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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

# March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

### **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 – Thursday 7:00 PM  
Divine Liturgy – Friday 11:00 AM  
Jesus Prayer – Monday - Sunday 6:00 AM



42 Martyrs at Ammorium

### **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, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy** *Intention: Liam Daniel Hearne  
by Richard & Pat Russell*

Readings: Rom 14:19-23;16:25-27; Mt 6:1-13

Readings for the Holy Ascetics: Gal 5:22-6:2; Mt 11:27-30

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

**3:00pm – Forgiveness Vespers**

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – First Day of the Great Lent**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**7:00 pm – Liturgy of Presanctified Gift**

Readings: Gen 1:1-13; Prov 1:1-20

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Conon Martyr**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

Readings: Gen 1:14-23; Prov 1:20-33

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 42 Martyrs of Ammorium**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**7:00 pm – Liturgy of Presanctified Gift**

*Intention: Bonnie Miller + Panachida*

Readings: Gen 1:24-2:3; Prov 2:1-21

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Basil & Others, Bishop-Martyrs of Cherson**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

Readings: Gen 2:4-19; Prov3:1-18

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Theophylact Bishop-confesor**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**7:00 pm – Liturgy of Presanctified Gift and Blessing of the Koliva**

Readings: Gen 2:20-3:20; Prov 3:19-34

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 40 Martyrs of the Sebaste**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**5:00pm – Vespers Liturgy** *Intention: Richard & Pat Russell*

*Wedding Anniversary by Russell family*

Readings: Heb 1:1-12; Mk 2:23-3:5

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of the Great Fast**

**6:00am – Jesus Prayer**

**10:00am – Third Hour**

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

Readings: Heb11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

2<sup>nd</sup> – **St. Thodotus**, Priest-Martyr Bishop of Cyrene, on the Island of Cyprus was imprisoned, tortured for the Faith under Diocletian, Emperor. He survived and died peacefully A.D. 325.

3<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Eutropius** and his bodyguards. **SS. Cleonicus and Basiliscus**, Martyrs. They suffered martyrdom A.D. 296, in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

4<sup>th</sup> – **Our Venerable Father, Gerasimus**, a Hermit, founded a monastery on the bank of the River Jordan. In his youth, a follower of the heretic, Eutyches, he did severe penance the rest of his life. Died A.D. 475. — **SS. Paul** and his sister **Juliana**, Martyrs, sent to their reward A.D. 275, in the reign of Aurelian, Emperor.

5<sup>th</sup> – **St. Conon**, Martyr, a poor Christian gardener of Nazareth in Galilee who, in Pamphylia (Asia Minor) or on the Island of Cyprus, was martyred A.D. 250, by Governor Pomplius. With nails driven through his ankles, he was forced to run before a chariot till he fell dying to be crushed under its wheels.

6<sup>th</sup> – **Forty-Two Martyrs at Ammorium: Theodore, Constantin, Callistus, Theophil** and others with them, died at the hands of the Saracens about A.D. 840, in the reign of Theophilus, the Iconoclast.

7<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Priest-Martyrs at Chersonia: Basil, Ephrem, Capito, Eugene, Everius**, Missionary Bishops to the Crimea and South of Russia, and four others with them. Suffered A.D. 296. — **Venerable Paul, the Simple**, in Egypt, a Solitary of wonderful patience and meekness. He passed away about A.D. 339, in the reign of Constantine II, Emperor.

8<sup>th</sup> – **Our Venerable Father and Confessor, Theophylact**, Bishop of Nicomedia, was a disciple of Tharasius. Bishop, defended the veneration of Icons and Statues of Saints. Died in 30 years' exile A.D. 845, in the reign of Emperor Michael III.

9<sup>th</sup> – **SS. Forty Martyrs at Sebaste** in Armenia, were exposed naked on a frozen pond until death by the power of Licinius A.D. 320.

10<sup>th</sup> – **Codratus and Companions: Cyprian, Anectus and Criscent**, died A.D. 257, after years in prison under Valerian, Emperor.

### **ON KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FAST**

There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast, the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds. One who truly fasts abstains from anger, rage, malice, and vengeance. One who truly fasts abstains from idle and foul talk, empty rhetoric, slander, condemnation, flattery, lying and all manner of spiteful talk. In a word, a real faster is one who withdraws from all evil.

**St. Basil the Great**

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

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY & POTLUCK** – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Everyone is welcome to the Meatless Pot Luck Dinner in the Parish Hall. Please bring a meatless dish to share with our parish family.

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPER SERVICE** will follow the potluck beginning at 3:00pm.

**FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST** Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, begins at 12noon with the Sixth Hour/Anointing. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be at 7:00pm.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** – Procession with Icons into the Church will take place on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, before Divine Liturgy begins. Bring an icon from home with you to carry in the Procession, as well as any new icons you may have that you wish to have blessed during Divine Liturgy.

**LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS** will be celebrated each Wednesday and Friday at 7:00pm during the Great Fast.

**TEACHINGS FOLLOWING THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS** will be every Wednesday of the Great Lent by Mr. Michael Iglinski.

**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:**

**Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:**

**Jesus Christ:** The St. George Family Past & Present and The Whitmyer Family Past & Present

**Theotokos:** The St. George Family Past & Present and The Whitmyer Family Past & Present

**St. Nicholas:**

**Good Shepard:**

### **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY**

Today, the Church remembers the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The Church also calls us to seek forgiveness as we enter the time of the Bright Sadness, the Great Fast. God created Adam and Eve to live in communion with Him forever. They were given two commandments in the Garden, one positive and one negative. The first was to be fruitful and multiple (*see Genesis 1:28*) and the second was to fast from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. (*see Genesis 2:16-17*). Sadly, they did not obey and, because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption. Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today, we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ. God did not leave us, but sent His only Son to redeem us. (*see John 3:16*) This is why we also celebrate the forgiveness offered through Christ Jesus on the same Sunday as the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise.

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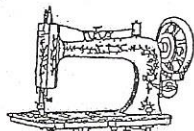
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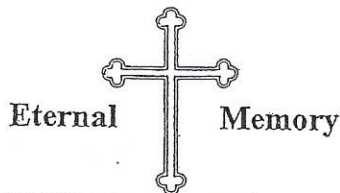


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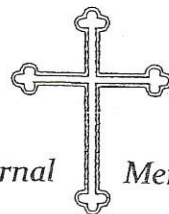


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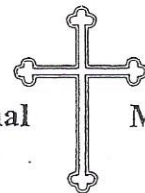
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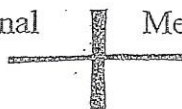


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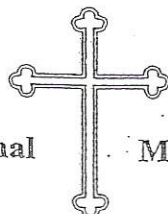
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