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ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



Christ Meeting the Woman of Samaria

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, April 28 – Jason & Sosipater; Apostles
5:00 pm – Vesper Liturgy +Father Francis Vivona
Readings: Acts 12:1-11; Jn 8:31-42

Sunday, April 29 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
10:00 am – Third Hour
10:30 am – Divine Liturgy Intention: Pro Popolo
Readings: Acts 11:19-26,29-30; Jn 4:5-42

Monday, April 30 – James the Greater, Apostle
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 12:12-17; Jn 8:42-51
Readings for the Apostle: Acts 12:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Tuesday, May 1 – Jeremiah, Prophet
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 12:25-13:12; Jn 8:51-59

Wednesday, May 2 – Athanasius the Great, Patriarch
Readings: Acts 13:13-24; Jn 6:5-14

Thursday, May 3 – Passing of Theodosius of the Cave, Venerable
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Jn 9:39-10:9
Readings for Theodosius: Hebrews 13:7-16; Lk 6:17-23

Friday, May 4 – Pelagia, Martyr
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 15:5-34; Jn 10:17-28

Saturday, May 5 – Irene, Great Martyr
5:00 pm – Vespers and Divine Liturgy +Father Francis Vivona
Readings: Acts 5:35-41; Jn 10:7-38

Sunday, May 6 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind
10:00 am – Third Hour
10:30 am – Divine Liturgy Intention: Pro Popolo
Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-38

Oh Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner

28th – **SS. Jason and Sosipater**, Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul in the reign of Nero, A.D. 69. — **SS. Maximus, Dadas and Quintillianus**, Martyrs, beheaded about A.D. 303. — Venerable Father, Cyril, Bishop of Turov.

29th – **SS. Nine Martyrs at Cyzice** — Venerable, **Memnon**, Wonderworker.

30th – **St. James the Greater**, Apostle, Brother of St. John the Theologian, was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem, A.D. 43.

1st – **St. Jeremiah**, the Second of the Greater Prophets, was of the Tribe of Levi. Tradition states that, at age 55, he was stoned to death at Taphnes, Egypt, 590 B.C., by the Jews who shared his captivity. Venice, Italy holds some of his relics.

2nd – Our Holy Father, **Athanasius the Great**, Patriarch of Alexandria. (For the other Feast of this Saint, see the 18th of January.)

3rd – Death of our Venerable Father, **Theodosius of the Cave**, Hegumen-Abbot, died A.D. 1078, in the reign of Michael VII Ducas, Emperor (Confer August 14). — **SS. Timothy and Maurus**, Martyrs

4th – **St. Pelagia**, Martyr, Emperor Diocletian chose her to be the wife of one of his sons. Learning that she was a Christian, the son committed suicide; she was then sentenced and died during torture, A.D. 288. — Venerable Mother, **Pelagia**, formerly a public sinner, chanced to hear a sermon by St. Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa. Stricken by remorse, she did severe penance in a cave on Mt. Olivet. She died about A.D. 457.

5th – **St. Irene**, Glorious Martyr, daughter of the Emperor Licinius and his wife, Licinia, suffered courageously for Christ and, by many miracles, thousands were converted to Christianity. She died A.D.315, in the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. — Venerable Father, **Nicephorus**, Hegumen.

6th – **St. and Venerable Job, the “Patient.”** He was “simple and upright, fearing god and avoiding evil.” (*Job 1:1*). He likely lived about 1500 B.C.

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title “the Greater” was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James “the Less,” who is believed to have been shorter than James “the Greater.” Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fishermen, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full and, after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration and, when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly 40 years in Spain. It is said that, one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem, but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century, his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to, following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

CELEBRATION POT LUCK will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, April 29th, for Mark Greene, Robert Dunson, and Brian Kong, who all received Holy Mysteries in April. Please bring a dish to share with your parish family.

2018 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY BISHOP'S APPEAL – Please remember to complete your Bishop's Appeal before May 31st. Checks should be made to the Eparchy of Phoenix or you can use your credit card to make payments for your pledge. Look for the green Bishop's Appeal form in the back of the church if you need one. Thank you!

MYRRH-BEARERS RETREAT: "THEOTOKOS: MODEL OF GRACE – This year's retreat for girls and teens (7-17) and women (18+) will be held from Friday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 24th at the Franciscan Renewal Center, 5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona. If you are interested, please register at Myrrh-Bearers.com. The deadline to register is Friday, June 1. Please pick up a brochure at the entrance of the church. All women and girls are encouraged to attend this eparchial spiritual program.

BYZANTEENS is an official ministry of the Byzantine Catholic Church in the USA. The ministry is a function of the Intereparchial Youth Commission, whose members serve in each of the four eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church and is guided by an episcopal moderator. This year, the ByzanTEEN Youth Rally; "Who is My Neighbor" will be held on the campus of St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania July 5-8, 2018. Anyone interested in attending, please see SubDeacon Paul.

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The fourth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint *John 4:5-42*.

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There, the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the 19th century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (*Gen. 49:22*). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the 10 tribes. In the time of the Romans, it was called Neapolis and, at present, Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost 300 years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (*John 4:5*), He wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while, the Samaritan woman, mentioned in today's Gospel passage, came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her, many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans, we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the 10 tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity and relocated all these people to Babylon, and the land of the Medes. From there, he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (*John 4:9*). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine and her feast is kept on February 26.





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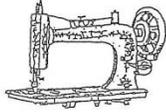
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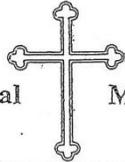
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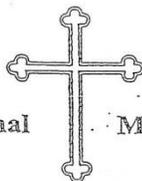
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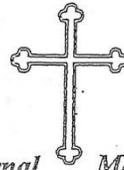
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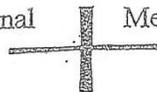


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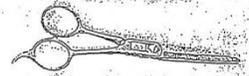
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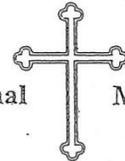
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