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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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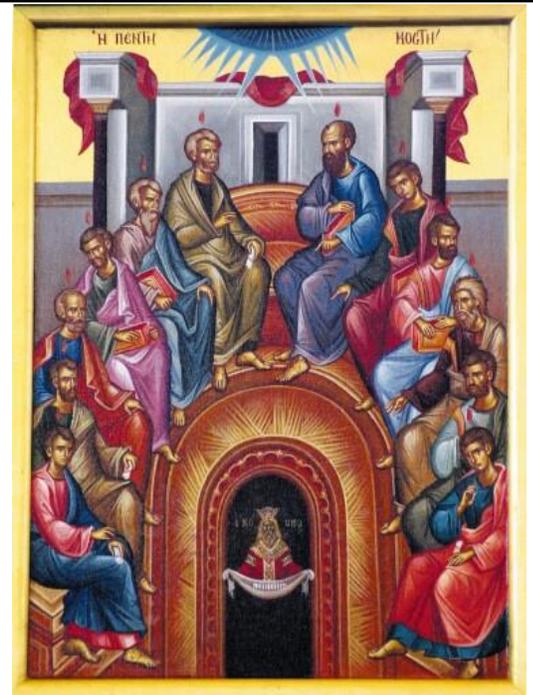
May 19th and 20th, 2018

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



Pentecost

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 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

Monday, May 21 – Pentecost Monday

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Eph 5:9-19; Mt 18:10-20

Tuesday, May 22 – Constantine & Helen, Equals to Apostles

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Rom 1:1-7.13-17; Mt 4:25-5:13

Readings for Constantine and Helen: Gal 1:11-19; Jn 9:39-10:9

Wednesday, May 23 – Michael of Synnada, Bishop-Confessor

Readings: Rom 1:18-27; Mt 5:20-26

Thursday, May 24 – Simeon, Venerable

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Rom 1:28-2:9; Mt 5:27-32

Friday, May 25 – 3rd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist

9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion

Readings: Rom 2:14-29; Mt 5:33-41

Readings for the 3rd Finding: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

Saturday, May 26 – Carpus, Apostle

5:00 pm – Vesper Liturgy

Readings: Rom 1:7-12; Mt 5:42-48

Sunday, May 27 – Sunday of All Saints

10:00 am – Third Hour

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

Readings: Heb 11:32-12:2a; Mt 10:32-33.37-38; 19:27-30

19th – **St. Patrick**, Bishop-Martyr of Prusa in Bithynia (Asia Minor) and **his Companions**. After many tortures for Christ, he was put to the sword with **Menander and Acatius** A.D. 363, in the reign of Julian the Apostate, Emperor.

20th – **St. Thaleleus**, Martyr and **Others**. At the sight of his constancy in Faith, Asterius and Alexander, his executioners and other bystanders declared themselves Christians, and all shared his fate A.D. 272, in the reign of the Emperor Aurelian.

21st – **SS. Constantine the Great**, King and Equal to the Apostles and **Helen**, his mother. Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and Byzantine (Constantinople) and became the first Christian Emperor, champion of the Faith and builder of many Christian edifices. He died A.D. 337. St. Helen, mother of this Great Emperor, discovered the true Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

22nd – **SS. Basiliscus**, Martyr, kinsman of Theodore of Tyrone, was a Christian soldier, crucified at Comona in Pontus (Asia Minor) A.D. 308, **With Two Comrades** in the persecution under Maximian Galerius, Emperor.

23rd – Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Michael**, Bishop of Synnada at Phrygia, was a disciple of St. Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Because of his fearless opposition to the Iconoclast, Emperor Leo the Armenian, he was banished into Galatia and died about A.D. 820.

24th – **The Third Finding of the Venerable Head of St. John**, the Glorious Prophet, Baptist and Precursor of our Lord, A.D. 867. At that time, St. Ignatius was Patriarch of Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

25th – Our Venerable Father, **Simeon of the Wonderful Mountain**, Stylite, spent 45 years on a pillar, lived to the age 85, died A.D. 574. — Venerable **Nicetas the Stylite**, Wonderworker.

26th – **St. Carpus**, Apostle, one of the 70 Apostles and considered by some Greek authors as Bishop of Berea, by others as Bishop of Berylus, and by some as Bishop of Crete.

