

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

**Christ is Risen!**

**Indeed He is Risen!**

## Liturgical Schedule

### Saturday Vigil

5pm – Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy

### Sunday

10am – Divine Liturgy

### Weekdays

Weekday Divine Liturgy: Check bulletin

### Matins:

Tues: 7:45am; Wed, Thurs and Fri: 7:30am

(Please check bulletin for weekday changes to Matins or other services.)

### Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

Saturdays: 4:00-4:30pm

Sundays: 9:00-9:30am

(Also available by appointment)

### Chaldean Liturgy

Sunday: 6pm

Mar Abraham parish meets at St. Thomas.

Call 480.905.1545 for more information.

## Other Information

### Saturday Vigil

19 West Bruce Avenue

Gilbert, AZ 85233

### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 667

Gilbert, AZ 85299-0667

Parish phone: 480.497.6726

- press 1 for the parish office
- press 2 for a sacramental emergency

### Website

www.stabcc.org

### Office Hours—(call ahead to confirm)

T, W, Th, and F: 9am - 4pm



**Father Michael Bezruchka**  
**Pastor**

**Deacon Michael Sullivan**

## Welcome!

St Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church is a vibrant parish community which seeks to live the liturgical year in solemnity and celebration. Our church follows the ancient Eastern traditions, while remaining in union with the Pope of Rome.

The Byzantine Catholic Church is uniquely beautiful – enhanced by the story of the life of Christ and the saints in icons. Our liturgy is rich in tradition and based in scripture. As a bonus, almost all liturgical prayers are chanted.

We welcome visitors who wish to share in our sacred worship services.

## Schedule

### Holy Saturday, March 31

*Vigil of Pascha* 5:00pm  
Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20.  
*Intention:* † Fr. Francis Vivona by Deacon  
Michael Sullivan

### PASCHA

#### Pascha Sunday, April 1 Festal Tone

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*  
Paschal Matins with Divine Liturgy and  
blessing of Paschal food baskets. 10:00am  
Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17.  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas  
After liturgy, sharing Paschal baskets and  
fellowship in hall.

### Bright Week

(No abstinence and fasting this week,  
including Friday!)

### Bright Monday, April 2

**Solemn Holyday**  
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm  
Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; John 1:18-28.  
*Intention:* † Fr. Francis Vivona by Deacon  
Michael Sullivan

Fr. Michael out of the office on April 4 and 5.  
Matins cancelled April 3-6.

### Tuesday, April 3

Men's Group meeting 6:45am  
(Contact Mike Little for more info:  
ndmike7@gmail.com)

### Bright Friday, April 6

(Can eat meat today)  
Young Adult Group meeting 6:30pm

### Saturday, April 7

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00pm  
*Intention:* † Prof. Mario Rivera by Deacon  
Michael Sullivan  
ECF: younger kids 6:30-7:30pm

### Sunday, April 8

**Festal Tone**  
*Thomas Sunday*  
Third Hour 9:45am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am  
Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31.  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas  
Parish potluck after Divine Liturgy.  
ECF: older kids 12:00pm

### Tuesday, April 10

Men's Group meeting 6:45am

### Wednesday, April 11

Holy Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum.  
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm  
Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24.  
*Intention:* Donald Thompson Jr. by Thompson  
family

### Friday, April 13

Byzantine Basics class in hall 6:30-8:00pm

### Saturday, April 14

Altar server training 2:30-3:45pm  
(Training session for altar boys and altar men)  
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00pm  
*Intention:* Donna Sullivan by Doreene Stacy

### Family Game Night

6:30pm  
After Divine Liturgy, bring your favorite board  
games. If you want to share in the pizza meal,  
please plan to contribute \$5 per adult or \$15  
per family to help cover the cost of the pizza.  
See you there!

### Sunday, April 15

**Tone 2**  
**Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women.**  
Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and  
Trophimus.  
Third Hour 9:45am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am  
Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43 - 16:8.  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas

Safe Environment Training 12-1pm

Fr. Michael out of town and office from  
April 17-20. Divine Liturgy on April 18  
from the Master Calendar cancelled. Matins  
cancelled April 17-20.

