

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

Matins:

Cancelled for this bulletin period.

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

None consistent during this interim period.
Voice messages at the office checked periodically.



Father Diodoro Mendoza

Deacon Michael Sullivan

Temporary Administrator: June 1 - July 19

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.

Schedule

Saturday, June 2

Take down Pentecost decorations 10:00 AM
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Patrick Morrissey & family--for health & consolation by Liz Zackowski
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, June 3

Tone 1

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyr Lucillian and his Companions.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4:18-23.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Fr. Joe Hutsko

Saturday, June 9

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Mary Lynn Cihak by Bullock family
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, June 10

Tone 2

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 5:1-10; Matthew 6:22-34.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Fr. Joe Hutsko

Saturday, June 16

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk by the Murphy family
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, June 17

Tone 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel & Ishmael.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Fr. Joe Hutsko
 After Divine Liturgy, Father's Day Brunch.

Saturday, June 23

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk by Banas family
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, June 24

Tone 4

5th Sunday after Pentecost and feast: Birth of Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist.

Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 10:1-10; Romans 13:11 - 14:4;
 Matthew 8:28 - 9:1; Luke 1:5-25, 57-68 & 76-80.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Fr. David Petras

Thursday, June 28

Vigil: Saints Peter and Paul (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION).

Vesper Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk by the Banas family
 Celebrant: Fr. David Petras

Friday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION).

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 2 Corinthians 11:21 - 12:9; Matthew 16:13-19.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Fr. David Petras

Saturday, June 30

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: The Way Family by Julie Smith
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, July 1

Tone 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas & Damian.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Fr. Diodoro Mendoza

Saturday, July 7

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Kathleen Marie Bodie by Fr. Doug & Nancy Lorig
 Celebrant: Fr. Diodoro Mendoza
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, July 8

Tone 6

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Great Martyr Procopius.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe

Saturday, July 14

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Edith Graneggan by Honora Bullock
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, July 15

Tone 7

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Romans 12:6-14; Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 9:1-8; John 17:1-13.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe

Friday July 20

Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet St. Elias.

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 James 5:10-20; Luke 4:22-30.
Intention: †Kay Sperry by Honora Bullock
 Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sidun

Saturday, July 21

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Luke Garrison by Honora Bullock
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, July 22

Tone 8

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 I Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 After Divine Liturgy, parish potluck to welcome Fr. Michael Sidun

Friday, July 27

Holy Great Martyr St. Panteleimon.

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Schedule (cont.)

2 Timothy 2:1-10; John 15:17 - 16.2.
Intention: Donald Thompson Jr. by the
 Thompson family

Saturday, July 28

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Kenneth Martin by Honora Bullock
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, July 29

Tone I
10th Sunday after Pentecost
 Holy Martyr Callinicus.
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 I Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 1

Divine Liturgy with Lesser Blessing of Water
 and Procession of the Holy Cross 7:00 PM
 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; I Corinthians 1:18-
 24; Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Hebrews 2:11-18;
 Matthew 23:29-39; Matthew 10:32-40; John
 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35.
Intention: Laura Barnes by Joe & Janis Barnes

Money Summary

Collections for May 2018

May 6

Tithes:Adults	\$1,315.00
Donations: source not identified	140.00
Candles	18.00
*Bishop's Appeal	2,225.00
Coffee Social	9.00
Gift Shop	132.00
Restricted Donation for church door painting	822.40
St. Nicholas Fund	50.00
Total deposit to checking	4,711.40
*Minus special collections	-2,225.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,486.40

May 13

Tithes:Adults	\$4,041.69
Holiday:Ascension	112.00
Donations: source not identified	98.25
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	43.76
*Bishop's Appeal	950.00
Gift Shop	137.00
Restricted Donation for fixtures, cleaning church pews & floor cleaning	2,022.00
Total deposit to checking	7,454.70
*Minus special collections	-950.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$6,504.70

May 20

Tithes:Adults	\$1,880.00
Pentecost	145.00
Donations: source not identified	75.00
Candles	19.00
*Bishop's Appeal	2,970.00
Gift Shop	8.00
Conf.Travel Reimbursement	69.59
St. Nicholas Fund	10.00
Total deposit to checking	5,176.59
*Minus special collections	-2,970.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,206.59

May 20

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

May 25--Extra count

Tithes:Adults	\$2,000.00
*Bishop's Appeal	2,500.00
Conf.Travel Reimbursement	44.69
Total deposit to checking	4,544.69
*Minus special collections	-2,500.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,044.69

Summary for May

(not including May 27)++

Total deposits	\$22,530.89
*Minus special collections	-8,645.00
Total Income:	\$13,885.89

*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
 June 2028.

++This bulletin was published on May 25 and
 therefore does not include the collection
 from May 26-27.

