

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5pm – Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy

Sunday

10am – Divine Liturgy

Weekdays

Weekday Divine Liturgy: Check bulletin

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

Church Address

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 as the priest is often out of the office for sick calls or other parish obligations)

Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm



Father Michael Sidun

Parochial Administrator

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.

Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, March 2

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Nathalie Martha Loya (Diane Hvasta)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, March 3 **Tone 8**

Cheesefare Sunday

Forgiveness Sunday

Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise

Holy Martyr Eutropius & his Companions

Cleonicus & Basiliscus

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

The Holy and Great Fast: The Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes **strict abstinence from meat and dairy products on both the First Monday (Clean Monday) of the Great Fast as well as on Good Friday, and also abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays in the Great Fast and Holy Week. These prescriptions are a required minimum for all of the faithful.** The traditional fast is much stricter.

Monday, March 4

Clean Monday

Holy Martyr Conon

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20

Intention: Ted Bronson (Thompson family)

Wednesday, March 6

Holy Martyrs & Bishops of Cherson: Basil,

Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius, & others

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-22

Intention: Michael McQuaid (Bullock family)



Friday, March 8

Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

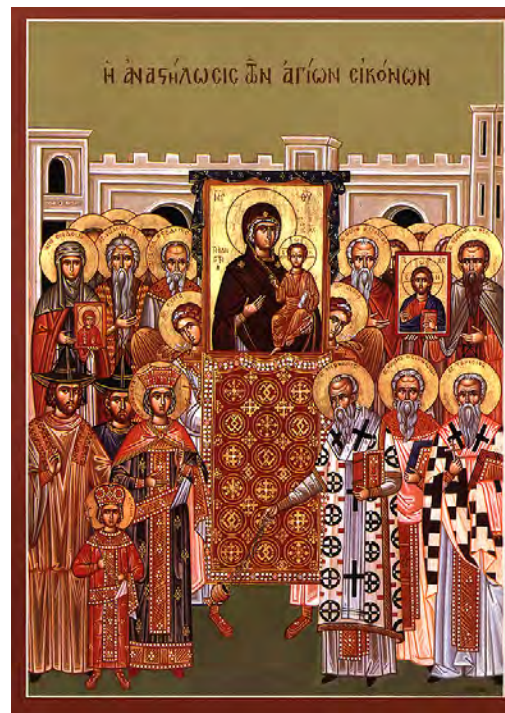
Miracle of St. Theodore the Recruit

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34; Isaiah 43:9-14; Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

Intention: †Peter Broznak (Thompson family)

Blessing of Kutia (boiled wheat and honey) to commemorate the Miracle of St. Theodore the Recruit



Saturday Evening, March 9

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Marc Ferencz)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, March 10 **Tone 1**

First Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of Orthodoxy

All Holy Prophets

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Procession with Holy Icons 10:00 AM

(Please bring a favorite Holy Icon from home to carry in the procession of Holy Icons.)

Divine Liturgy 10:05 AM

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2; John 1:43-51

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Meatless Sunday Potluck After Liturgy

Wednesday, March 13

Venerable Father Benedict

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3

Intention: Rita Chokan-Karnya (Thompson family)

Liturgical Schedule



Friday, March 15

All Souls: Memory of All the Faithful
Departed

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Intention: †Peter Broznak (Anna Broznak)

Saturday Morning, March 16

2nd All Souls Saturday
Commemoration of the Faithful

Departed

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Intention: †All Souls

Hebrews 3:12-16; I Thessalonians 4:13-17;
Mark 1:35-44; John 5:24-30



Saturday Evening, March 16

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Cathy Koncerak)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, March 17

Tone 2

Second Sunday of the Great Fast
Commemoration of Our Holy Father
Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of
Thessalonica

Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God
Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Mark
2:1-12; John 10:9-16

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 20

Venerable Father & Confessor James, Bishop
of Catania

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18

Intention: Donald J. Thompson (Thompson
family)



Friday, March 22

All Souls: Memory of All the Faithful
Departed

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12

Intention: Rita Chokan-Karnya (Cal & Debi
Karnya)

Saturday Morning, March 23

3rd All Souls Saturday
Commemoration of the Faithful

Departed

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Intention: †All Souls

Hebrews 10:32-38; I Thessalonians 4:13-17;
Mark 2:14-17; John 5:24-30

Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, March 23

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Ken Koncerak)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, March 24 **Tone 3**

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Holy Cross
Pre-festive Day of the Annunciation**

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Monday, March 25

**Annunciation of the Theotokos and
Ever-Virgin Mary**

Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6;
Exodus 3:1-8; Proverbs 8:22-31; Hebrews
2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38

Intention: Donald J Thompson, Jr.
(Thompson family)

Wednesday, March 27

Mid-Lent

Venerable Father Hilary the Younger
Holy Stephen the Wonder-worker

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9

Intention: †Alta Dakolios (Lisamayers
family)



Friday, March 29

All Souls: Memory of the Faithful Departed
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26

Intention: Donald Thompson, Jr. (Anna
Broznak)

Saturday Morning, March 30

**4th All Souls Saturday
Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Intention: †All Souls

Hebrews 6:9-12; I Thessalonians 4:13-17;
Mark 7:31-37; John 5:24-30



Saturday Evening, March 30

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Diane Hvasta)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, March 31 **Tone 4**

