

+ Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, S.T.M., J.C.L., 1943-2017 – Founding Pastor +
Parish established on January 29, 1993 – Church blessed on October 4, 2007

OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

November 24th and 25th, 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
Divine Liturgy – Wednesday 11:00 AM
Divine Liturgy – Friday 5:00 PM
Jesus Prayer – Daily 6:00 AM



James the Persian

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, November 24th – Catherine Great Martyr

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

Readings: Gal 5:22-6:2; Lk 10:19-21

Sunday, November 25th – 27th Sunday After Pentecost

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: +Terry Banich +Panachida
by Robert & Vonny Banich*

Readings: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 13:10-17

Monday, November 26th – Alypius the Stylite Venerable

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

Readings: 2 Tim 2:20-26; Lk 19:37-44

Tuesday, November 27th – James the Persian Martyr

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

Readings: 2 Tim 3:16-4:4; Lk 19:45-48

Readings for the Martyr: Eph 6:10-17; Jn 15:1-7

Wednesday, November 28th – Stephen Venerable Martyr

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

11:00am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Vrabel family*

Readings: 2 Tim 4:9-22; Lk 20:1-8

Thursday, November 29th – Paramon and Phileemon Martyrs

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

Readings: Titus 1:5-2:1; Lk 20:9-18

Friday, November 30th – Andrew Apostle

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

5:00pm – Divine Liturgy *Living*

*Intention: +For the Soul of Jonathan Avelson Ubas
by Hank & Medalla Landon*

Readings: Titus 1:15-2:10; Lk 20:19-26

Readings for St. Andrew: 1Cor 4:9-16; Jn 1:35-51

Saturday, December 1st – Nahum Prophet

5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy *Intention: +Rev Francis Vivona*

Readings: Eph 1:16-23; Lk 12:32-40

Sunday, December 2nd – 28th Sunday after Pentecost

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

10:00am – Third Hour

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

Readings: Col 1:12-18; Lk 13:10-17

Readings for Habakkuk: Eph 6:10-17; Jn 15:1-7

24th – **St. Catherine**, Great Virgin Martyr, after confessing the Christian Faith, was scourged for a long time with scorpions and suffered martyrdom by beheading A.D. 250, under the tyrant Maximin Daza, Emperor. — **St. Mercurius**, Great Martyr, martyred A.D. 250, during the Reign of Decius Emperor.

25th – Our Holy Father, **Clement**, Pope of Rome (3rd after St. Peter, the Apostle) was cast into the Black Sea with an anchor around his neck, probably A.D. 100, under Trajan, Emperor. — Our Holy Father, **Peter**, Bishop of Alexandria, put to death by the order of Emperor Maximin Daza A.D. 311.

26th Our Venerable Father, **Alpius**, Stylite, who remained on his lofty perch 53 years and attained the age of 118, A.D. 608 — Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev.

27th – **St. James the Persian**, Great Martyr, suffered a fearful martyrdom A.D. 421, under the Persian ruler Varanes V. He was progressively cut to pieces; first fingers, then toes, hands, feet, arms, legs were successively cut from his living body while he praised God in Psalmody. — Our Venerable Father, **Palladius**.

28th – **St. Stephen**, “the Younger”. Venerable Martyr suffered martyrdom with 343 other Christians, victims of the fury of the Iconoclast Emperor Constantine Copronymus, A.D. 766. — **St. Irenarchus, and Seven Women**, Martyrs, who suffered death with him, A.D. 292.

29th – **SS. Paramon and Philemonus**, Martyrs; the former martyred during the reign of Emperor Decius, A.D. 250; the latter under Aurelian, Emperor. — Our Venerable Father, **Bessarion**. — Venerable, **Acacius**, spoken of in “The Ladder of Perfection.”

30th – **St. Andrew**, the “First-called” Apostle, brother of St. Peter the Prince of the Apostles. He was a disciple of St. John the Baptist. Tradition has it that he was crucified on a cross shaped in the form of an X at Patras in Achiia (Greece) A.D. 60, under the reign of Nero, Emperor.

1st – **St. Nahum**, Prophet. One of the Minor Prophets, lived in the 7th century B.C. He saw the fulfillment of his prophecy of the destruction of Ninive. — **St. Filaret**, the “Almsgiver” and **St. Ananias**, Martyr.

2nd – **St. Habakkuk**, one of the twelve minor prophets, of the tribe of Simeon, lived in the 5th century B.C. His relics were discovered in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great about A.D. 379.

GREAT MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor, Barakhranes (420-438). But, on one of the military campaigns, James, seduced by the emperor’s beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James’ mother and wife wrote him a letter in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

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

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS: Mark your calendars and watch for further information

- Please donate bags of candy for St. Nicholas celebration.
- BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS, our annual celebration for our parish children will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, after the Divine Liturgy
- TRADITIONAL EASTERN EUROPEAN KIABASA SAUSAGE will be for sale for \$7.00 a pound. Taking orders now. See Fr. Milan or Dani Arnot.
- NICHOLAS OF MYRA Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:00pm.
- NICHOLAS OF MYRA Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 6th, at 11:00am.
- MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA Liturgies will be celebrated Friday, December 7th, at 7:00pm, and Saturday December 8th at 5:00pm.
- COOKIE SALE – The next cookie sale will be on December 8th and 9th. All proceeds are for ECFI.
- CHRISTMAS DINNER – December 24th – Traditional Dinner and Vesper -Divine Liturgy.
- ECFI FUNDRAISER/LUNCH/SILENT AUCTION IN MEMORY OF PAPAS, Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, will be December 30th after Divine Liturgy. More information will come soon.
- ICON WRITING WORKSHOP – January 14th through 19th – Icon of Jesus from Sinai.

SANCTUARY AND TRIPTYCHS LAMPS - The Sanctuary and Triptychs Lamps are very special candles that remain perpetually lit to honor Our Lord Jesus' Eucharistic and Mystical Presence. If you are interested in sponsoring a vigil candle, the usual stipend is \$10.00. Forms will be in the back of the church. Please fill them out and, along with your stipend, place in the collection basket or see Fr. Milan.

SANCTUARY AND TRIPTYCHS INTENTIONS:

Nativity Triptych Joseph:

Resurrection Triptych John the Baptist:

Nativity Triptych Our Lady:

Resurrection Triptych Apostles:

Prodigal Son:

Jesus Christ:

Theotokos:

St. Nicholas: +Victor Greger by Michelle Greger

Good Shepard:

