

# **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)

## **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](http://www.stabcc.org)  
**Email :** [saint.thomas.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:saint.thomas.pastor@gmail.com)

**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



**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.

**Parochial Administrator:**  
**Father Michael Sidun**

**Tuesday Evening, October 1**

**Holy Protection of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary**

Holy Apostle Ananias

Venerable Father Romanus the Melodist

Venerable Mother Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; & 11:27-28

**Intention:** Sidun Family (everyone is welcomed)

**Wednesday, October 2**

7:00pm Liturgy

**Intention:** Little Family (Bullock family)

**Friday, October 4**

7:00pm Liturgy

Intention: Little family (Bullock Family)

**Saturday Evening, October 5**

**Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy** 5:00 PM

1 John 1:1-7; James 1:1-12; Jude 1-7,17-25

**Intention:** Lew Fellin (Kowalchyk Family)

**Sunday, October 6** **Tone 8**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Holy & Glorious Apostle Thomas

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 7:11-16;

John 20:19-31

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

Potluck Sunday following Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, October 9**

Holy Apostle James Alpheus

Venerable Father Andronicus & his Wife Athanasia

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 10:16-21

**Intention:** Alice Poisivy (Bullock Family)

**Friday, October 11**

Divine Liturgy 7pm

**Intention:** Alice Poisivy (Bullock Family)

**Saturday Evening, October 12**

**Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy** 5:00 PM

Genesis 1:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11,15-17; Deuteronomy

10:14-21

**Intention:** + Helen Ferencz (Dillon Ferencs)

**Sunday, October 13** **Tone 1**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Commemoration of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

2 Corinthians 9: 6-11; Hebrews 13: 7-16; Luke 8:5-15; John

17:1-13

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Wednesday, October 16**

Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Philippians 1: 12-20; Luke 9:44-50

**Intention:** Little family (Gail & Jan Person)

**Thursday, October 17**

7:00pm Liturgy

Intention: Little family (Gail & Jan Person)

**Saturday Evening, October 19**

**Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy** 5:00 PM

**Intention:** +Brent Liesemeyer ( Liesemeyer family)

**Sunday, October 20** **Tone 2**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Holy Prophet Joel

Holy Martyr Varus

Venerable Father John of Rila

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Luke 16:19-31

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Monday-Friday October 21-25**

**Eparchial Clergy Retreat:** Father Michael &

Deacon Michael less available

**Saturday Evening, October 26**

**Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy** 5:00 PM

Isaiah 43: 9-14 Wisdom 3: 1-9 Wisdom 4: 7-15

**Intention:** +Brent Liesemeyer ( Liesemeyer family)

**Sunday, October 27** **Tone 3**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Holy Martyr Nestor

Holy Martyr Capitolina & her Servant Erotheides

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 8:26-39

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Wednesday Evening, October 30**

**Vigil: Feast of Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo**

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

4 (2) Kings 2:9-14; Isaiah 26:7-13; Sirach 2:1-6; Philippians 3:7-11;

Luke 22:24-30

**Intention:** Little family (Kowalchyk Family)

**Friday, November 1**

Divine Liturgy 8 am

**Intention:** + For all the souls

**Saturday Evening, November 2**

**Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy** 5:00 PM

**Intention:** +Helen Ferencz (Charles Crans)

**Sunday, November 3** **Tone 4**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Holy Martyrs Acepimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; & Aeithalas, the Deacon

Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his precious body is entombed

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

## Happy Birthday!

SIDON, Fr. Michael 10/1  
KAFORA, Wilma 10/1  
CLARK, Ella 10/4  
BRONSON, Dominic 10/5  
ANTONIOS, Nathalie 10/15  
THUROW, LYDIA 10/15  
HRATKO, John 10/16  
HRYNIK, Mike 10/20  
FORBES, Cece 10/20  
HOLZHAUER, Emily 10/20  
THUROW, Peter 10/21  
LITTLE, Barb 10/22  
BARTLETT, Greg 10/23  
PARK, Janet 10/25  
DUGIE, Timothy 10/29  
THOMPSON, DON 10/31

## Happy Anniversary!

BARNES, Joseph and Janice 10/2  
BULLOCK, Gregory and Carole 10/7



## Annual Oktoberfest!

We need you! Yes, you!