**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
Commemoration of Our Holy Father
John Climacus**

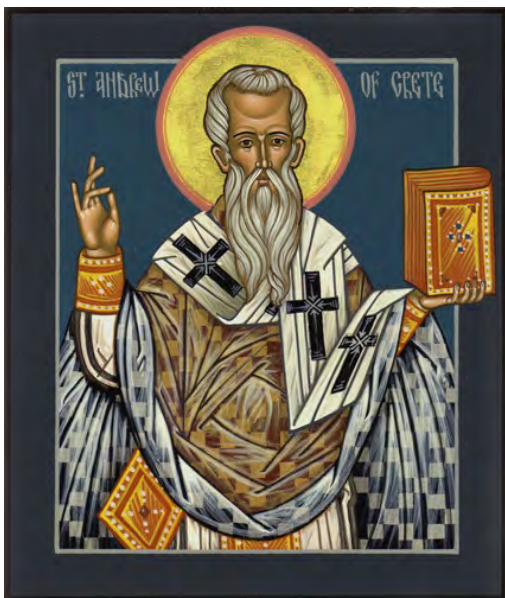
Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19; Mark
9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Liturgical Schedule



Wednesday, April 3

Holy Father Andrew of Crete

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Intention: †Luke Garrison (Honora Bullock)

Thursday, April 4

**Great Canon of Our Holy Father
Andrew of Crete**

7:00 PM

Friday, April 5

Commemoration of the Akathist to the
Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5

Intention: Joseph Barnes (Mike & Barb Little)

Saturday Morning, April 6

**Akathistos Saturday
Akathist to the Theotokos and
Ever-Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM



Saturday Evening, April 6

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Helen Ferencz

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, April 7

Tone 5

**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Commemoration of Our Holy
Mother Mary of Egypt**

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark
10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

2019 Eparchial Appeal

This year, Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Patak are asking each Parish household to donate an average of \$275.00 to the eparchy to help it with its ministry and programs. You can now 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). Thank you for your generosity! This is no small sum of money for most of us. If our parish reaches its goal of \$18,675.00, we will receive a 20% rebate as a reward for reaching that goal. Let's include the Bishop's Appeal in our extra charitable giving during the Great Fast. As of February 28, we have collected \$2,275.00 thus far, bringing us 12% to our goal from 16 participating parish households out of 68 total parish households. If you did not receive a mailing from Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Patak regarding the Eparchial Appeal and would like to make a donation, please let Fr. Michael know. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Thanks

Thank you Michael Little and all other assisting volunteers for spending so much of your valuable time and effort arranging the new Parish Photo Directory!

Thank you all parishioners for an amazing Parish Picnic and great time enjoyed by all!



Collections

Calendar Highlights

Lenten Friday Soup Nights

March 8, 15, 22, & 29; April 5, & 12—Volunteers are needed to provide a vegetarian soup and bread in the Parish Hall following Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall or ask Liz Zackowski if you have any questions.

Saturday, March 9—8:30 AM Baking of Nutrolls and Poppyseed Rolls for Pascha. Volunteers are needed for the baking and no experience is necessary. *Please note: If too few volunteers sign up, the baking will be cancelled.*

Sunday, March 10—10:00 AM Procession with Holy Icons immediately before the Divine Liturgy. Please bring a favorite Holy Icon from home to carry in the procession of Holy Icons.

Sunday, March 10—Parish Potluck Sunday after Divine Liturgy: Please bring meatless dishes only.

Monday, March 25—7:00 PM Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Saturday, April 6—9:30 AM Baking of Pascha Bread beginning after the 9:00 AM Akathist Hymn. No experience is needed, however *volunteers are needed*.

Happy Birthday!

Teresa Sidun	March	4
Josh Forbes	March	10
Phillip Bronson	March	11
Jonathan Bronson	March	15
Al Ferencz	March	19
Richard Lopez	March	22
Patrick Murphy	March	25

Happy Anniversary!

Fr. Mykhaylo & Pani Liubov Sidun	March	4
Martha Coonrod	March	21

Summary for February 2019

Total deposits	\$8,350.19
*Minus special collections	-475.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$7,875.19

February 3

Tithes: Adults	\$1,261.00
Encounter (Feast)	60.00
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	60.00
*Bishop's Appeal	375.00
Coffee Social	9.00
Total deposit to checking	1,815.00
*Minus special collections	-375.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,440.00

February 10

Tithes: Adults	\$1,625.00
Encounter (Feast)	10.00
Clean Monday (Feast)	10.00
Donations: source not identified	59.00
Coffee Social	20.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,724.00

February 17

Tithes: Adults	\$2,224.00
First Offering	10.00
Donations: source not identified	141.00
Candles	91.43
Rent	180.00
*Bishop's Appeal	100.00
Coffee Social	15.00
Total deposit to checking	2,761.43
*Minus special collections	-100.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,661.43

February 24

Tithes: Adults	\$792.00
Donations: source not identified	65.00
Candles	39.25
Bequests, Gifts, Memorials	500.00
Coffee Social	10.00
Anaheim Loan payment	643.51
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,049.76

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, Fr. Michael Bezruchka, and Fr. Michael Sidun.

All those serving our country in the military including:

Scott Karnya, Sam Karnya, Capt. Patrick Whalen, Gregory Whalen, and Tim Little.

“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. Doug Lorig, †Helen Ferencz, †Rosemary Ziarkowski, †Fr. Francis Vivona, †Andria Kowalczyk, †Eleanor Shields, †Sr. Jean Marie Cihota, †Peter Broznak, †James Sandrock, †Fr. Wes Izer, †Cathy Simpson, †Anna Hrynik, †Joseph Hrynik, †John Hrynik, †Watlér Hrynik, †Mary Petun, †Mary Rogees

Did we forget your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know so that we can update our records and include it in our bulletin next year. Talk to Liz Zackowski or send her an email: lizzack74@gmail.com.