

+ 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

# December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</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



Saint Barbara

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> – Nahum Prophet**

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

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

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zephaniah Prophet**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

Readings: Heb 3:5-11.17-19; Lk 20:27-44

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Great Martyr, John Damascene**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

Readings: Heb 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-18

Readings for Saint Barbara: Gal 3:23-29; Mk 5:24-34

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Sabbas Venerable**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**7:00pm – Vespers Liturgy Intention: +Candad, Jonathan, Ignacio,  
Edith, Araw and all Holy souls  
by Hank & Medalla Landon**

Readings: Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7.10.11.20-24

Readings for Father Sabbas: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – NICHOLAS OF MYRA ARCHBISHOP**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy Intention: + Henry Zugger & Panachida**

Readings: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Ambrose Archbishop**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**7:00 pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy Intention:**

Readings: Heb 7:18-25; Lk 21:37-22:8

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy Intention: +Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Marianne Hein**

Readings: Gal 4:22-31; Lk 8:16-21

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

Readings: Col 3:12-16 Lk 17:12-19

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Zephaniah**, Prophet, said to be of the Tribe of Simeon, foretold the judgments of God upon Jerusalem and the ultimate conversion of the Jews. He lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. — Our Venerable Father, **Theodulus**, was Prefect of Constantinople A.D. 320.

4<sup>th</sup> – **St. Barbara**, Great Martyr, endured death A.D. 290, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximianus, Emperors. — Our Venerable Father, **St. John Damascene**, Doctor of the Church, born in Syria, educated by St. Comas, succeeded his father as the Caliph’s Vizier. He distributed his possessions among the poor, retired to the monastery of St. Sabbas at Jerusalem. Laboring and writing much, he championed the “Faith against the Iconoclast” Emperor Leo the Isaurian, and was sentenced to have his right hand cut off. It was miraculously restored by Our Blessed Lady. By him was composed the beautiful “Canon of the Resurrection.” He lived to be 104 years old; died in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

5<sup>th</sup> – Our Venerable and Divinely Inspired Father, **St. Sabbas**, Hegumen-Abbot. He rendered great service to the Eastern Church against the Eutychian heretics. He died at the age of 94, A.D. 532, in the reign of the Emperor Justinian the Great.

6<sup>th</sup> – Our Holy Father, **Nicholas**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the “Wonderworker.” He is the Patron of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Faithful. He also used his large inheritance to assist the poor. He is a very popular Saint among the various nations; also here in the U.S.A. He died in the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. (Confer May 9).

7<sup>th</sup> – Our Holy Father, **Ambrose**, Archbishop of Milan, is one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church. He is a great exegete and orator, by whom St. Augustine was converted and baptized. He died A.D. 387.

8<sup>th</sup> – **Maternity of St. Anna**. The Eastern Church has been celebrating this feast since the 6<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate the Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception (i.e., the preservation from the stain of the first sin) was declared A.D. 1854.

### ST. BARBARA

According to the legend in the Greek Menaia, Saint Barbara lived under Emperor Maximian. Her father was a pagan named Dioscorus. Jealous of his daughter’s remarkable beauty, Dioscorus kept her imprisoned in a tower, for he was not unaware that she was a virgin and already won over to Christianity. He was still further convinced of it when, having arranged for two windows to be put into a bath which he was building, his daughter ordered three windows. Questioned concerning her reasons, she answered: “So that it be in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” At these words, Dioscorus wanted to immediately behead her with his own sword, but she escaped from falling into his hands. He lunged at her from behind a rock, but she fled to the mountains. Having been advised of it, her father followed her, found her, and delivered her over to the governor of the province, before whom she confessed Christ and scorned the idols. Then, she was cruelly beaten, her body was torn open by pin punctures, her sides were burned, and her head was battered by large stones. Then, she was stripped and led through the entire city. She was further overpowered by assaults. At last, she ended her martyrdom, beheaded by the hands of her own father. It is told that this wretched man was struck by lightning when he came down from the mountain where he had killed his daughter.

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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who worked on the ECF Luncheon to make it the huge success that it was. May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

### **UPCOMING INPORTANT EVENTS:** Mark your calendars and watch for further information

- **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 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
- **COOKIE SALE** – The next cookie sale will be on December 8th and 9th. All proceeds are for ECFI.
- **BIG CLEANIG BEFORE CHRISTMAS!** Church, Parish hall, Kitchen and offices will be 17, 18, 19 of December. Please come and help.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** – December 24<sup>th</sup> – Traditional Dinner and Vesper -Divine Liturgy.
- **ECFI FUNDRAISER/LUNCH/SILENT AUCTION IN MEMORY OF PAPAS**, Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona, will be December 30<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy. More information will come soon.
- **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:** David Hennigan Jn. by Andrew & JoAnn Morris

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

**Resurrection Triptych Apostles:** David Hennigan Jr. by Andrew & JoAnn Morris

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

**Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:** David Hennigan Jr. by Andrew & JoAnn Morris

**Jesus Christ:** David Hennigan Jr. by Andrew & JoAnn Morris

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

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

**Good Shepard:** David Hennigan Sr. by Andrew & JoAnn Morris