BISHOP'S APPEAL DONORS

These people have contributed \$10 or more,
 as of May 25:

Art & Tracy Aguayo
 Vincent & Janice Antonios
 Joseph Barnes
 Gregory Bartlett
 Eleanore Bernstein
 Fr. Michael Bezruchka
 Allegra Bisbee
 Ted and Christy Bronson
 Irene Bubnash
 Carole Bullock
 Honora Bullock
 Robert & Mary Lynn Cihak
 Ralph Costanzo
 Al & Helen Ferencz
 Danny and Kris Forbes
 Alberto Gomez
 Roy & Joan Haug
 Virginia Hill
 Greg Hendricks
 John and Debra Hratko
 John & Wilma Kafora
 Cal & Debi Karnya
 Dr. Nicholas Kowalczyk
 Fr. Michael & Betty Kirila
 Mike & Barb Little
 Richard Lopez
 Fr. Doug & Nancy Lorig
 George & Barbara Mahoney
 Brian Matthyse
 Cathy McCormick
 Brian & Rhiannon Moore
 Florence Park
 Jeff & Janet Park
 Reg & Diane Parker
 Gail & Jan Person
 Charles & Carol Rawlins
 Marilyn Reiling
 Jeff & Lynn Sims
 Doreene Stacy
 Dcn. Michael & Donna Sullivan
 Aaron & Mignon Thurow
 Bryon Walker
 Sharon Wollert
 Liz Zackowski

You can still participate if you donate by May
 27. Congratulations on making our Bishop
 Appeal goal this year!

Calendar Highlights

June 2: Volunteers needed to take down Pentecost decorations at 10am. Please contact Liz Zackowski to let her know you are able to help: (480) 759-1070.

June 22-24: Myrrh Bearers Retreat for women and girls in Phoenix

June 29: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. See schedule for services on June 28 and 29.

July 5-8: ByzanTEEN Youth Rally in Latrobe, PA

July 12-15: Alive in Christ for boys and dads on Palomar Mountain, CA

July 20: Fr. Michael Sidun begins assignment as Parochial Administrator at St. Thomas. Feast of St. Elias, the prophet. Divine Liturgy at 7pm.

July 22: Welcome Potluck for Fr. Michael Sidun after Divine Liturgy.

Happy Birthday

Mike Little	June 4
Greg Hendricks	June 4
Barbara Mahoney	June 6
Bill Kohl	June 9
Alberto Gomez	June 16
Blaise 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 19
Betty Kirila	July 23
Vincent Antonios	July 24
Diane Parker	July 26
Maren Forbes	July 27
Theresa Little	July 29
Mary Lynn Cihak	July 30

Happy Anniversary

John and Debra Hratko	June 12
Dennis and Michelle Bondra	June 15
Deb and Cal Karnya	June 22
Ted and Christy Bronson	June 25
Jeff and Yvonne Corey	July 16
Dcn. Mike and Donna Sullivan	July 20
Brian and Rhiannon Moore	July 21
Grant and Cassy Holzhauer	July 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.

Announcements

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT THE TRANSITION: During the interim period from June 1 to July 19, there will be substitute priests coming from St. Stephen Cathedral. These priests are listed in the liturgical schedule. Please welcome them and make them feel at home. Fr. Diodoro Mendoza will be the Temporary Administrator during this time. Fr. Joe Hutsko will be answering any emergency sick calls which might occur during this period. To make an emergency call, call the office phone (480) 497-6726 and press 2 in order to be forwarded to his cell phone. For all other scheduling or other pastoral matters, contact the Eparchy of Phoenix at (602) 861-9778 and ask to speak with Fr. Diodoro or Bishop John Pzak. There are several parishioners who are preparing things for Fr. Michael Sidun and his family's arrival. If interested in helping with that, please contact Liz Zackowski at (480) 759-1070. Fr. Michael Sidun begins here as Parochial Administrator on July 20. Please be sure to welcome him. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS! WE DID IT!--We made it! We even surpassed it!! As of May 25, we raised \$16,450 for the 2018 Bishop's Appeal. We surpassed our goal of \$15,675 by \$775. That's tremendous! This came from 44 of our households which means that about 77% of our parishioners gave to the Bishop's Appeal. Later this summer, our parish will receive a 20% rebate for having reached and surpassed our goal. Thank you for your generosity! Congratulations again!!

MEN'S GROUP: The parish Men's Group continues to meet on Saturday evenings after the 5pm Vesper Divine Liturgy to discuss Scripture, the Fathers of the Church, and other wholesome spiritual books. These weekly meetings are a great opportunity to share challenges and joys. For more information, contact Mike Little at ndmike7@gmail.com.

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2018: This will take place at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA from July 5-8. Theme: "Who is My Neighbor?" More details and registration information can be found by going to www.archpitt.org/byzanteen-youth-rally-2018/ Application packets can be found in the parish hall. Registration deadline: June 15.

ATTENTION THEOLOGY STUDENTS: This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its Master of Arts in Theology degree program with fully online courses. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty. In keeping with our mission statement, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20), Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. Through Byzantine Online, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. More information can be found at online.bcs.edu.

FROM FR. MICHAEL BEZRUCHKA: Thank you for all the help with packing and loading the truck that some of you were able to provide. Thank you also for helping to decorate for Pentecost and those able to help move pews and furniture in the church for cleaning the floors. Thank you also for all the thoughtful cards and gifts you gave me at the farewell potluck. Thank you all for being my parishioners these past two years!! It has been a blessing to serve you as your pastor. May the Lord bless all of you and may the parish of St. Thomas prosper and thrive in Christ for many, many decades to come.

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, and Gregory Whalen.

"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 Cihota,
- † Peter Broznak, † James Sandroock,
- † Fr. Wes Izer, † Cathy Simpson,
- † Anna Hrynik, † Joseph Hrynik,
- † John Hrynik, † Watler Hrynik,
- † Mary Petun, † Mary Rogees

Parish Email Announcements

If you would like to receive the parish bulletin and announcements via email, please contact Kathy Richard: krichard2003@yahoo.com