

+ 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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April 25th and 26th, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES AND SERVICES:

WEEKEND LITURGIES APRIL 25 AND 26:

Vesper Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 PM – **Live Streaming**

Third Hour: Sunday 10:00AM

Divine Liturgy – Sunday 10:30 AM – **Live Streaming**

WEEKDAY LITURGIES: APRIL 28 – MAY 1

Tuesday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**

Wednesday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**

Thursday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**

Friday: Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM – **Live Streaming**



Myrrh Bearers

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, April 25th – Mark, Apostle -Evangelist
5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming

Intention: +Samuel & Doris Dennis

Readings for Apostle Mark: 1Pet 5:6-14; Mk 6:7-13
Readings for the Day: Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27

Sunday, April 26th – SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30 – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming

Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43-16:8

Monday, April 27th – Symeon, Bishop-Martyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-7:5.47-60; Jn 4:46-54

Tuesday, April 28th – Jason and Sosipater

6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming

Intention: +Michael L. Stone Readings: Acts 8:5-17; Jn 6:27-33

Wednesday, April 29th – The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice

6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming

Intention: +Vita Vivona

Readings: Acts 8:18-25; Jn 6:35-39

Thursday, April 30th – James the Greater, Apostle

6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy– Live Streaming

Intention: +Margie & George Mauro

Readings for the Apostle: Acts 12:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
Readings: Acts 8:26-39; Jn 6:40-44

Friday, May 1st – Jeremiah, Prophet

6:00pm – Divine Liturgy– Live Streaming

Intention: +Bonnie Miller

Readings: Acts 8:40-9:19; Jn 6:48-54

Saturday, May 2nd – Athanasius, Great Patriarch

5:00pm – Vesper Divine Liturgy – Live Streaming

Intention: +Stephen Casmus with Panachida 40days

Readings: Acts 9:19-31; Jn 15:17-16:2

Sunday, May 3rd – SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

10:00am – Third Hour

10:30am – Divine Liturgy– Live Streaming

Intention: People of Our Lady of Wisdom

Readings: Acts 9:32-42; Jn 5:1-15

25th – **St. Mark**, Apostle and Evangelist, a disciple and companion of St. Peter, Apostle, wrote the Second Gospel under St. Peter's direction. He founded the great church of Alexandria and there, died in prison A.D. 68, in the days of Nero, Emperor.

26th – **St. Basil**, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Amasea in Pontus (Asia Minor), was cast into the sea by the order of the Emperor Licinius A.D. 319. — **Venerable Virgin, Graphyra**, a Christian handmaid of Constantia, wife of the Emperor Licinius, fled to escape the unlawful attentions of her master, was pursued, captured and sentenced to death A.D. 324.

27th – **St. Symeon, Priest-Martyr**, son of Cleopas and kinsman of our Lord, was Bishop of Jerusalem, governed that church for over 40 years, lived over 100 years, and was crucified in the reign of Emperor Trajan A.D. 112. — **Venerable Father Stephen**, Bishop of Vladimir

28th – **SS. Jason and Sosipater, Apostles**, were disciples of St. Paul in the reign of Nero A.D. 69. — **SS. Maximus, Dadas, and Quincillianus**, Martyrs. Beheaded about A.D. 303. — **Venerable Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov**.

29th – **SS. Nine Martyrs at Cyzice** — **Venerable, Memnon, Wonderworker**.

30th – **St. James the Greater**, Apostle, Brother of St. John the Theologian, was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem, A.D.43.

1st – **St. Jeremiah**, the Second of the Greater Prophets, was of the Tribe of Levi. Tradition states that, at age 55, he was stoned to death at Taphnes. Egypt, 590 B.C., by the Jews, who shared his captivity. Venice, Italy holds some of his relics.

2nd – **Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great**, Patriarch of Alexandria. (*For the other Feast of this Saint, see the 18th of January.*)

3rd – **Death of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Cave**, Hegumen-Abbot, died A.D. 1078, in the reign of Michael VII Ducas, Emperor (*Confer August 14*). — **SS. Timothy and Maurus**, Martyrs.

Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen
Christós Anésti!
Alithós Anésti!

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2020

The Eparchial Appeal (formally Bishop's Appeal) has begun. The pledge form and information for the appeal has been 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. Checks are to be made out to the Eparchy of Phoenix; write "Eparchial Appeal 2020" in the memo. Our parish goal is \$19,177.58. Please support, the appeal ends May 1, 2020.

+++ PARISH INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES +++

**Due to the Coronavirus and
Directives from our Bishop and Eparchy,
All our Services are Private for the protection and safety of the Faithful.
Our Private Liturgies will be livestreaming through ZOOM.US**

SPECIAL COLLECTION for the Home Catholic Mission will be taken April 25th and 26th, 2020.