### Tuesday, April 17

Men's Group meeting 6:45am

### Saturday, April 21

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00pm  
*Intention:* Donald Thompson Jr. by Thompson  
family  
ECF: younger kids 6:30-7:30pm

### Sunday, April 22

**Tone 3**  
**Sunday of the Paralytic Man.**  
Venerable Father Theodore the Sykeote.  
Third Hour 9:45am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am  
Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15.  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas  
ECF: older kids 12-1pm

### Tuesday, April 24

Men's Group meeting 6:45am  
(Contact Mike Little for more info:  
ndmike7@gmail.com)

April 23-26—Clergy Conference: Fr. Michael &  
Dcn. Michael less available. Matins cancelled.

### Saturday, April 28

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00pm  
*Intention:* † Andria Kowalczyk by Diane Hvasta

### Sunday, April 29

**Tone 4**  
**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
Post-festive day of Mid-Pentecost  
Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice and our  
Venerable Father Memnon, Wonderworker  
Third Hour 9:45am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am  
Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; John 4:5-42.  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas

### Tuesday, May 1

Men's Group meeting 6:45am

### Wednesday, May 2

Leave-taking of mid-Pentecost  
Holy Father Athanasius the Great  
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm  
Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14.  
*Intention:* † Andria Kowalczyk by Murphy  
family

### Friday, May 4

Byzantine Basics class in hall 6:30-8:00pm

### Saturday, May 5

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00pm  
*Intention:* † Andria Kowalczyk by Murphy  
family  
ECF: younger kids 6:30-7:30pm

### Sunday, May 6

**Tone 5**  
**Sunday of the Man Born Blind**  
Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering  
Third Hour 9:45am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am  
Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38.  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas  
ECF: older kids 12-1pm

## Money Summary

### MARCH COLLECTIONS 2018

#### March 4

Tithes:Adults	\$ 1,838.00
Cash donations: (source not identified)	45.00
Candles	71.05
Rent: Church, Hall	300.00
*Bishop's Appeal	175.00
Bake sale	137.00
Coffee Social	26.00
Gift Shop	135.00
Total deposit to checking	2,727.05
*Minus special collections	-175.00
<b>Total for St. Thomas:</b>	<b>\$2,552.05</b>

#### March 11

Tithes:Adults	\$ 1,063.00
Cash donations: (source not identified)	40.00
Candles	46.50
*Bishop's Appeal	1,150.00
Bake Sale	30.00
Coffee Social	16.00
Gift Shop	61.00
Total deposit to checking	2,406.50
*Minus special collections	- 1,150.00
<b>Total for St. Thomas:</b>	<b>\$1,256.50</b>

#### March 18

Tithes:Adults	\$ 1,895.00
Cash donations: (source not identified)	135.00
*Bishop's Appeal	675.00
Bake Sale	108.00
Coffee Social	13.00
Gift Shop	112.00
Chaldean extra donation	50.00
Total deposit to checking	\$ 2,988.00
*Minus special collections	- 675.00
<b>Total for St. Thomas:</b>	<b>\$2,313.00</b>

#### March 18

Anaheim Loan payment	\$643.51
**Deposit to Money Market Acct.	\$643.51

#### March 25

Tithes:Adults	\$ 1,086.65
Holyday: Annunciation	340.00
Holyday: Palm Sunday	407.00
Cash donations: (source not identified)	165.00
Candles	146.70
Bake Sale	175.00
Coffee Social	10.00
Gift Shop	110.50
Total deposit to checking	\$2,440.85
<b>Total for St. Thomas:</b>	<b>\$2,440.85</b>

### BISHOP'S APPEAL DONORS

These people have contributed \$10 or more, as of March 28:

