

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**



**July 1, 2017 - August 1, 2017**

**GLORY FOREVER!**



## **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Office Hours** 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM • Monday, Wednesday & Friday

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stabcc.org](http://www.stabcc.org)

**Served by:**

Father Michael Bezruchka, Pastor • Deacon Michael Sullivan

**Parish Advisory Board:**

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

**Sunday Divine Liturgy:**

Vigil Vesper Liturgy (Saturday) at 5:00 PM

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM • Divine Praises at 9:45 AM

**Matins/Morning Prayer:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30-8:30am unless noted otherwise in bulletin.

**Holy Mystery of Penance:**

Confessions are heard starting one hour before the scheduled Divine Liturgy is to begin for a total of 30 minutes. Confessions also available by appointment.

**Chaldean Catholic Holy Liturgy: Sunday at 6:00 PM**

### **WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE!**

Our parish community welcomes all those visiting with us today. We thank you for joining our community in praising the Lord as we remember His great love and mercy for us. We hope that you will join us again soon and bring a friend. If, per chance, you are looking for a spiritual home based on the Sacred Scriptures, the teaching of the Apostles, the ancient Church Traditions in the context of a liturgical life and fellowship, please consider our parish! Speak with Father Michael or Deacon Michael if you would like more information.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Saturday July 1**  
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.  
*Intention* - +John Richard Buchanan by the Bullock family

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday July 2 Tone 3**  
*Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos at Blachernae*  
 Third Hour 9:45 a.m.  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
 Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13.  
*Intention* - Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Monday July 3**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Independence Day**  
**Tuesday July 4**  
*Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete*  
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
*[for 5th Tuesday after Pentecost]* Romans 14:9-18;  
 Matthew 12:14-16 & 22-30.  
*[for USA Independance]* Hebrews 12:7-11, 14-17,  
 25-28; John 8:31-42.  
*Intention* - LeRoy Sult by the Sullivan family

**Wednesday July 5**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Friday July 7**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Saturday July 8**  
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.  
*Intention* - Peter Troiano by Fr. Doug and Nancy Lorig

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday July 9 Tone 4**  
*Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina.*  
 Third Hour 9:45 a.m.  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
 Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 8:28 - 9:1.  
*Intention* - Parishioners of St. Thomas  
*After Divine Liturgy, parish potluck:*  
**THEME--salads**

**Monday July 10**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday July 12**  
*Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion.*  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.  
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.  
 1 Corinthians 2:9 - 3:8; Matthew 13:31-36.  
*Intention* - +Wilma Ihnat by the Ferencz family

**Friday July 14**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Saturday July 15**  
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.  
*Intention* - +Joe Buono by Fr. Doug and Nancy Lorig

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils*  
**Sunday July 16 Tone 5**  
 Third Hour 9:45 a.m.  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
 Romans 12:66-14; (for the Fathers, Hebrews  
 13:7-16); Matthew 9:1-8; (for the Fathers, John  
 17:1-13).  
*Intention* - Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Monday July 17**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday July 19**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

*Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah*  
**Thursday July 20 Tone 6**  
**HOLYDAY**  
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.  
 James 5:10-20; Luke 4:22-30.  
*Intention* - Al & Helen Ferencz by Doreene Stacy

**Friday July 21**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Saturday July 22**  
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.  
*Intention* - +Wilma Ihnat by the Ferencz family

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday July 23 Tone 6**  
*Rest of Our Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila. Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and Their Companions.*  
 Third Hour 9:45 a.m.  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
 Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35.  
*Intention* - Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Monday July 24**  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday July 26**  
*Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions.*  
 Matins 7:30 a.m.  
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.  
 1 Corinthians 10:12-22; Matthew 16:20-24.  
*Intention* - Don & Fran Thompson by Peter & Anna Broznak



**Friday July 28**  
Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Saturday July 29**  
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.  
*Intention* - Fr. Michael & Betty Kirila by Peter & Anna Broznak

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday July 30** **Tone 7**  
*Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and Their Companions.*  
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22.  
*Intention* - Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Monday July 31**  
Matins 7:30 a.m.

**Little Blessing of Water**  
**Tuesday August 1**  
*Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross.*  
Divine Liturgy with Little Blessing of Water 7:00 p.m.  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26; (for the Procession of the Cross 1 Corinthians 1:18-24); Matthew 18:18-22 & 19:13-15; (for the Procession of the Cross John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35).  
*Intention* - +Wilma Ihnat by the Ferencz family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BISHOP APPEAL!!!!**  
We made it! Thanks to all of you who donated to our Bishop's Appeal, we made our goal of \$16,775.00 and surpassed it by \$25! This means that 30% of the \$16,800 that we donated will be given back as a rebate as a reward for reaching our goal!! What an incredible feat. Thank you for all your help and support in this regard. YAAAYYY!!!

