

+ 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

# December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **PARISH SERVED BY:**

Reverend Milan Kasperek, Parochial Administrator  
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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



Three Holy Youths In The Furnace

### **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, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Eleutherius Bishop-Martyr**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy *Intention: Akela Dawn by Danovich Family***

Readings: Eph 5:1-8; Lk 14:1-11

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Forefathers**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

Readings: Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Daniel and The Three Youths**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

Readings: Heb 11:17-23,27-31; Mk 9:42-10:1

Readings for the Saints: Heb 11:33-40; Lk 11:47-12:1

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – SS. Sebastian and Companion Put to Death**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy *Intention: + Jose by Danovich Family***

Readings: Heb 12:25-26;13:22-25; Mk 10:2-12

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Boniface, Martyr, Put to Death**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:30am – Third Hour**

**11:00am – Liturgy *Intention: +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis Vivona and Panachida***

Readings: James 1:1-18; Mk 10:11-16

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius, ‘God Bearer,’ Priest-Martyr**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:30am – Third Hour**

**11:00am – Liturgy *Intention: +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis Vivona and Panachida***

Readings: James 1:19-27; Mk 10:17-27

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Juliana, Virgin-Martyr**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:30am – Third Hour**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy**

*Intention +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis Vivona and Panachida*

Readings: James 2:1-13; Mk 10:23-32

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Anastasia, Great Martyr**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy**

*Intention: +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona and Panachida*

Readings: Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday of the Ancestors**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

Readings: Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Mt 1:1-25

15<sup>th</sup> – **St. Eleutherius**, Bishop-Martyr, endured death A.D. 120, in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. — Our Venerable Father, **Paul of Latra**, was a holy hermit in Greece, about A.D. 880, in the reign of Basil Macedo, Emperor. — **Father Stephen**, Confessor, abbot of Sodrozh.

16<sup>th</sup> – **St. Haggai**, Prophet, the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, is believed to have been born during the exile in Babylon and that he lived to see the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple 516 B.C.

17<sup>th</sup> – **St. Daniel and The Three Youths, SS. Hannaniah, Azariah, and Mishael**. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, but miraculously came out unscathed. (*Daniel 3*)

18<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Sebastian and Companion** were put to death A.D. 292, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

19<sup>th</sup> – **St. Boniface**, Martyr, put to death A.D. 290, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

20<sup>th</sup> – **St. Ignatius**, ‘God Bearer,’ Priest-Martyr Bishop at Antioch.

21<sup>st</sup> – **St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 306, in the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

22<sup>nd</sup> – **St. Anastasia**, Great Martyr, was a famous Roman matron of noble birth, a spiritual pupil of St. Chrysogonus. She was imprisoned, tortured, and burned alive for the Faith A.S. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

23<sup>rd</sup> – **SS. Ten Martyrs at Crete**, suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian.

**Royal Hours** are simply the Little Hours of the Divine Office: Prime, Terce, Sext, and None plus Typica, celebrated consecutively as one service. Each hour has special hymns (idomelia) and readings added to the normal structure.

This service is celebrated in the morning on the Eve’s of Christmas and Theophany, as well as Great Friday morning.

The designation “Royal” comes from the fact that, in the great Cathedral of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, not only the choirs, monks, clergy, and faithful attended; but the Emperor himself came together to recite these prayers and to hear special readings appointed for the particular Feast. This served as a reminder to the Emperor and to the ordinary people that, in the eyes of Christ, there is “no rich or poor, no Jew or Greek, no free man nor slave” as the Apostle says.

Although the Royal Hours are splendid, they are also penitential. On days when the Royal Hours are celebrated, it is not permitted to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

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

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS:

*Mark your calendars and watch for further information*

- **BIG CLEANING BEFORE CHRISTMAS!** Church, Parish hall, Kitchen and offices will be 17, 18, 19 of December. **Please come and help.**
- **TYING OF STRAW** — Volunteers are needed to tie straw after Liturgy on Sundays, December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Please bring scissors.**
- **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE** — Non-perishable food and grocery items are now being collected to make up Christmas Dinner boxes. Please leave your donations under the St. Nicholas icon. If you know anyone who needs a food basket for Christmas.
- **MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** may be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place beginning Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.
- **ICON WRITING WORKSHOP – January 14<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> – 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:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Resurrection Triptych John the Baptist:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Nativity Triptych Our Lady:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Resurrection Triptych Apostles:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Prodigal Son:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Jesus Christ:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**Theotokos:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

**St. Nicholas:** Michael Angelo Arnot Birthday Intention by Dani Arnot

**Good Shepard:** +Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

## ++++ **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND INFORMATION** ++++

**THIRD HOUR** will be held December 19, 20, 21, and 23 before Liturgy, as preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

**VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY** will be celebrated on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00pm. Traditional Christmas Dinner will follow

**CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY** will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am. Third Hour begins at 10:00am.

**SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgies** will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am and 7:00pm.

**FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR Divine Liturgies** will be celebrated Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD and BASIL THE GREAT ARCHBISHOP** will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. Third Hour begins at 10:30am.

**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgies** will be on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Third Hour begins at 10:00am followed by Great blessing (Consecration) of the Water.

