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OUR LADY OF WISDOM

ITALO-GREEK BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 29th and March 1st, 2020

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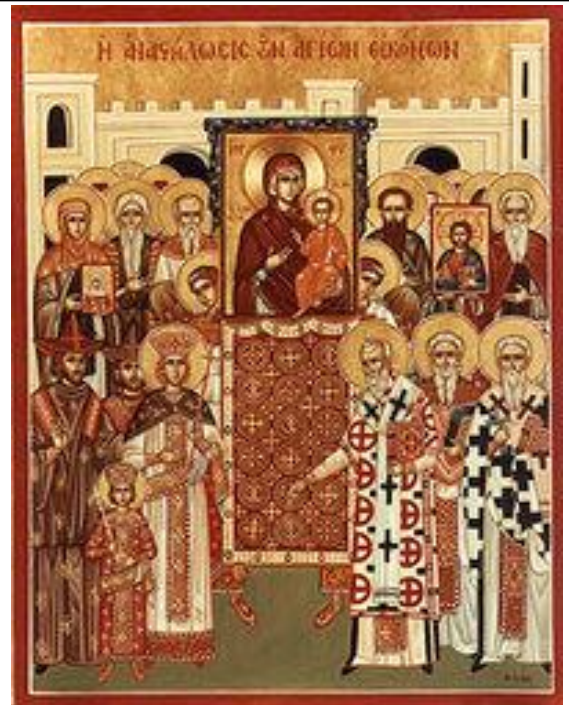
THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

WEEKEND LITURGIES:

Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM
Third Hour – Sunday: 10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy – Sunday 10:30 AM
Divine Liturgy – Sunday 4:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Sixth and Ninth Hour – Thursday 11:00 AM
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – Friday 5:30 PM



Sunday of Orthodoxy

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, February 29th – Commemoration of the Miracle of Great-Martyr Theodore

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy

Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom

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

Readings for Theodore: 2 Tim 2:1-10; Jn 15:17-16:2

Sunday, March 1st – 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy *Intention: +Shane Price with Panachida*

4:00pm – Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission

Intention: Thank you Mother of Mount Carmel for the Kats family

Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

Monday, March 2nd – Theodotus, Bishop Martyr

Readings: Gen 3:21-4:7; Prov 3:34-4:22

Tuesday, March 3rd – Eutropius & Others Martyrs

Readings: Gen 4:8-15; Prov 5:1-15

Wednesday, March 4th – Gerasimus, Venerable

Readings: Gen 4:16-26; Prov 5:15-6:3

Thursday, March 5th – Conon, Martyr

11:00am – 6th and 9th Hour

Readings: Gen 5:1-24; Prov 6:3-20

Friday, March 6th – 42 Martyrs of Ammorium

5:30pm – Presanctified Divine Liturgy *Intention: Danovich Family*

Readings: Gen 5:32-6:8; Prov 6:20-7:1

Saturday, March 7th – 2nd All Soul Saturday

11:00am – Divine Liturgy

Readings: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Jn 5:24-30

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy *Intention: John and Akela*

Readings: Heb 3:12-16; Mk 1:35-44

Sunday, March 8th – 2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

10:00am – Third Hour

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

4:00pm – Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission

Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

29th – **Our Venerable Father, John Cassian**, entered into his rest A.D. 431, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the younger.

1st – **St. Eudoxia**, Venerable Martyr. At first, she led a profligate life, but was baptized by Theodotus, Bishop. Arrested, she was beheaded for her Christianity about A.D. 107, during the leadership of Diogenes, in the reign of Trajan, Emperor.

2nd – **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.

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

4th – **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.

5th – **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.

6th – **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.

7th – **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.

8th – **Our Venerable Father and Confessor, Theophylact**, Bishop of Nicomedia, was a disciple of Tharadius. 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.

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2020

The Eparchial Appeal (formally Bishop's Appeal) begins in January. The pledge form and information for the appeal will be sent to you directly from the Bishop's office. Again, this year, we are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks are to be made out to the Eparchy of Phoenix; write "Eparchial Appeal 2020" in the memo.

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

THE NEXT LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS will be celebrated Friday, March 6th, at 5:30pm.