Joseph Barnes  
 Gregory Bartlett  
 Eleanore Bernstein  
 Fr. Michael Bezruchka  
 Allegra Bisbee  
 Honora Bullock  
 Robert & Mary Lynn Cihak  
 Alberto Gomez  
 Roy & Joan Haug  
 John and Debra Hratko  
 Fr. Michael & Betty Kirila  
 Mike & Barb Little  
 Fr. Doug & Nancy Lorig  
 Cathy McCormick  
 Reg & Diane Parker  
 Marilyn Reiling  
 Jeff & Lynn Sims  
 Doreene Stacy  
 Dcn. Michael & Donna Sullivan  
 Liz Zackowski

We thank all our donors to the Bishop's Appeal who help generate funds for the eparchy to pay for expenses and sponsor additional programs such as seminarian formation, youth ministry, and evangelization materials. The deadline for contributing is May 31, 2018. Please help us reach our goal so that our parish obtains a 20% rebate. Thank you!

### Summary for March Collections

Total deposits	\$11,205.91
*Minus special collections	- 2,000.00
<b>Total for St. Thomas:</b>	<b>\$9,205.91</b>

*\*These funds are special collections which are remitted to the eparchy.*

*\*\*These funds are deposited to the Money Market account as the loan to our Anaheim parish is paid back to us. Final payment is due in Sept. 2029.*

### PARISH INCOME AND EXPENSES

#### March 2018

Final figures for March are not available because bank statements and other data have not yet arrived.

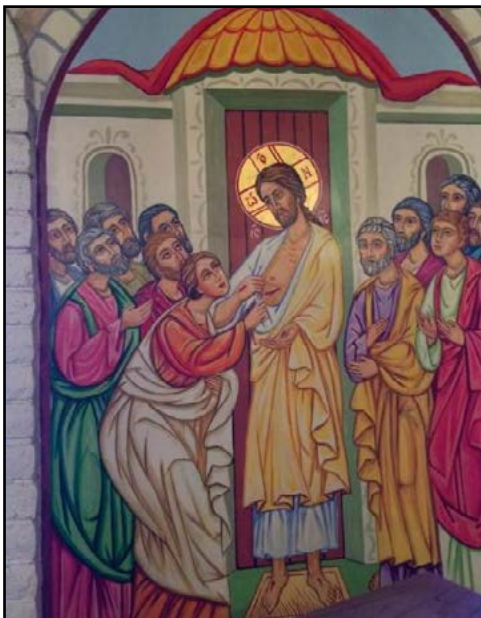
## Happy Birthday

Grant Holzhauser	April 5
Juliet Holzhauser	April 14
Jeffrey Park	April 14
Yvonne Corey	April 15
Father Michael Kirila	April 16
Helena Fellin	April 17
Reg Parker	April 19
Tracy Aguayo	April 20
Roy Haug	April 21
Charles Rawlins	April 23
Cal Karnya	April 23
George Mahoney	April 23
Christiana Corey	April 28
Donna Sullivan	April 30

## Happy Anniversary

Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak	April 13
Don & Frances Thompson	April 14
Roy & Joan Haug	April 21
George & Barbara Mahoney	April 30

Did we forget your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know so we can update our records and include this in our bulletin next year. Talk to Liz Zackowski or send her an email: [lizzack74@gmail.com](mailto:lizzack74@gmail.com). Thank you.



Thomas Sunday (John 20:19-31)

## Calendar Highlights

April 1: PASCHA (Easter)

April 6: Young Adult Group at 6:30pm.

April 8: Thomas Sunday with Potluck afterward.

April 14: Family Game Night at approximately 6:30pm.

April 15: Safe Environment Training for adults at 12:00-1:00pm.

June 22-24: Myrrh Bearers Retreat for women and girls in Phoenix

July 5-8: ByzanTEEN Youth Rally in Latrobe, PA

July 12-15: Alive in Christ for boys and dads on Palomar Mountain, CA

## Announcements

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** This year Bishop John is asking each household to donate \$275.00 to the eparchy to help with its ministry and programs. You can donate through the parish, as you have in the past (cash or check), or you can donate directly to the eparchy while crediting St. Thomas as your parish of record. This second option allows you to donate by credit card (in addition to check). If our parish reaches its goal of \$15,675.00, we will receive a 20% rebate. As of March 28, we have collected \$5,565.00, bringing us to 36% of our goal from 35% of our parishioners. (The bulletin for March erroneously said we had reached 33% of our goal on March 8 when we had actually made it to 25% at that point). If you did not receive a mailing from Bishop John regarding the Bishop's Appeal and would like to make a donation, please let Fr. Michael know. All who have donated at least \$10.00 to the Bishop's Appeal are mentioned in the money section of the bulletin (the amount each donor gives will not be listed). Thank you for your generosity!

