregory Palamas,
O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!
Amen.*





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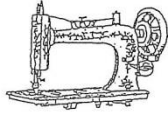
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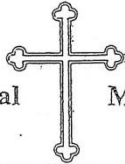
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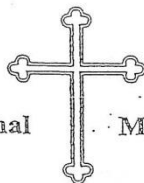
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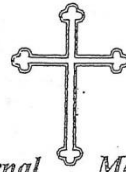
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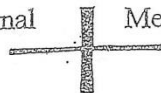


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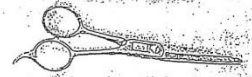
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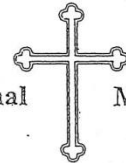
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