ALL SOULS LITURGY – The second All Souls Liturgy will be on Saturday, March 7th, at 11:00am. Please return to the parish the envelopes with the names of the beloved who have fallen asleep.

100 DAYS TO KILL THE GOLIATH February 22nd – May 31st; 50 days of preparation for the **RESURECTION PASCHA** and 50 days of thanksgiving in preparations for the **PENTECOST**. Fathers, we will lead our families through the spiritual journey together.

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 the lunch bags.

EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WILL BE PARISH POTLOCK; March 29th, April 19th Thomas Sunday, May 31st Pentecost Sunday. Please bring the dish to share.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL MISSION – Divine Liturgies are being scheduled at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission at 8530 Robertson Rd, Las Vegas, Nevada 89166. Please refer to the bulletin for days and times.

SPECIAL COLLETION for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe will again take place this weekend. Please be generous. Thank you

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 donation is \$10.00. Forms are in the back of the church. Please fill them out and, along with your donation, place in the collection basket or see Fr. Milan.

SANCTUARY AND TRIPTYCHS INTENTIONS:

Nativity Triptych Joseph: *Joseph Sikora good health*

Resurrection Triptych John, Baptist:

Nativity Triptych Our Lady: *Rene Collins good health*

Resurrection Triptych Apostles: *Jucque Purches by Dani Arnot and Clair Lynott*

Prodigal Son:

Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner: *David Vonderohe by Dani Arnot and Clair Lynott*

Jesus Christ: *Natasha Hastings by Dani Arnot and Clair Lynott*

Theotokos: *The St. George Family, The Whitmyer Family and especially Brent St. George*

St. Nicholas: *Father Stephen by Dani Arnot and Clair Lynott*

Good Shepard:

We welcome Thomas Donlin, a seminarian for the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thomas was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ruthenian Parish. He is 22 years old and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Earth Science (Hydrology and Geology) with a minor in History (European) from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in December 2019. He is also an Eagle Scout and has recently worked as a substitute teacher in middle and high school. He is excited to begin this phase of his journey and learn all he can while he is here.

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great-Martyr Theodore, the Recruit, and the Boiled Wheat

Fifty years after Saint Theodore's martyrdom, Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), devised a plan to corrupt the Christians during the first week of Great Lent. He knew that Christians purify themselves through fasting, especially during this week (which is why it is known as Clean Week). Therefore, he ordered the Polemarch (military leader) of Constantinople to go secretly and sprinkle all the food in the marketplace with the blood of animals, which had been offered in sacrifice to idols. Saint Theodore appeared to Archbishop Eudoxios in a dream, telling him to assemble all the Christians on Monday morning and tell them that they must not buy any food from the marketplace; instead they were to boil some kollyva and eat it with some honey during that week. The hierarch asked Saint Theodore what he meant by kollyva. He replied, "Kollyva is what we call boiled wheat in Euchaita." Thus, the scheme of the idol-worshipping emperor was thwarted and the pious people were preserved, undefiled, during Clean Week.

Ever since the middle of the fifth century, the Eastern Church has honored the holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit on the first Saturday of Great Lent. On Friday evening, at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts following the prayer at the Ambo, the Canon to the holy Great Martyr Theodore, composed by Saint John of Damascus, is sung. Afterward, kollyva is blessed and distributed to the faithful. The commemoration of the Great Martyr Theodore on the first Saturday of Great Lent was established by Patriarch Nektarios of Constantinople (381-397).

THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS is the fulfillment of God's promise of manna during our 40-day wandering through the desert of the Great Fast. As the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian wrote (*John 6:32*), Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave bread from heaven; My Father gives you the true bread from heaven." The strengthening and perfectly nourishing gifts of the Eucharist are offered at the Presanctified Liturgy, one of the most beautiful and unique liturgical expressions of our Byzantine Church.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is composed of three clearly distinguishable parts: Vespers; Liturgy of the Word, and Holy Communion. As the name suggests, the Eucharistic Gifts are presanctified or consecrated beforehand, usually at the preceding Sunday's Divine Liturgy. This means that there is no Anaphora (i.e., Great Eucharistic Prayer of Offering), but Holy Communion is distributed in the form of consecrated bread placed in ordinary wine.