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

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: *Pat Brown with family*

Resurrection Triptych John, Baptist: *Mona Campbell with family*

Nativity Triptych Our Lady: *Joseph & Marlene Caprio with family*

Resurrection Triptych Apostles: *Victor & Becky Cole with family*

Prodigal Son: *Mauren Conn with family*

Saint John the Baptist, Forerunner: *Betty Decker with family*

Jesus Christ: *Lawrence & Maria Dobos with family*

Theotokos: *Robert Dorsey with family*

St. Nicholas: *Stephen Doucet with family*

Good Shepard: *Stephen & Patricia Drechsler with family*

MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN SUNDAY JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

The supreme religious Council, as well as the highest court of the ancient Jewish nation, bore the name of Sanhedrin, a name of unquestionable Hebraic origin, but it bears close resemblance to the Greek word “synedrion,” which has similar meaning; literally “sitting together.”

In the life story of Jesus Christ, the Sanhedrin appears as the body which voted to condemn Him and, although Joseph of Arimathea is remembered as the leading Council member who abstained in the voting, what ensued thereafter is not generally known to Christians, who remain unaware of his importance to the early Christian cause.

Joseph of Arimathea was not only a leading religious figure, but a man of means as well; the combination of which might have precluded his acceptance of Jesus as the Messiah, but which served only to cause him some hesitation before acknowledging wholeheartedly to Son of God.

Chapter 23, Verse 50 of St. Luke declares: “And behold there was a man named Joseph, a counselor, and he was a good man and just; he was of Arimathea, a city of Jews, who also waited for the Kingdom of God.” St. Luke pays tribute to him by saying, “This man went unto Pilate and begged the body of Jesus,” which is a historical fact borne out by Matthew and Mark.

In Matthew 27:57, the New Testament says, “There came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself was Jesus’ disciple; he went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out of a rock...” Only the rich could afford to have a tomb carved out of stone prepared for them. It was no small gesture; therefore, when Joseph offered what he thought would be the final resting place of the Messiah, little knowing that within three days the great tomb would be empty and that in the centuries to come this tomb would become the Holy Sepulchre, the most sacred shrine on earth. This gesture served to remove all doubt from the minds of the skeptics, who had doubted that this man of means and conviction had turned his back on the ancient covenant to embrace Jesus of Nazareth, a humble carpenter.

For a public figure, whose prestige was considerable, to walk away from an ancient way of life to take up the challenge of the new faith, required more than an awareness of the truth. It also required courage, which Joseph of Arimathea had in abundance, as he was to prove many times over in his service to the Savior. He gave much more to the Savior than a hole carved into a rock. He gave the rest of his life, commencing with a contribution of all he had and ending with an interment hundreds of miles removed from the final resting place he had prepared for himself.

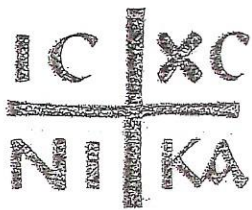
Joseph of Arimathea joined with St. Philip and a dozen other apostles in an arduous and dangerous journey to the far away island off the European coast, which is now known as England. Along the route, the group stopped in many communities, some of which greeted them or treated them with civility and others of which either ignored them or told them to keep moving. Undaunted, the group finally reached the English coast, after having won many converts along the way, whose numbers were to swell with missionaries who were to follow. The missionaries were at first eyed with suspicion, but they made steady, if slow, progress in the Christianization of people whose language barrier was only one of the many obstacles that had to be overcome.

Another obstacle was the overt hostility of the reigning chief, who went so far as to cast the apostles into prison, yielding at last to the pleas of converts for their release, but only under the condition that they were to restrict themselves to an area designated by him. The area turned out to be not much better than swampland known as Yniswitrin, later known as Glastonbury, to which the magnetism of Christianity drew many of the natives, all of whom joined in draining the water from the lowland areas and transforming an area fit for frogs into one fit for human beings. A chapel was erected in the name of the Archangel Gabriel, a favorite of Joseph of Arimathea’s who lived out his remaining days there and was buried in what is now Avion, thousands of miles from the tomb he gave to Jesus years before.

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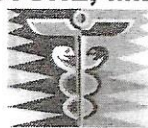
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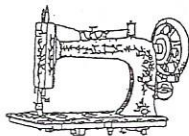
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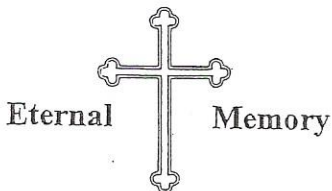
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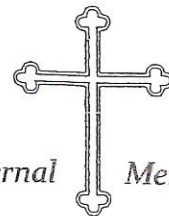


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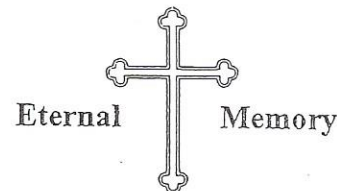
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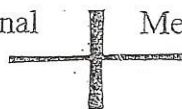


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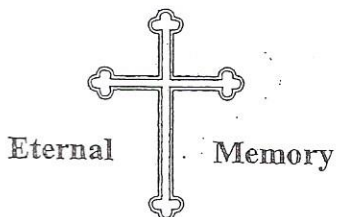
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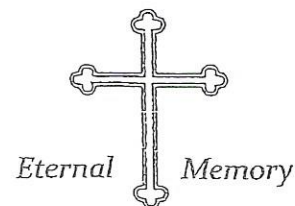
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