

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday morning: 10am

Weekdays: Check calendar in bulletin

Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession):

4:00-4:30pm: Saturdays

9:00-9:30am: Sundays

Information

Church Address:

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- press 2 for a sacramental emergency

Website:

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Office Hours:

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays:
9am - 4pm. Call ahead



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 prayers are chanted.

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

A NEW LAYOUT FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Fr. Michael is debuting a new layout for the monthly bulletin beginning this month. It might get changed again and tweaked some more. It is being printed "in house," namely, in the office of St. Thomas.

Schedule

Saturday, December 30

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention: Cathy McCormick by Doreene Stacy

Sunday after Christmas

The Holy and Just Joseph, Husband of Mary; David, Prophet and King; and the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

Sunday, December 31

Tone 5

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Great Vespers 7:00 p.m.
 New Year's Party after Vespers

Monday, January 1, 2018

Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Colossians 2:8-12 & Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2;
 Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 & Luke 6:17-23.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, January 3

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 4

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Friday, January 5

Royal Hours 9:00 a.m.
 By tradition, a day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy.

Theophany Vigil (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, January 5

Vigil Vespers, St. Basil Divine Liturgy with Blessing of water. 7:00 p.m.
 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18.
Intention: +Robert B Bushor by the Bronson Family

Theophany (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, January 6

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Saturday, January 6

Vigil Vespers of Sunday after Theophany (does not meet obligation for Theophany feast but fulfills your Sunday obligation)
 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday after Theophany

Sunday, January 7

Tone 6

Synaxis of the Holy Forerunner, Prophet and Baptist John

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Ephesians 4:7-13; Acts 19:1-8; Matthew 4:12-17; John 1:29-34.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, January 10

Post-festive Day of Theophany. Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa; Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene

Matins 7:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
 James 3:11 thru 4:6; Mark 11:23-26.
Intention: +Major Jim Colasanti by Fr. Doug and Nancy Lorig

Thursday, January 11

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Friday, January 12

Matins 7:30 a.m.
 Byzantine Basics class in hall 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 13

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention: +Erin Stroup-Boswell by Fr. Doug and Nancy Lorig

ECF younger kids 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Leave-taking of Theophany
 32th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, January 14

Tone 7

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 After Divine Liturgy, parish potluck.

ECF older kids 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17*Venerable Father Anthony the Great*

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Hebrews 13:17-21; 1 Peter 4:1-11; Luke 6:17-23; Mark 12:28-37.

Intention: Cathy McCormick by the Bullock Family**Thursday, January 18**

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Friday, January 19

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 20

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.

Intention: Cathy McCormick by the Bullock Family**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee****Sunday, January 21** **Tone 8**

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14.

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

No abstinence required on the week following this Sunday.

Wednesday, January 24*Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome; Holy**Martyrs in Pidlashia, the Blessed Vincent**Lewoniuk and his companions.*

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31.

Intention: +Michael Vorin by Maria & Joseph Groll**Thursday, January 25**

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Friday, January 26

Matins 7:30 a.m.

Byzantine Basics class in hall 6:30 p.m.

Can eat meat on this day.

Saturday, January 27

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.

Intention: +Eleanor & Jack Shields by

Florence Park

ECF younger kids 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son**Sunday, January 28** **Tone 1**

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32.

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

ECF older kids 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Three Holy Hierarchs**Tuesday, January 30***Simple Holyday*

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19.

Intention: +Fr. Peter Rossa by Fr. Doug & Nancy Lorig**Friday, February 2***Solemn Holyday*

Festal Matins 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Hebrews 7: 7-17; Luke 2: 22-40.

Intention: +Carrie Belle Campbell by the Bronson Family

Calendar Highlights

- January 6: Theophany, a Great Feast and Holy Day of Obligation. Either the 7pm vigil service on Jan. 5 or the 9am Divine Liturgy on Jan. 6 fulfills your obligation.
- January 13: Take down Christmas decorations. We need at least 10 people.
- January 20: Pro-life march 11am - 2pm in Phoenix. See announcement for more details. (Note, this is not on the version 5 Master Calendar.)
- February 4: After Divine Liturgy, Parish Picnic at Freestone Park, Courtside Ramada.
- February 12: Beginning of Lent. Presanctified Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. ABSTINENCE REQUIRED: NO MEAT OR DAIRY ON THIS DAY.
- March 3: Nutrolls and Poppyseed baking. Need at least 15 helpers.
- March 10: Cleaning derby day: need at least 12 helpers.
- March 15, 6:30 PM: Canon of St. Andrew