**A NEW ROOF FOR OUR CHURCH.** Our roof has been leaking for the last ten years. Further repairs are not be economical; the roof needs to be replaced. We have chosen an expensive option that promises to provide 50-100+ years of protection for our sacred place and its contents. These roofs are better insulated than our current tile roof, so will provide savings on our electricity costs. It is also lighter weight which will be a blessing for our roof joists, brick, and walls which support the roof.

We have more than half the money raised from restricted donations for the roof (\$10,000 from the Ihnats) and building/remodel (\$10,000 from Marge Bobick and additional building fund money collected monthly from parishioners) purposes. For the remaining funds, we plan to use our parish savings account. However, if any of you would like to designate a particular donation to help pay for the new roof, that would be greatly appreciated! The

color which most parishioners voted for was English Suede so that is the color we have ordered. It will be installed in August, after the monsoon season.

**WAYS TO HELP OUR CHURCH WITH TALENT.** Church is more than a building. It is primarily the people of God, the Mystical Body of Christ. For Christ's Church to be fully alive and vibrant, it takes our participation in prayer and liturgical services, and also requires many helpers to maintain and enhance our physical presence. Our Eparchial Pastoral Handbook says that a parishioner "is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing his/her Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)." (P.H. #437-g) Please look at the the parish ministries in the bulletin insert or as a handout in the narthex and ask the Lord if He is calling you to serve in any of them. We will have a sign up list in mid-July for this.

**ATTENTION MEN AND BOYS:** Have you considered helping to glorify God through serving on the altar? We are holding a training session on August 5 for men and boys. For some, it may be a simple refresher course. For others, it may be an introduction to serving at the altar for the first time. We are looking for boys 8-17 and men 18-75 who would be interested in serving at the altar with the priest and deacon. This session will take place from 2:30-4pm on Saturday, August 5. Coming to this session does not mean you must become an altar server, but it will help boost confidence in knowing how to serve. For experienced servers, it will help us all be in sync with one another, knowing what the priest and deacon expect during a liturgical service. Hope to see you there.

**SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY** in combination with St. Stephen Cathedral is on July 29th from 11:15am - 1:30pm in Mesa. In order to participate you must register by July 20th. The site for Feed My Starving Children is at 1345 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210. Please note the directions for registering online. (1) Visit Feed My Starving Children at [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org) (2) Click Volunteer Reservations (3) Join the group by using the section "Find using Join Code" and type the code 1090225 (4) Reserve your spot by selecting Confirm (5) Confirm Group Details (6) Login - Create an Account (7) Reservation Confirmation. There are 8 people registered but up to 25 can register for this service project. For more information, please contact Anthony Kinyon from the cathedral at [anthony.kinyon@hotmail.com](mailto:anthony.kinyon@hotmail.com) or Fr. Michael Bezruchka. Hope to see you there!

**PILGRIMAGE IN OUR EPARCHY:** Have you ever been to our annual pilgrimage in Olympia, Washington? It's a beautiful weekend. Come and see what it is like: August 18-20.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** What thoughtfulness you all displayed in sharing the many cards and gifts honoring my 1st anniversary to the priesthood and birthday the next day!!! It was moving for me to read your cards. Thank you again. May the Lord greatly bless all of you!!!