27th – **St. Therapont**, Priest-Martyr, died for the Faith A.D. 259, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

VIRGIN MARTYR GLYCERIA

Glyceria was the daughter of a Roman Governor. Becoming impoverished after her father's death, she settled in Trajanopolis, Thrace. During the persecution of Emperor Antoninus (138-161), she was taken to offer sacrifices to the idol of Jupiter. She traced the sign of the Cross on her forehead and, when the Prefect Sabinus questioned her concerning her lamp (for all of them carried lamps in their hands), she pointed to the cross on her forehead and said, "*this is my lamp.*" As a result of her prayer, lightning struck the idol and smashed it to pieces. The prefect became angry and ordered her flogged and thrown into prison. The prefect sealed the doors to the prison, determined to starve the Virgin to death. However, an Angel of God appeared to the Martyr and administered heavenly food to her. After a period of time, when the prefect thought that the virgin must have died from hunger, he opened the doors of the prison and was astonished to see her healthy, radiant, and joyful. Witnessing this miracle, **Laodicius**, the jailer, confessed Christ the Lord and was immediately beheaded.

After that, St. Glyceria was thrown into a fiery furnace, but remained unharmed by the fire. Finally, she was thrown to the lions and, praying to God, this holy Virgin gave up her soul to the Lord.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

2018 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY BISHOP'S APPEAL – There are only a few weeks left for the Bishop's Appeal. This parish has always met its goal, but this year, we are far from it. 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.

PENTECOST MEDITATIONS

The forty days of Easter lead us through the joy of the Resurrection to the moment when Jesus ascended into Heaven. At that event, **on Ascension Thursday, He promised to send an Advocate, a Comforter, to the disciples.** The Bible tells us that the apostles, disciples, and the Mother of Jesus – our Blessed Lady – withdrew to the upper room where Jesus had celebrated the Last Supper and in which He had repeatedly appeared after His Resurrection. There they prayed, fasted, studied Scripture, and waited for God to act, while also worshipping at the Temple. **The Descent of the Spirit came with a great wind that rushed through the building and tongues of fire danced on the heads of the disciples. This event, at nine o'clock in the morning, is commemorated every day in the Divine Office at the Third Hour.** As a result of the descent of the Holy Spirit, Saint Peter is transformed and he begins his preaching ministry in the street outside of the house and thousands of Jews are converted to faith in Jesus as the Son of God, and the true Messiah of Israel.

All Pentecost icons show Our Lady in the upper part, just off-center. She is the one who prayed with the apostles and disciples, and this is her last appearance in the bible. She will step aside to let the apostles and disciples undertake their preaching ministry to save souls. The apostles are in a semi-circle, showing their unity in the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is at the top, as a dove, with rays of fire coming forth. Many icons have an empty space in the center, where Christ would sit. Instead, His invisible presence is shown by the small gap in the altar or seats. Most icons also show a large black opening at the bottom center, with a king in the center. The king is "Cosmos", a crowned man who represents the universe. The Gospel is to be carried out to all nations, to the cosmos itself. The Gospel is for everyone. With the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are able to launch out into the known world and shortly, enough to go beyond the boundaries and trade routes of the Roman and Persian empires as they carry the Good News to all peoples. **Within the first generation of Christians, the Faith was carried all the way to India!**

On Pentecost, we kneel down while the priest kneels at the Royal Doors and sings "Heavenly King" once and we repeat it two more times, just like the Easter Troparion. We kneel in humility, waiting for the Spirit of God to descend upon us. **Through the gift of sacred time, *kairos*, we are lifted out of our daily time, *chronos*, and so we are present in the Upper Room with Mary and the rest of the apostles and disciples,** and we are able to partake in the Spirit's gifts. The Prophet Isaiah listed these gifts for us in chapter 11, verses 2-3: **"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."** Saint John Paul II taught: **"The Holy Spirit, while bestowing diverse ministries in Church communion, enriches it still further with particular gifts** or promptings of grace, called *charisms*...The charisms are *received in gratitude* both on the part of the one who receives them and also on the part of the entire Church. They are, in fact, **a singularly rich source of grace for the vitality of the apostolate** and for the holiness of the whole Body of Christ."(*The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People*, 24).





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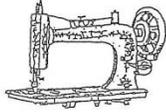
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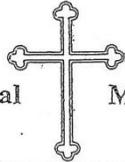
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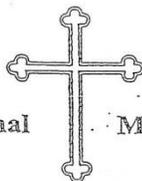
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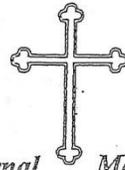
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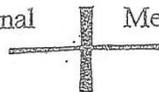


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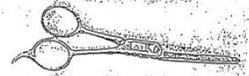
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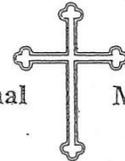
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