MARCH FOR LIFE! Folks, mark your calendars and plan ahead! On January 20, 2018, join pro-lifers of all nationalities and faith backgrounds from around the state in downtown Phoenix for the Arizona for Life March and Rally, an event celebrating and advocating for the beauty and dignity of every human life. Gather at 11 AM. March begins at 11:30 AM at Cesar Chavez Memorial Plaza (2nd Ave. & Washington). Rally at Wesley Bolin Memorial Park from 12:30-2:00 PM. This will be a family-friendly event with live music, entertainment, food available at the march launch site, and inspiring speakers, including Bishop Thomas Olmsted, as well as international pro-life advocates Pam Tebow and Stephanie Gray. (Note, this event is not on the version 5 Master Calendar.) Please contact Dcn. Jim Danovich for further information and to be part of a group from St. Stephen's and St. Thomas: Dcnjvdanovich@prodigy.net. It would be a great showing if we could have a large contingent from both parishes participate and stand up for the unborn. More information can also be found at <https://azliferally.org>

BYZANTINE BASICS: Adult catechesis classes continue with Fr. Michael. Classes will usually be every other Friday from 6:30-7:30pm. Our next scheduled classes are January 12, January 26, February 9, March 1, March 12, April 13, May 4, May 18, and June 1. Please mark your calendars. More *Christ our Pascha* catechisms are available for a \$30.00 donation.

REMINDER: VOCATION ICON PRAYER PROGRAM. A vocation icon and prayer continue to circulate among the families of the parish. Special prayers are prescribed for each day of the week. If you haven't already, please sign up to bring the icon into your home and pray with it for a week.

FINANCIAL PLANNING TALK CANCELLED. The financial planning talk by Steve Sanchez on January 27 at 10am (also mentioned in the version 5 Master Calendar) has been cancelled and will likely be rescheduled for February.

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, Scott Karnya, Sam Karnya and all those in service to our country.

“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 Chiota, +Peter Broznak, +James Sandroch, +Fr. Wes Izer, +Cathy Simpson, +Anna Hrynik, +Joseph Hrynik, +John Hrynik, +Watler Hrynik, +Mary Petun.

Collections December 2017

Summary for December

Total deposits	\$12,685.16
*Minus special collections	-\$971.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$11,714.16

December 3

Tithes: Adults	\$2,035.00
St. Nicholas Holyday	\$460.00
St. Anna Holyday	\$10.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Donations: Non Parishioners	\$54.00
Improvements, Remodeling	\$110.00
Flowers, Palms	\$35.00
Candles	\$42.80
*Retired Religious Fund	\$100.00
Clergy expense reimbursement	\$142.95
Coffee Social	\$10.50
Gift Shop	\$2.00
<i>Total deposit to checking</i>	<i>\$3,012.25</i>
*Minus special collections	-\$100.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,912.25

December 10

Tithes: Adults	\$1,182.00
St. Anne Holyday	\$55.00
St Nicholas Holyday	\$85.00
Birth of the Theotokos	\$20.00
Donations: Non Parishioners	\$530.00
Improvements, Remodeling	\$530.00
Flowers, Palms	\$80.00
Donations	\$69.00
Candles	\$72.05
*Retired Religious Fund	\$511.00
Chaldeans Donation	\$200.00
Coffee Social	\$17.00
<i>Total deposit to checking</i>	<i>\$3,351.05</i>
*Minus special collections	-\$511.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,840.05

December 17

Tithes: Adults	\$1,542.00
Holyday: Christmas	\$150.00
Other Holydays	\$70.00
St. Nicholas	\$5.00
St. Anne	\$5.00
Donations: Non Parishioners	\$92.01
Flowers, Palms	\$37.00
Candles	\$29.75
*Retired Religious Fund	\$265.00
Rent: Church, Hall	\$300.00

Gift Shop	\$25.00
Holy Supper Silent Auction	\$75.00
<i>Total deposit to checking</i>	<i>\$2,595.76</i>
*Minus special collections	-\$265.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,330.76

December 24

Tithes: Adults	\$872.00
Holyday: Christmas	\$200.00
Donations: Non Parishioners	\$163.00
Donations: for funeral books	\$50.00
Candles	\$84.59
*Retired Religious Fund	\$45.00
Holy Supper	\$45.00
Gift Shop	\$146.00
<i>Total deposit to checking</i>	<i>\$1,605.59</i>
*Minus special collections	-\$45.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,560.59

December 24

Anaheim Loan payment	\$643.51
**Deposit to Money Market Account	\$643.51

December 25

Tithes: Adults	\$110.00
Holyday: Christmas	\$950.00
Holyday: Maternity of Anna	\$10.00
Donations: Non-parishioners	\$27.00
Flowers	\$30.00
*Retired Religious Fund	\$50.00
<i>Total deposit to checking</i>	<i>\$1,177.00</i>
*Minus special collections	-\$50.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,127.00

December 27

Rent: Church, Hall	\$300.00
<i>Total deposit to checking</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
Total for St. Thomas:	\$300.00

*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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Virginia Hill	January 4
Madalynn Dugie	January 8
Zoe Dugie	January 8
Carol Paolo	January 14
Emma Gilsdorf	January 25
Sharon Wollert	January 25
Siobhan Sullivan	January 27
Peter Forbes	January 27
Lucy Forbes	January 29
Irene Bubnash	January 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. Thank you.

PARISH EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you would like to be placed on the St. Thomas list for receiving the parish bulletin and announcements via email, please contact Kathy Richard: krichard2003@yahoo.com