

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

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

Wednesday, May 1

Thomas Week
Holy Prophet Jeremiah
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24
Intention: Al Ferencz (Little family)



Saturday Evening, May 4

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Bullock family)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy
Sunday, May 5 **Tone 2**
Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women
Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene
Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43-16:8
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 8

Week of the Myrrh-bearing Women
The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 John 1:1-7; Acts 8:18-25; John 19:25-27;
21:24-25; John 6:35-39
Intention: †Sir Michael, KSG and Mary Bacovin (Anna Broznak)

Friday, May 10

Week of the Myrrh-bearing Women
Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Acts 8:40-9:19; Matthew
13:54-58; John 6:48-54
Intention: Mary Helena Lawson (Bullock Family)



Saturday Evening, May 11

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Charles Crans)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, May 12

Tone 3
Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus &
Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Mother's Day Brunch following Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 13

Week of the Paralytic Man
Holy Martyr Glyceria
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69
Intention: St. Mary's High School—for the teachers (Mignon & Aaron Thurow)



Saturday Evening, May 18

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Mike & Barb Little Family (Al Ferencz)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, May 19

Tone 4
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost
Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussia &
Companions
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 21

Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost
Holy Emperor Constantine and his Mother Helen, Equals to the Apostles
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 26:1-5, 12-20, Acts 12:25-13:12; John
9:39-10:9; John 8:51-59
Intention: †Brenda Sue Gleason (Christy Bronson)

Wednesday, May 22

Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost
Holy Martyr Basiliscus
Holy & Righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14
Intention: †Orysia Lanchyma (Bullock family)

Friday, May 24

Week of the Samaritan Woman
Venerable Father Simeon, of the Wondrous Mountain
Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite, the Wonder-worker of Perejaslav
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 15:5-34; John 10:17-28
Intention: Person Family (Gail & Jan Person)

Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, May 25

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †George Hemmings III (Michael & Barbara Little)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, May 26 **Tone 5**

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Holy Apostle Carpus, one of the Seventy

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Wednesday Evening, May 29

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Isaiah 2:2-3; Isaiah 62:10-63:3,7-9; Zechariah 14:1,4,8-11

Intention: John Zebec (Bullock family)

Thursday Evening, May 30

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53

Intention: Therese Annette Desjardins (Bullock family)



Saturday Evening, June 1

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

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

Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Intention: †Helen Totin (Fr. Michael & family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, June 2 **Tone 6**

Sunday of the Fathers at the First Council of Nicea

Postfestive Day of the Ascension

Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Acts 20:16-18,28-36; John 17:1-13

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Prayer Requests, Highlights, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, May 11— Mother's Day Tea from 2 PM to 4 PM to benefit Maggie's Place. Please respond to Diane Hvasta at 602-743-7768 if you are coming.
Sunday, May 12— Mother's Day Brunch following Divine Liturgy. All are invited to attend.

Thank You!

Thank you to Tim Hegg for our new parish mailbox.

Thank You to Liz Zackowski for baking Nutroll, Poppyseed Rolls, Pascha Bread and special bread for Bishop John. Thank to all the cleaners and decorators to prepare for Pascha.

Thank you to, Mignon Thurow, Honora Bullock, Liz Zackowski, Greg Hendricks, Diane Hvasta and all helpers for beautiful singing and cantoring at St. Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church.

Thank you to Carol Paoli and all helpers for St. Thomas Sunday.

Thank you to Deacon Michael Sullivan for putting all the music together for the Paschal season.

Thank you to Carole Bullock for baking the Paschal Artos.

Happy Birthday!

Jeff Corey	May	2
Gloria Gomez	May	2
Alex Forbes	May	3
Gail Person	May	5
Jeff Schieiber	May	8
Diane Hvasta	May	8
Nina Pasiaka	May	10
Ashley Hegg	May	14

Happy Anniversary!

Danny & Kris Forbes	May	16
Vincent & Janice Antonios	May	19

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, †Watler 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.

Collections

Summary for May 2019

Total deposits	\$10,324.64
*Minus special collections	-627.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$9,697.64

April 7

Tithes: Adults	\$1,882.00
Donations: source not identified	137.00
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	94.00
Bake sale	77.00
Coffee Social	11.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,251.00

April 14

Tithes: Adults	\$2,621.00
Palm Sunday (Feast)	276.00
Donations: source not identified	462.00
Candles	59.63
*Bishop's Appeal	345.00
Bake Sale	204.00
Gift Shop	15.00
Total deposit to checking	3,982.63
*Minus special collections	-345.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$3,637.63

April 21 & 28

Tithes: Adults	\$2,198.00
Holyday: Lent, Pascha	656.00
Palm Sunday (Feast)	5.00
Donations: source not identified	70.00
Candles	129.50
*Bishop's Appeal	152.00
*Pontifical Good Friday	
Church in Holy Land	60.00
*Catholic Home Missions	70.00
Bake Sale	27.00
Coffee Social	20.00
Anaheim Loan payment	643.51
Total deposit to checking	4,091.01
*Minus special collections	-282.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$3,809.01



2019 Eparchial Appeal

This year, Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Pazak 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 \$15,400.00, 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 May 1, we have collected \$5,327.00 thus far, bringing us 34.59% of the way to our goal from 18 participating parish households out of 56 total parish households (32.14%). If you did not receive a mailing from Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Pazak regarding the Eparchial Appeal and would like to make a donation, please let Fr. Michael know. Thank you for your generosity!



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Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese! Cristo ha resucitado!

Indeed He is risen! Voinstinnu voskrese! En verdad, esta resucitado!

Dear clergy and faithful of Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix,

What is the message of Easter for our Church in this year of so much scandal, shame and sin that has found the headlines in today's multi-faceted media? The only acceptable answer is our traditional Easter greeting: "Christ is Risen!". We must look to the Risen Christ to heal and lift up our Church from this terrible mess. The Risen Christ once again offers us new life and hope in our troubled world.

Our simple yet profound greeting, "Christ is Risen!", offers each and everyone of us hope and joy not only during the Paschal Season, but throughout the entire year. The truth of our Faith is concentrated in that greeting and the meaning of our earthly lives as well. Without the Resurrection of Christ there is neither Christianity nor eternal life for us. The crucified Christ has died for us, but is risen from the dead and in the words of St. John Chrysostom: "the Risen Christ has liberated our life and the tomb is emptied of its dead for Christ having risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep".

As we proclaim in the Resurrection Matins:

"This is the day of Resurrection. Let us be enlightened by this Feast and let us embrace one another. Let us call brethren those who hate us and in the Resurrection forgive everything and sing: Christ is risen from the dead! By death He TRAMPLED death and to all in the tombs He granted life."

May the Risen Christ unite all of us with His love, fill us with spiritual joy and establish peace and happiness in our hearts.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

Most Reverend John S. Pazak, C.Ss.R.