

+ 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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May 26th and 27th, 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



All Saints

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 26 – Carpus, Apostle

5:00 pm – Vesper Liturgy: *Intention: Pro Popolo*

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: +Fr. Francis Vivona

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

Monday, May 28 – Nicetas, Bishop

Readings: Rom 2:28-3:18; Mt 6:31-34; 7:9-11

Readings for the Saints: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

Tuesday, May 29 – Theodosia, Venerable Martyr

Readings: Rom 4:4-12; Mt 7:15-21

Wednesday, May 30 – Isaac, Venerable

Readings: Rom 4:13-25; Mt 7:21-23

Thursday, May 31 – Hermas, Apostle; Hermeas, Martyr

Readings: Rom 5:10-16; Mt 8:23-27

Friday, June 1 – Justin and Others, Martyrs

Readings: Rom 5:17-6:2; Mt 9:14-17

Saturday, June 2 – Nicephor, Patriarch

5:00 pm – Vespers and Divine Liturgy:

Intention: Pro Popolo

Readings: Rom 3:19-26; Mt 7:1-8

Sunday, June 3 – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 am – Third Hour

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

Readings: Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23

Glory to Jesus Christ

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.

28th – Our Venerable Father, **Nicetas**, Bishop of Chalcedon, A.D. 836 — **St. Helladius**, Priest-Martyr. — **St. Eutyches**, Martyr in Miletus.

29th – **St. Theodosia**, Venerable-Virgin Martyr of Tyre, who, on seeing some martyrs led to their execution, asked them to pray for her. She was seized, tried, tortured, and cast into the sea A.D. 308, in the reign of Constantine and Galerius, Emperors.

30th – Our Venerable Father, **Isaac**, Monk in Dalmatia A.D. 374, in the reign of Emperor Valentinian.

31st – **St. Hermas**, Apostle, Bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul, mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans (16:14) — **St. Hermas**, Martyr, A.D. 141, in the reign of Emperor Antoninus Pius.

1st – **St. Justin**, Martyr, a great philosopher, was born in Sichein in Palestine. He delved deeply into philosophical meditations, became a convert to Christianity with others, wrote Apologies for the Christian Religion and a Dialogue with the Jew Tryphon. He was beheaded in Rome A.D. 167, in the reign of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

2nd – Our Holy Father, **Nicephor**, Patriarch of Constantinople. — Our Holy Father, **Alexander**, Archbishop of Constantinople. He resolutely stood against the Arian heresy, assisted at the Council of Nicea. The awful death of Arius is regarded as a response to the Saint's prayer for deliverance from the evils of this heresy. He died A.D. 340, in the reign of Emperor Constantinus.

3rd – **St. Lucillian**, Martyr and, with him, **Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius**. Lucillian, and old man, was first tortured and, with the four – mere boys – tied to the stake to be burned. Rain, however, extinguished the fire. He was then crucified and the boys beheaded under Aurelian, A.D. 273. — **St. Paula**, Martyr, a Christian maiden of Byzantium, who was tortured and beheaded A.D. 273.

ST. METROPHANES, FIRST PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Metrophanes' father, Dometius, the brother of the Roman Emperor Probus, fled from Rome as a Christian during a persecution and settled in Byzantium. He was ordained to the priesthood by Titus, the Bishop of the city. Following the death of Titus, Dometius became Bishop of Byzantium. After death of Dometius, his eldest son, Probus, occupied the Episcopal Throne and, after his death, Metrophanes was elected Bishop.

When Emperor Constantine the Great first saw St. Metrophanes, he loved him as his own father. At the time of the First Ecumenical Council (325), St. Metrophanes was already a man of 117 years. He was unable to participate in the work of the Council, so he appointed the priest Alexander as his representative.

The Emperor, by his intervention at the Council, conferred upon him the title of Patriarch. So, he was the first Patriarch of Constantinople. Further, the Emperor invited the entire Council to visit the ailing and aged Archpastor. When the Emperor asked him whom he wished to name as successor to the Patriarchal Throne, Metrophanes names Alexander. He reposed in peace in the same year, 325.

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

PARISH OFFICES will be closed Monday, May 28th, in honor of Memorial Day.

2018 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY BISHOP'S APPEAL – This is the last weekend for this year's Eparchial Bishop's Appeal. Many families have not completed their pledge. Please be sure you do so. 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 Bishop's Appeal form and envelope 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

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord." (*Ps. 138:16*). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (*Heb. 12:1*).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But, since many Saints are unknown and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that, once a year, a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died." (*John 12:24*); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior." (*Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers*).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-Virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.





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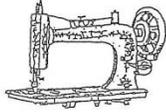
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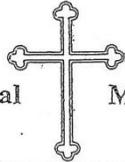
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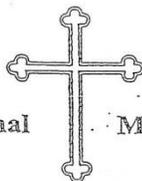
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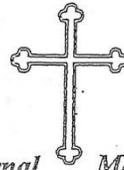
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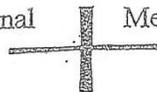


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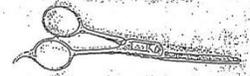
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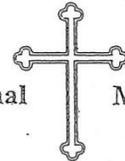
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