

+ 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 8th and 9th, 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 Lucy

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 8th – 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 9th – 29th 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

Monday, December 10th – Mennas and others Martyrs

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

Readings: Heb 8:7-13; Mk 8:11-21

Readings for the Martyrs: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Tuesday, December 11th – Daniel the Stylite Venerable Spiridon

Wonderworker -Bishop

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

Readings: Heb 9:8-10.15-23; Mk 8:22-26

Readings for the Bishop: Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23

Wednesday, December 12th – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

**11:00am – Liturgy *Intention: +Mark Adamschick*
by Vic & Becky Cole**

Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday, December 13th – Eustratius and Others Martyrs

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

Readings: Heb 10:35-11:7; Mk 9:10-16

Readings for the Martyrs: Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Friday, December 14th – Thyrus and Others Martyrs

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

5:00 pm – Divine Liturgy *Intention:*

Readings: Heb 11:8:11-16; Mk 9:33-41

Saturday, December 15th – Eleutherius Bishop-Martyr

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy *Intention:*

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

Sunday, December 16th – 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

8th – **Maternity of St. Anna.** The Eastern Church has been celebrating this feast since the 6th 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.

9th – Our Venerable Father, **Patapius**, was of Thebes, Egypt, lived as a Hermit in the suburbs of Constantinople.

10th – **SS. Mennas, Hermogenes, and Eucraphus**, Martyrs, were tortured and beheaded during the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, Emperors, A.D. 304, for spreading Christianity in Egypt.

11th – Our Venerable Father, **Daniel**, Stylite, imitating St. Simeon in the mode of austere life, he spent 30 years on his pillar, miraculously healing many sick people. He died A.D. 492, at the age of 80.

12th – **Our Lady of Guadalupe.** — Our Venerable Father, **Spiridon**, Wonderworker. Bishop of Tremyfia. In the persecution under Galerius, Emperor, Spiridon, with many other Christians, was condemned to lose an eye and to slave in the mines. He lived as late as A.D. 347.

13th – **SS. Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes**, Martyrs, suffered martyrdom A.D. 302, at Sebaste in Armenia, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor. — **St. Lucy**, Virgin-Martyr, endured shameful tortures and indignities. Finally, a sword was thrust through her throat A.D. 304, at Syracuse, under the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

14th – **SS. Thyrus, Leucius, Philemon, Apollonius, Arianus, and Callinicus**, Martyrs, suffered under the reign of Emperor Diocletian about A.D. 303.

15th – **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.

16th – **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 2nd temple 516 B.C.

SAINT LUCY

Italian Santa Lucia (died 304, Syracuse, Sicily; feast day December 13), virgin and martyr, who was one of the earliest Christian saints to achieve popularity, having a widespread following before the 5th century. She is the patron saint of the city of Syracuse (Sicily). Because of various traditions associating her name with light, she came to be thought of as the patron of sight and was depicted by medieval artists carrying a dish containing her eyes.

In actuality, Lucy was probably a victim of the wave of persecution of Christians that occurred late in the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian. References to her are found in early Roman sacramentaries and, at Syracuse, in an inscription dating from 400 B.C. As evidence of her early fame, two churches are known to have been dedicated to her in Britain before the 8th century, at a time when the land was largely pagan.

One of the patron saints of virgins, St. Lucy is venerated on her feast day, December 13, by a variety of ceremonies. In Sweden, St. Lucia's Day marks the beginning of the Christmas celebration. On that day, the eldest daughter of the family traditionally dresses in a white robe and wears, as a crown, an evergreen wreath studded with candles.

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION —Annual collection will be taken up the next two weekends, December 8/9 and 15/16. A donor writes: “Your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please support next week’s second collection for this worthy cause.

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.
- **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: For Dorothy Morris & John Johnson
by Heather & Scott Johnson

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

Nativity Triptych Our Lady: + For Dorothy Morris & John Johnson
by Heather & Scott Johnson

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

Prodigal Son: For Dorothy Morris & John Johnson by Heather & Scott Johnson

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

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

Theotokos: For Dorothy Morris & John Johnson by Heather & Scott Johnson

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

Good Shepard: For Dorothy Morris & John Johnson by Heather & Scott Johnson