THE HOLY AND GREAT FAST

The Great Fast of Lent is our penitential preparation for the Feast of Holy Pascha—our celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The 40 days of the Fast symbolize the 40 years Israelites wandered in the desert in order to return home and be filled with all of God's blessing. During the Great Fast, we imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for 40 days in desert following His Baptism. For Christians, the observance of the Great Fast is the renewal of baptismal fervor. The day before lent begins is Cheesefare Sunday, on which we remember the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. During the Great Fast, the Royal Doors (symbolizing the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven) are opened less often and the readings are mostly from the Old Testament as we relive the Hebrews intense longing for the salvific acts of Christ

Fasting Regulations

Strict Fast forbids the use of meat, eggs, dairy products, and condiments made from animal fats and is observed on Pure Monday, the first day of the Great Fast, and on Good Friday. The use of synthetic substitutes violates the spirit of the Great Fast.

Simple Fast forbids the use of meat and meat products and is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast and on Holy Saturday.

All Byzantine Catholics are to keep the Fast. Infants, expectants and nursing mothers, and those who are seriously ill or in poor health, are exempt from the Strict Fast.

THE GREAT FAST OF THE ITALO GREEK TRADITION

Great Lent is the longest and strictest fasting season of the year.

Week before Lent (Cheesefare Week) meat and other animal products are prohibited, but eggs and dairy products are permitted, even on Wednesday and Friday.

First week of Lent: only two full meals are eaten during the first five days, on Wednesday and Friday after the Presanctified Liturgy. Nothing is eaten from Monday morning until Wednesday evening, the longest time without food in the Church year. (Few laymen keep these rules in their fullness). For the Wednesday and Friday meals, as for all weekdays in Lent, meat and animal products, fish, dairy products, wine and oil are avoided. On Saturday of the first week, the usual rule for Lenten Saturday begins (see below).

Weekdays in the Second through Sixth Weeks: The strict fasting rule is kept every day: avoidance of meat, meat products, fish, eggs, dairy, wine and oil.

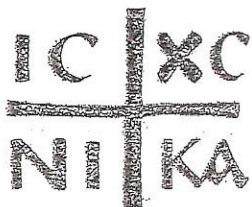
Saturday and Sunday in the Second through Sixth Weeks: Wine and oil are permitted; otherwise, the strict fasting rule is kept.

Holy Week: The Thursday evening meal is, ideally, the last meal taken until Pascha. At this meal, wine and oil are permitted. The Fast of Great and Holy Friday is the strictest fast day of the year: even those who have not kept a strict Lenten fast are strongly urged not to eat on this day. After St. Basil's liturgy on Holy Saturday, a little wine and fruit may be taken for sustenance. The fast is sometimes broken on Saturday night after the Resurrection Matins or, at the latest, after the Divine Liturgy on Pascha.

Wine and oil are permitted on several feast days, if they fall on a weekday during The Great Fast. On Annunciation and Entry (Palm) Sunday, fish is also permitted.

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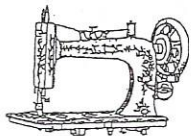
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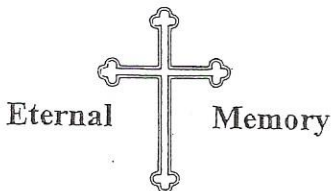
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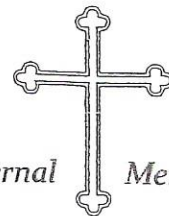


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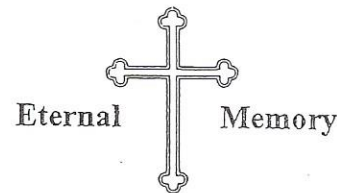
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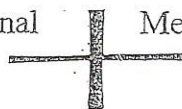


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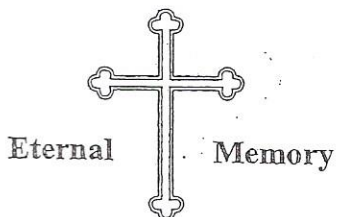
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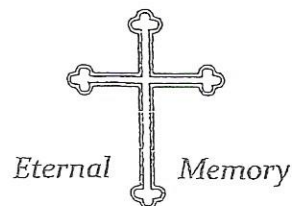
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