

+ 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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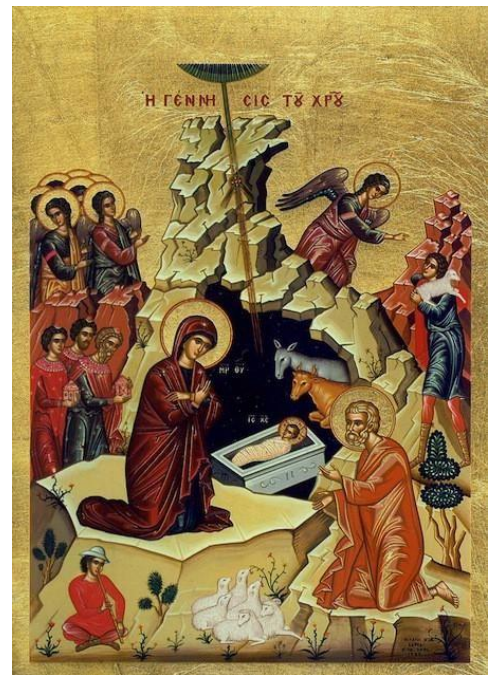
December 21st and 22nd, 2019

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 – Tuesday 11:00 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



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 21st – Saturday Before Christmas /
Juliana, Martyr**

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy

Intention: + Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona

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

**Sunday, December 22nd – SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
OF THE ANCESTORS**

6:00am – Jesus Prayer

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*

Readings: Heb 11:9-10.17-23.32-40; Mt 1:1-25

Monday, December 23rd – Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete

Readings: Heb 3:5-11.17-19; Mk 10:46-52

Tuesday, December 24th – Vigil Christmas

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy with Anointing

Intention: Andrew Manaya by Sandy

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

Wednesday, December 25th – BIRTH OF OUR LORD

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy with Anointing

Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom

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

Thursday, December 26th – SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

11:00am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Strength to accept Will of God*

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

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

Friday, December 27th – STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR

11:00am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: +Mary Marlene Santo
with Panachida*

7:00pm – Divine Liturgy *Intention: Christmas Flowers intentions
with Panachida*

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

Saturday, December 28th – Martyr Saturday after Christmas

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy *Intention: Linda Sears
by Carol Fischbach*

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

Sunday, December 29th – SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom*

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

21st– **St. Juliana**, Virgin-Martyr from Nicomedia, was beheaded A.D. 306, in the reign of Maximinian, Emperor.

22nd – **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.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Diocletian.

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

24th– **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.

25th – **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 4th century.

26th – **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.

27th – **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.

28th – **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.

29th – **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.

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!*

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

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

- **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.
- **CHRISTMAS BASKETS** — If you know anyone in need of food for Christmas, please contact Shari Sanderson. Please bring food donations for the Christmas baskets and place the food under St. Nicholas Icon.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** — **December 24th** Traditional Dinner and Great Compline.
- **MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** — May be brought to the Parish for the Holy Place. Please tape a card with your loved one's name under the plant and place before the Icon Screen.

EVERY WEDNESDAY PLEASE, COME AND HELP — We are making 50 lunch bags after the Divine Liturgy. They are delivered by Catholic Workers on Thursdays to the homeless. Please donate bottled water, bread, and food that we can put in lunch bags. For this Wednesday, please make arrangement.

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD and BASIL THE GREAT ARCHBISHOP will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 1st, at 10:30am. Third Hour begins at 10:00am.

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

Holy Supper is a tradition of Slavic Christians in central Europe and the western parts of Russia. It apparently is a practice introduced from Italy. Holy Supper is a traditional Lenten meal on the Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve). Since Christmas is preceded by 40 days of fasting, the Holy Supper is the last meal of the fast. The 12 fasting foods usually served are: barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, mushroom soup, and salt. The meal begins with the singing of the Christmas Troparion (a hymn) and the lighting of a candle placed in the center of the table. The candle symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem. The bread is then broken by the father of the house and given to everyone present. This symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. The foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ was born and the sweetness of life which comes after His Birth. The number 12 symbolizes the 12 apostles. When the meal is finished, all attend the Christmas Eve Vigil. The Holy Supper usually takes place in the home, with the father leading the family in the prayer ritual. It begins with the youngest child reading the Nativity account from the Gospel of St. Matthew 2:1-12. The father then starts with an opening prayer, asking God to bless the bread, wine, and food. He then breaks the bread and passes it out to all present.

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, Baptist:

Nativity Triptych Our Lady:

Resurrection Triptych Apostles:

Prodigal Son:

Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner:

Jesus Christ:

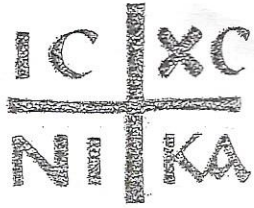
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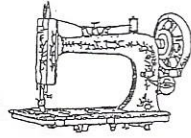
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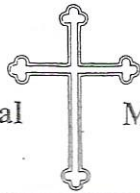
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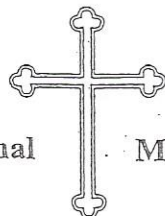


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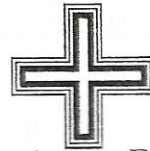
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Our Papas
Fr. Francis M. Vivona
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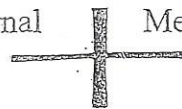


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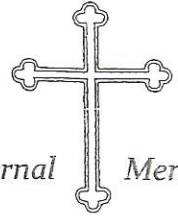
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Milton "Jack" Buttle
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Third Matriarch
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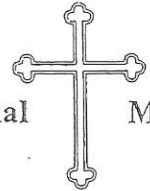
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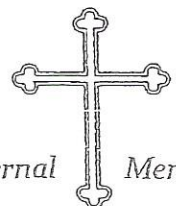
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