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ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 3rd and 4th, 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



Veneration of the Cross

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, 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

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10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy +Father Francis Vivona

Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

Monday, March 5 – Conon, Martyr

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

5:00pm – Soup Supper

6:30pm – Teaching: Michael Iglinski “Transubstantiation”

Readings: Gen 8:21-9:7 Prov 11:19-12:6

Tuesday, March 6 – 42 Martyrs of Ammorium

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 9:8-17; Prov 12:8-22

Wednesday, March 7 – Basil and Others, Bishop-Martyrs of Cherson

Readings: Gen 9:18-10:1; Prov 12:23-13:9

Thursday, March 8 – Theophylact, Bishop-Confessor

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Gen 10:32-11:9; Prov 13:19-14:6

Friday, March 9 – 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

9:00am – Third Hour and Communion

7:00pm – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Teaching after Liturgy: Matthew St. George

Readings: Gen 12:1-7; Prov 14:14-26

Readings for the Martyrs of Sebaste: Heb 12:1-10; Mt 20:1-16

Saturday, March 10 – 4th All Souls Saturday

11:00am – All Souls Divine Liturgy

Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

5:00pm – Vesper Liturgy Intention: Pro Popolo

Readings: Heb 6:9-12; Mk 7:31-37

Sunday, March 11 – 4th Sunday of Great Fast, St. John Climacus

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy: Intention: Pro Popolo

Readings: Heb 6:13-20; Mk 9:17-31

Readings for St. John: Eph 5:9-19; Mt 4:25-5:12

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.

5th – **St. Conon**, Martyr, a poor Christian gardener of Nazareth in Galilee who, in Pamphylia (Asia Minor) or on the Island of Cyprus, was martyred A.D. 250, by Governor Pomplius. With nails driven through his ankles, he was forced to run before a chariot till he fell dying to be crushed under its wheels.

6th – **Forty-Two Martyrs at Ammorium: Theodore, Constantine, Callistus, Theophil and others with them**, died at the hands of the Saracens about A.D. 840, in the reign of Theophilus, the Iconoclast.

7th – **SS. Priest-Martyrs at Chersonia: Basil, Ephrem, Capito, Eugene, Everius**, Missionary Bishops to the Crimea and South of Russia, **and four others with them**. Suffered A.D. 296. — Venerable **Paul, the Simple**, in Egypt, a Solitary of wonderful patience and meekness. He passed away about A.D. 339, in the reign of Constantine II, Emperor.

8th – Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theophylact**, Bishop of Nicomedia, was a disciple of Tharasius. Bishop, defended the veneration of Icons and Statues of Saints. Died in 30 years' exile A.D. 845, in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

9th – **SS. Forty Martyrs at Sebaste in Armenia**, were exposed naked on a frozen pond until death by the power of Licinius A.D. 320.

10th – **Codratus** and companions: **Cyprian, Anectus and Criscent**, died A.D. 257, after years in prison under Valerian, Emperor.

11th – Our Holy Father, **Sophronius**, Patriarch of Jerusalem, died A.D. 638, in the reign of Heraclius the Emperor. He revised the prominent Church Book called the “Minea” and also composed the prayer for the solemn blessing of the water on the Feast of the Epiphany.

ON KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FAST

There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast, the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds. One who truly fasts abstains from anger, rage, malice, and vengeance. One who truly fasts abstains from idle and foul talk, empty rhetoric, slander, condemnation, flattery, lying and all manner of spiteful talk. In a word, a real faster is one who withdraws from all evil.

St. Basil the Great

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

ALL SOULS LITURGY – The 4th All Souls Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10th, at 11:00am.

TEACHINGS FOLLOWING THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS by Matthew St. George continue. Remaining classes are on March 9th and 16th.

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

SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.

The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (*Galatians 5:24*) and will have mortified ourselves during these 40 days of the Fast, the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord and, by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion — being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that, through pain and suffering, we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-Giving Cross, which our Fathers “planted” on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection. His Life-Giving Cross is His royal scepter and, by venerating it, we are filled with joy, rendering Him glory. Therefore, we become ready to welcome our King, who shall manifestly triumph over the powers of darkness.

The present feast has been placed in the middle of Great Lent for another reason. The Fast can be likened to the spring of Marah whose waters the children of Israel encountered in the wilderness. This water was undrinkable due to its bitterness, but became sweet when the Holy Prophet Moses dipped the wood into its depth. Likewise, the wood of the Cross sweetens the days of the Fast, which are bitter and often grievous because of our tears. Yet, Christ comforts us during our course through the desert of the Fast, guiding and leading us by His hand to the spiritual Jerusalem on high by the power of His Resurrection.

Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the Garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam’s gluttony as well as the fact that, through this Tree, has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death, but shall inherit life eternal.





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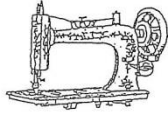
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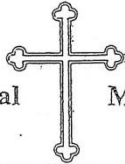
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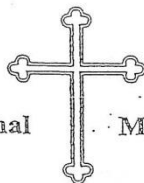
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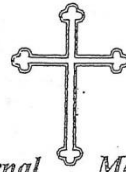
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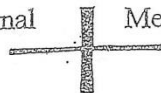


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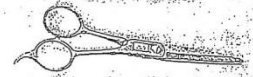
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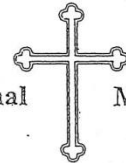
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