**BYZANTINE BASICS:** Fr. Michael continues the adult catechesis sessions. The next classes are on April 13, May 4, May 18, and June 1 from 6:30-8:00pm. Please mark your calendars. All adult parishioners are invited.

**YOUNG ADULT (YA) GROUP STARTING UP!** The St Thomas YA Young Martyrs (18 yrs- 35 yrs) group will have its first convening on the Friday of Bright Week, April 6th at 6:30pm. We will begin with prayer in the church, followed by a "meet and greet" (since this is our first convening) and games and food in the hall. Please feel free to bring a favorite dish and/or board-game. Remember: since it will be Bright Week, we do not abstain from any meat or dairy. Invitations have also been extended to the YA communities at St. Stephen's (our Ruthenian rite cathedral in Phoenix), Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic parish, St. John of the Desert Melkite parish, St. Joseph Maronite parish, and Mar Abraham Chaldean community. We hope to strengthen our acquaintance and connection with our other Eastern sister-parishes in the local community. For more information, contact Honora Bullock: [hbullock@asu.edu](mailto:hbullock@asu.edu)



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** On Sunday, April 15 at 12:00pm, Patrick Cullen will give a very important presentation to our adults on creating a safe environment for children in our homes, schools, and churches. This is not about playground and tree-climbing safety. This presentation will cover how to be vigilant in order that abuse may be prevented and what to do if you suspect its occurrence. This is not just for parents of current minors. It is for all adults of our parish to attend if possible.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** The final altar server training in this series for men and boys is on April 14 from 2:30-3:45pm. Topics covered will include Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy, Vespers, and review of previous material.

**NEXT FAMILY GAME NIGHT:** Our last Family Game Night was a big success! We look forward to another fun evening playing board games, charades and eating pizza on Saturday, April 14 in the parish hall after the Vigil Vesper Divine Liturgy (approx. 6:30pm). Game night is open to parishioner families, young adult parishioners, senior parishioners, and friends of parishioners who want to join us. Please bring your favorite board games. It is also an opportunity to play games such as charades. To help cover the cost of the pizza, there will be a donation of \$5 per adult and \$15 per family for those who wish to share in the food. See you there!



Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ  
Icon of the Descent into Hades

## Parish Advisory Board

Danny Forbes  
Emma Gilsdorf  
Cal Karnya  
Cathy McCormick  
Charlie Rawlins  
Jeff Sims  
Liz Zackowski

## Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

*O Divine Physician of Souls and Body, rest your healing and protecting hand upon your servants:*

Donald Thompson, Jr., Stephanie & Terry Faust, Lisa Kirila Mendez, Eileen Derevenko, Julianne Betzold, Ted Bronson, and Donna Sullivan.

All those serving our country in the military including Scott Karnya, Sam Karnya, Capt. Patrick Whalen, and Gregory Whalen.

*“With the souls of the just brought to perfection give rest, O Savior to the souls of your servants, keeping them for the blessed life with you, for you love us all.”*

† Fr. Francis Vivona, † Andria Kowalczyk,  
† Eleanor Shields, † Sr. Jean Marie Cihota,  
† Peter Broznak, † James Sandroch,  
† Fr. Wes Izer, † Cathy Simpson,  
† Anna Hrynik, † Joseph Hrynik,  
† John Hrynik, † Watler Hrynik,

## Parish Email Announcements

If you would like to receive the parish bulletin and announcements via email, please contact Kathy Richard: [krichard2003@yahoo.com](mailto:krichard2003@yahoo.com)