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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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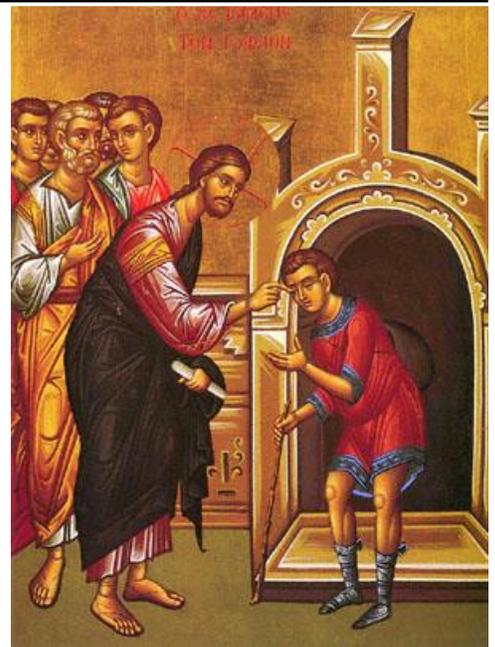
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LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

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 Healing the Man Born Blind

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 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

Monday, May 7 – Appearance of the Sign of the Cross
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 17:1-15; Jn 11:47-56

Tuesday, May 8 – John, Apostle and Evangelist
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 17:19-28; Jn 12:19-36
Readings for St. John: 1 John 1:1-7; Jn 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Wednesday, May 9 – Simon the Zealot, Apostle
(moved from 5/10)
Readings: Acts 18:22-28; Jn 12:36-47
Readings for Simon: 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday, May 10 – Ascension of Our Lord
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy +Father Francis Vivona
Readings: Acts 1:1-12; Lk 24:36-53

Friday, May 11 – Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs
9:00 am – Third Hour and Communion
Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 14:1-11
Readings for Cyril and Methodius: Heb 13:17-21; Jn 10-9-16

Saturday, May 12 – Epiphanius and Germanus, Bishops
5:00 pm – Vesper Liturgy +Father Francis Vivona
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

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. — Venerble 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.

7th – **Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Cross**, formed by the stars in the heavens over Jerusalem, extending from Calvary to Mt. Olivet A.D. 346. — **St. Acacius**, Martyr, testified for the Faith A.D. 299, in the reign of Emperor Maximian.

8th – **St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist**, the beloved of Jesus. He labored much in preaching the Gospel and was alone of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Saviour in the hour of His Passion. He wrote a Gospel supplementary to the three other Gospels, three Epistles, and the mysterious Book of the Apocalypse. Having lived 102 years, he died in the reign of the Emperor Trajon. — Our Venerable Father, **Arsenius the Great**, tutor to the two sons of Theodosius, Emperor, declined all worldly honor, retired in the desert in Lower Egypt. He died at the age of 95, A.D. 450.

9th – **Translation of the Venerable Relics of our Holy Father, Nicholas, Wonderworker, from Myra to Bari (Italy)** A.D. 1096, in the reign of Alexis Comnenus, Emperor. — **St. Isaias**, Prophet. He was the First of the Greater Prophets, a descendant of the royalty, Son of the prophet Amos, and lived 700 B.C. Tradition tells us he was sawn in two by the order of King Manasses of Judea. — **St. Christopher**, Martyr, a convert to Christianity, was put to death for the Faith in the reign of Decius A.D. 250.

10th – **St. Simon the Zealot**, Apostle, one of the Twelve surnamed the Chanaan. Tradition has it that he was groom at the marriage of Cana of Galilee where Jesus changed water into wine.

11th – The Holy and Equal to the Apostles, Doctors of the Slavs, our **Holy Fathers, Cyril and Methodius**. These were two brothers, born in Thessalonica in the first half of the 9th century. — The Holy Priest-Martyr, **Mocius**. — **Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil Hopko**, defender of the faith, suffered under the repressive regime of the Communist government.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

Through all this time between the Resurrection of the Lord and His Ascension, the providence of God thought of this, taught this, and penetrated their eyes and heart. He wanted them to recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as truly risen, who was truly born, truly suffered, and truly died. The manifest truth strengthened the blessed apostles and all the disciples, who were frightened by His death on the cross, and were doubtful of His Resurrection. The result was they were not only afflicted with sadness, but also were filled with “great joy” when the Lord went into the heights of heaven. It was certainly a great and indescribable source of joy when, in the sight of the heavenly multitudes, the nature of our human race ascended over the dignity of all heavenly creatures. It passed the angelic orders and was raised beyond the heights of archangels. In its ascension, our human race did not stop at any other height until this same nature was received at the seat of the eternal Father. Our human nature, united with the divinity of the Son, was on the throne of His glory.

The Ascension of Christ is our elevation. Hope for the body is also invited where the glory of the Head preceded us. Let us exult, dearly beloved, with worthy joy and be glad with a holy thanksgiving. Today, we not only are established as possessors of paradise, but we have even penetrated the heights of the heavens in Christ. The indescribable grace of Christ, which we lost through the “ill will of the devil,” prepared us more fully for that glory. Incorporated within Himself, the Son of God placed those whom the violent enemy threw down from the happiness of our first dwelling at the right hand of the Father. The Son of God lives and reigns with God the Father almighty and with the Holy Spirit forever and ever, Amen.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, May 10th, at 7:00pm.

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.

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!

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 MAN BORN BLIND

The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint *John 9:1-41*.

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (*see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the Second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great*). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because, when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (*John 5:14*); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But, the Lord answered that this was for the Glory of God. Then, the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means 'sent') was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay – not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (*John 9:8-9*); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.





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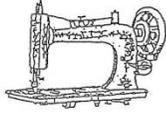
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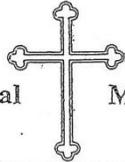
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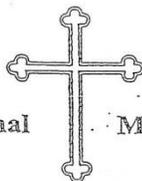
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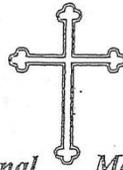
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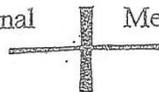


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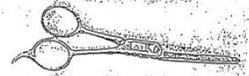
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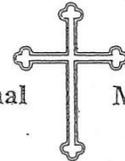
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