On Saturday evening, **October 19, following the 5:00 pm Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy**, St. Thomas will host our 16th Annual Oktoberfest! Tickets will be on sale soon for a wonderful German- inspired dinner, complete with German Chocolate Cake for dessert, and plenty of frolicking on the dance floor! At the same time, our Annual Silent Auction also will be held. This is our major fundraiser for the year and is always a fun time with bidding wars taking place on popular items. Please plan on donating a themed basket (family game night, movie night, wine and cheese, coffees, car care, date night) or a gift card from your favorite restaurant, hair salon, etc. Be on the lookout for a sign up via email and on the hall bulletin board. Your help is needed. The target goal for our fundraising this year is to upgrade the thermostats so our electrical bill could be more manageable.

For more information on the Oktoberfest, please see

Coordinators:

**Diane Hvasta (602-743-7768) or**

**Kris Forbes (480-747-8954)**

## **Byzantine Rosary (Prayer Rule of the Theotokos)**

Please join us at St. Thomas as we pray what is often called the “Byzantine Rosary” (The Prayer Rule of the Theotokos) on **TUESDAY, October 15 at 6:00 pm**.

All parishioners are welcome! Visitors from St. Anne’s and elsewhere also have been invited. Please bring your Rosary. After praying the Byzantine Rosary, the Knights of Columbus will provide a spaghetti dinner for all in attendance. Please stay for dinner as well! For information about the Byzantine Rosary & Spaghetti Dinner, please see Coordinator **Charlie Rawlins (480-980-1173)**.



## **2019 ONLINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS**

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/events](http://EasternCatholic.org/events) You may want to save this part of the bulletin & paste it into your calendar.

Making Disciples by Fr. Alexander Wroblecky The art of bringing others to Christ Wednesdays, October 9, 16 & 23 @5:00-6:00 pm PST

Unlocking the Mystery by Joshua Mangels An introduction to Eastern Christian Bible Study Wednesdays, November 6 & 13 @ 5:00-6:00 pm PST

The Gift of God by Rev David Anderson Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity Wednesday, December 16 @5:00-6:00 pm

PST Baptized into Christ The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God Wednesdays January 8, 15, & 22 @5:00-6:00 pm PST

COLLECTIONS

**Summary for September**

Total deposits \$7,497.01  
 \*Minus special collections -825.00  
 Total for St. Thomas: \$6,672.01

Sept. 1  
 Tithes: Adults \$1,380.00  
 Donations: source not identified 59.00  
 Improvements, Remodeling 100.00  
 Candles 52.50  
 \*Bishop's Appeal 125.00  
 Total deposit to checking 1,716.50  
 \*Minus special collections -125.00  
 Total for St. Thomas: \$1,591.50

Sept. 8  
 Tithes: Adults \$640.00  
 Donations: source not identified 21.00  
 Improvements, Remodeling 50.00  
 Candles 17.00  
 \*Bishop's Appeal 100.00  
 Total deposit to checking 840.00  
 \*Minus special collections -100.00  
 Total for St. Thomas: \$740.00

Sept. 16  
 Tithes: Adults \$1,038.86  
 Birth of Theotokos 5.00  
 Exaltation of the Cross 15.00  
 Donations: misc 93.00  
 Improvements, Remodeling 400.00  
 Candles 63.00  
 \*Bishop's Appeal 600.00  
 Anaheim Loan payment 643.51  
 Total deposit to checking 2,858.37  
 \*Minus special collections -600.00  
 Total for St. Thomas: \$2,258.37

Sept. 22  
 Tithes: Adults \$1,120.00  
 Exaltation of the Cross 20.00  
 Donations: source not identified 30.00  
 Coffee Social 4.00  
 Total for St. Thomas: \$1,174.00

Sept. 29  
 Tithes: Adults \$795.00  
 Holy Protection 5.00  
 Donations: source not identified 51.14  
 Candles 51.00  
 Coffee Social 6.00  
 Total for St. Thomas: \$908.14

**May God grant them many, blessed years**

***Please feel free to talk with  
 Fr. Michael about parish  
 needs***

DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

- \*Come early to church.
- \*Put your cell phone on "Airplane Mode"
- \*Light a Candle Settle down in quiet prayer & reflection
- \*Recite the prayers before the Divine Liturgy
- \*Make a good confession.

Thank you for honoring God's Temple with your Sunday Best!

THE ANGELIC SALUTATION "The Hail Mary"—  
 Byzantine Form:  
**Rejoice, Mother of God, Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
 the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women,  
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have  
 borne Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of our souls.**

**Thank you to all who help us by understanding  
 when we make mistakes, and respond with  
 prayer, love, kindness, forgiveness & patience.  
 When we respond in this way, it helps us grow  
 as individuals, and as a parish family.**

**May God grant us all many blessed  
 years!**