

+ Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., 1943-2017 – Founding Pastor +
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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

May 12th and 13th, 2018

PARISH SERVED BY:

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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



Father of 1st Ecumenical Council

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, May 12 – Epiphanius and Germanus, Bishops

5:00 pm – Vesper Liturgy +Sophie Kozack

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Readings: Acts 20:7-12; Jn 14:10-21

Sunday, May 13 – Sunday of Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council

10:00 am – Third Hour

10:30 am – Divine Liturgy Intention: Pro Popolo

Readings: Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Jn 17:1-13

Monday, May 14 – Isidore, Martyr

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 21:8-14; Jn 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, May 15 – Pachomius the Great, Venerable

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 21:26-32; Jn 16:2-13

Wednesday, May 16 – Theodore, Venerable

Readings: Acts 23:1-11; Jn 16:15-23

Thursday, May 17 – Andronicus and Others, Apostles

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 25:13-19; Jn 16:23-33

Friday, May 18 – Theodotus and Others, Martyrs

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Acts 27:1-44; Jn 17:18-26

Saturday, May 19 – 5th All Souls Saturday

11:00am – All Souls Liturgy

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

5:00 pm – Vespers and Divine Liturgy: +Father Francis Vivona

Readings: Acts 28:1-31; Jn 21:15-25

Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am – Third Hour

10:30 am – Divine Liturgy: +Frank Raya

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Jn 7:37-52; 8:12

12th – **Our Holy Father, Epiphanius**, Bishop in Cyprus, and **Germanus**, Patriarch of Constantinople, Epiphanius was Bishop in Salamis, an intimate friend of St. Hilarion and St. Jerome, and counselor to Pope St. Damasus. He was “a pillar of Faith” against the Arians, and died at an advanced age in A.D. 403. Germanus was banished and died in exile A.D. 733, in the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian.

13th – **St. Glyceria**, Martyr, suffered for the Faith in Trajanopolis in Greene, by being thrown to the wild beasts in the Amphitheatre after cruel torments about A.D. 141. — **St. Alexander**, Martyr on the Island of Cyprus, martyred for the Faith A.D. 298.

14th – **St. Isidore**, Martyr on the island of Chios, was put to death A.D. 250, under the reign of Decius Emperor.

15th – Our Venerable Father **Pachomius the Great**. Egyptian by birth, soldier by profession, convert to Christianity, received tonsure from the hermit Palaemon, founded monasteries grouped Religious Houses subject to one Rule under the jurisdiction of a Head Hegumen-Abbot. He died AD. 438. — **Isaiah**, Bishop – Wonderworker of Rostov.

16th – Our Venerable Father, **Theodore**, disciple of St. Pachomius, Hegumen-Abbot of Taberna, died A.D. 367 in the reign of Valentinian, Emperor. — **SS. Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia**, Martyrs. Vitus, a child with his nurse Crescentia and her husband Modestus, by whom he was instructed in the Christian Faith, was driven from home by his inhuman parents. They suffered martyrdom together about A.D. 302, under Diocletian, Emperor.

17th – **St. Andronicus**, Apostle, and others with him. — **St. Junia**.

18th – **St. Theodotus** of Ancyra in Galatia (Asia Minor), grain dealer by trade, seeking to recover the bodies of holy women martyrs from quicksand, was himself made to share the same fate in the reign of Diocletian. A.D. 304. — **SS. Petrus, Dennis, Andreas, Paul, Christina, Heracleus, Paulinus and Venedimus**, Martyrs. — SS. Seven Virgins; **Alexandra, Thekusa, Claudia, Falina, Evphrasia, Matrona and Julia**.

Happy Mother's Day

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

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!

FAREWELL – SubDeacon Paul has been reassigned to the Eparchy in Phoenix, effective June 1st. Please join us with a Pot Luck Luncheon for Paul on Sunday, May 27th, after Liturgy. Everyone please bring a dish to share with the parish family. We are all very grateful for Paul keeping this parish together since December and wish him the very best. We all will miss him and Cosmo!

WELCOME – Fr. Milan Kasperek has been appointed to our Parish, effective June 1st. Please attend a welcoming Pot Luck Luncheon for Fr. Milan and his family on Sunday, June 3rd after Liturgy. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Women and Men volunteers are needed to help organize and clean up the church and hall during the month of May. If you are available to help, please contact Dani Arnot at 702-878-1493.

FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Today we commemorate the First Ecumenical Council, held in the city of Nicaea, just across the Bosphorus from Constantinople, in Asia, in 325 AD. Convened under the chairmanship of Emperor Constantine the Great, the council was summoned to deal with the heresy of Arianism. The priest Arius taught that Jesus was a creature – that there was a time when the Word did not exist. The Church Fathers had to decide which was true - a time when the Word was not? or was the Word eternal? If the former, then Jesus was not fully God and the Blood which was shed on the cross was not divine and human blood, but only semi-divine. Then we would not be saved. If the former, then Jesus was like a demigod, such as Hercules, from Greek legends: a child fathered by God, but not true God, truly divine.

The Council declared that the Son was true God, co-eternal with the Father and begotten from His same substance, arguing that such a doctrine best codified the Scriptural presentation of the Son as well as traditional Christian belief about him handed down from the Apostles. If Jesus is not divine and eternal, then we are not saved! In order to teach this, the Fathers adapted a baptismal statement of faith from Syria, and expanded it. The dogma is shown in the first part of the Nicene Creed, which carefully declares that the Son is "*light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; one in essence with the Father; through Whom all things were made.*"

Arianism did not die: some emperors and even bishops kept to it. Worse, many barbarian tribes were converted by Arian missionaries and, when they invaded and occupied much of the Western Roman Empire, they persecuted the orthodox faithful and clergy. Jehovah's Witnesses are modern Arians: they name Jesus as the first-born, but not divine, and they will not worship Him, and deny the Holy Trinity.





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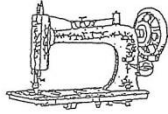
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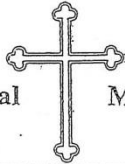
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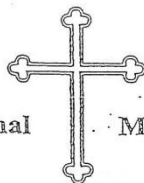
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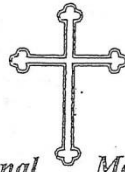
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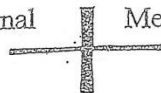


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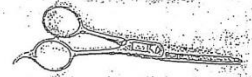
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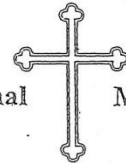
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