## REMEMBER THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS

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

+Sr. Jean Marie Cihota, OSBM, +James Sandrock, Connie Morrissey, Betty Kirila, Fr. Michael Kirila, Linda Morasca, Robert Hernandez, Teresa Smith, +Mary Perun, Joan Lucas, +Joseph & Anna Hryniak, +Walter Hryniak, +John Hryniak, Luisa Garcia, Linda Garcia, Nena Desantos, Russell Hook, Deacon Michael Melnick, +Wilma Ihnat, Jason & Joshua Kowalczyk, Beth Hicks, +Patty Prestash, Olga Silva, Ted Bronson, Ana Maria Olvera + Msgr. Michael Nestor and Lawrence Ybarra, +Fr. Wes Izer, Art Krueger, Ilija Seat, Elaine E. and Fr. John Coleman & Carrie Thornton, +Barbara Bronson, Eleanor Shields, Teresa Rojero, Rosemary Ziarkowski, Helen Fellin, Lou Fellin, James Devlin, +Pete Nelson, Terence J. Faust, Clementina Mendoza, James Young, Cathy Simpson, +Marge Bobick, William Glenn, Dorothy Imlej, +Rev. Michael T. Bell, Mark Stefanski, Helen Dinegar, Paul John Hetherington, Hannah Joes, Fr. Fausto, Eric Shark, Kay William, Mary Ada, OFM, B.K. Burnette, Bob Sherman, Mary Kowalczyk, Kevin McBride, Lisa Kirila Mendez, Jonathan Coonrod, Sylvia Gutierrez, Elaine Brown, Linskey Family, Viviana Rodarte, Renata Paloian, OSBM, Monica Harris, Mike Little, Olga Chapkevich, Jerrine Sauntry, Alwyne Holder, Fr. Phil Acquaro, Fr. Chris Zegger, Alexandra, +John Bacovcin, Anita Batean, Bonnie Bennett, Mark D. Chapa, Michael Chapa, Ed Corwin, Gerald & Helen Dunn, Elizabeth Glenn, Nikki Heminway, Virginia Hill, Sonny Hopkins, Jaclyn Lentz, Anne-Marie Krytiuk, Erica Lupe, Richard Marchant (Al & Helen Ferencz' son-in-law), Alice Posivy (Bullock), Lara Sparling-Ott, Carley Spears, Lorraine Teeling, Henry Zegger, Yoshiko, and all in the service of our country, especially from our parish family: Scott Karnya, Sam Karnya, Adam Young, Brandon Eyres (Michael & Anne Bacovcin's grandson), Patrick Whalen (Doreene Stacy's grandson), and the Mother of Reg Parker



*Happy Birthday*

Blasé Bronson	July 3
Dcn. Michael Sullivan	July 3
Timothy Hegg	July 8
Terri Chapman	July 9
Theo Bronson	July 10
Cassy Holzhauer	July 13
Ted Bronson	July 17
Katie Forbes	July 17
Beth Little	July 18
Carole Bullock	July 18
Betty Kirila	July 23
Vincent Antonios	July 24
Anna Broznak	July 25
Diane Parker	July 26
Marren Forbes	July 27

*Happy Anniversary*

John and Debra Hratko	June 12
Denis & Michelle Bondra	June 15
Fr. Michael Bezruchka (priests anniversary)	June 18
Deb & Cal Karnya	June 22
Ted & Christy Bronson	June 25

*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.*

## JUNE COLLECTIONS

### June 4, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$2,532.00  
Improvements/Remodeling: \$75.00  
Other Donations: \$56.79  
\*Bishop's Appeal: \$730.00  
Coffee Fellowship: \$14.00  
Gift Shop: \$30.00  
Total Deposit to Checking: \$3,437.79  
**Total for St. Thomas: \$2,707.79**

### June 11, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$913.00  
HolyDay--Pentecost: \$35.00  
\*Bishop's Appeal: \$2,320.00  
Improvements/Remodeling: \$50.00  
Gift Shop: \$10.00  
Other donations: \$27.25  
Total deposit to checking: \$3,355.25  
**Total for St. Thomas: \$1,035.25**

### June 14, 2017: SPECIAL DEPOSIT

\*Bishop's Appeal: \$195.00  
Total deposit to checking: \$195.00  
**Total for St. Thomas: \$0.00**

### June 18, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$1,002.00  
HolyDays--Ascension and Pentecost: \$10.00  
Improvements/Remodeling: \$10.00  
Gift Shop: \$30.00  
Other Donations: \$208.95  
Total deposit to checking: \$1,260.95  
**Total for St. Thomas: \$1,260.95**

### June 25, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$1,632.00  
Rent--Chaldeans: \$300.00  
Coffee Social: \$2.00  
\*Peter's Pence: \$145.00  
Other Donations: \$53.50  
Total deposit to checking: \$2,132.50  
**Total for St. Thomas: \$1,987.50**

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

## CALENDAR

**July 9:** Parish potluck: Theme--SALADS

**July 29:** Service Project opportunity: 11:15-1:30. Feed My Starving Children. RSVP--July 20

**August 5:** Altar server training at 2:30pm.

**August 6:** Sunday and HOLY DAY of the Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord.

**August 13:** Parish potluck and 35th anniversary celebration. (August 15 is the real anniversary)

**August 15:** HOLY DAY of Dormition of the Mother of God: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Festal Matins at 9am.

*Divine Liturgy at 7pm.*

**October 21:** Oktoberfest celebration at Church hall at approximately 6:30pm.

**October 23-27:** Clergy Retreat in Carefree, AZ. (Fr. Michael & Dcn. Michael less accessible)

**November 4:** Eucharistic Procession beginning at 9am from St. Anne's to St. Thomas and back.