

+ 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</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



Nativity of Jesus

### **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 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

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Vigil of Christmas**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer and Royal Hours**

**9:00am – Royal Hours**

**5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy, *Intention:***

*+Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona*

**(Traditional Christmas Dinner)**

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS-BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

*Deceased Members of Our Lady of Wisdom*

Readings: Gal 4:4-7; Mt 2:1-12

**Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Maria***

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

Readings: Heb 2:11-18; Mt 2:13-23

**Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**11:00am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: + Patricia Dorsey +Panachida***

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

Readings: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Mt 21:33-42

**Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia**

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

Readings: 1Pet 1:1-2.10-12; 2:6-10; Mk 12:1-12

Readings for the Martyrs: Rom 8:3-9; Lk 10:19-21

**Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday after Christmas /Holy Innocents**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

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

Readings: 1Tim 6:11-16; Mt 12:15-21

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday After Christmas/  
Holy and Just Joseph Husband of Mary**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

*+Rt. Rev Archimandrite Francis Vivona  
and Panachida*

Readings: Gal 1:11-19; Mt 2:13=23

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.

24<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day, A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

25<sup>th</sup> – **The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, or “Christmas Day”**. The Eastern Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Western Church in the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

26<sup>th</sup> – **Synaxis of the Theotokos and St. Joseph, her Spouse**. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. — **St. Euthymius**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts, he was scourged to death A.D. 840, under the Emperor Theophilus.

27<sup>th</sup> – **St. Stephen**, Protomartyrs, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33, by the Jews (*Acts* 7.58). — Our Venerable Father and Confessor, **Theodore**, brother of St. Theophanes and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts, Theodore was imprisoned, where he died A.D. 842.

28<sup>th</sup> – **20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia**, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day A.D. 286, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors. — **St. Domna**, Martyr.

29<sup>th</sup> – **The Holy Innocents**, 14,000 in number, in Bethlehem and within the borders of Judea, put to death for Jesus Christ by the order of King Herod. — Our Venerable Father, **Marcellus**, Hegumen-Abbot of the monastic order of the Acoemetes, so named because they recited their Divine Office day and night without interruption. He died about A.D. 485.

30<sup>th</sup> – **St. Anysia**, a Christian woman, was arrested at Thessalonica when she entered the city to attend the meeting of the Faithful and was put to death A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Maximian Galerius. — Venerable **Zoticus**, a holy priest of Rome, who went to Constantinople where he established hospitals and havens of refuge for poor A.D. 344.

# ***CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!***



*Your birth, O Christ our God,  
has shed upon the world the light of knowledge.  
For through it, those who worshipped the stars  
have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice,  
and to know you, the Dawn from on High.  
Glory to you, O Lord!*

*O Christ, what shall we offer You for Your coming on earth in our humanity for our sake?  
Every creature that has its being from You gives thanks to You:  
the angels offer hymns of praise,  
the heavens give a star;  
the Magi present their gifts  
and the shepherds, their wonder;  
the earth provides a cave  
and the desert, a manger.  
As for us, we offer a Virgin Mother.  
O God, Who are from all eternity, have mercy on us.*

**Blessed time of Jesus Christ's Birth**

**Fr. Milan, Maria, and Benjamin**

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

**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 11:00am 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 / 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.

### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS:**

#### **Mark your calendars and watch for further information**

- **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

