

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)

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.

Schedule

September 1

Beginning of the Church Liturgical Year—7527 (2018 AD) in Byzantine Reckoning.

The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea in the year 325 adopted the first of September as the beginning of the New Church Liturgical Year and this has been observed in the Eastern Church to the present time. In Byzantine tradition, the creation of the world is dated to the first of September in 5509 BC (5509 + 2018 = 7527). According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Tradition also says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

Saturday, September 1

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: All Children of St. Thomas Parish (by Father Michael)
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 2 Tone 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyr Mamas; Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Friday, September 7

Vigil: Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4;
 Proverbs 9:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28.
Intention: Healing (by Little family)

Saturday, September 8

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Edward Kohl (by William G. Kohl)
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 9 Tone 7 Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos

The Holy and Just Grandparents of God and Parents of the Theotokos Joachim and Anna; Holy Martyr Severian
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Sunday Potluck After Liturgy

Thursday, September 13

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 Exodus 15:22-16:1; Proverbs 3:11-18; & Isaiah 60:11-16
Intention: Doreene Stacy Health & Salvation (by Bullock family)

Friday, September 14

Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious, Holy, & Life-Creating Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ

By tradition, a day of strict fast is observed.
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19: 6-11, 13-20, 25-28, & 30-35.
Intention: †Rudolph Nicholas Lawson (by Lawson-Bullock family)

Saturday, September 15

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Ted Bronson & family (by Little family)
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 16 Tone 8 Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Great Martyr Euphemia
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Galatians 2: 16-20; Mark 8: 34-38.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 19

Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, & Dorymedont

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 Ephesians 5:25-33; Luke 4:1-15
Intention: †Rudolph Nicholas Lawson (by Bullock family)

Saturday, September 22

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Joseph Kohl (by William Kohl)
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 23 Tone 1 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Conception of the Holy, Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 5: 1-11.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 26

Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 1 John 4:12-19; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25.
Intention: Bronson family (by Bullock family)

Saturday, September 29

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 30 Tone 2 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia
 Third Hour 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Luke 6: 31-36.
Intention: Doreene Stacy birthday blessings (by Bullock family)

Monday, October 1

Holy Protection of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10: 38-42; 11: 27-28.
Intention: Father Michael & family (by Sidun family)

Happy Birthday

Joan Haug	Sept	16
Deb Karnya	Sept	16
Caítlín Sullivan	Sept	20
Arturo Aguayo	Sept	20
Ava Holzhauer	Sept	21
Helen Ferencz	Sept	30
Doreene Stacy	Sept	30

Happy Anniversary

Father Michael & Betty Kirila	Sept	3
Wilma & John Kafora	Sept	7
Gail & Jan Person	Sept	11
Arturo & Tracy Aguayo	Sept	30

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. 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.

Announcements

Oktoberfest & Silent Auction—Help from parishioners is needed to procure Silent Auction items. Last year too few people did too much work requesting items from various businesses. Letters are available from Liz Zackowski in person or via email at lizzack74@gmail.com. In addition, someone is needed to coordinate the children's table. Please let Liz know how you can help.

Collections

Summary for August

Total deposits \$6,488.86

August 5

Tithes: Adults \$1,210.00
Donations: source not identified 75.00
Improvements, Remodeling 50.00
Candles 48.00
Coffee Social 6.00
Total for St. Thomas: \$1,389.00

August 12

Tithes: Adults \$1,577.00
Dormition 20.00
Transfiguration 20.00
Donations: source not identified 544.00
Improvements, Remodeling 30.00
Candles 39.50
Total for St. Thomas: \$2,230.50

August 19

Tithes: Adults \$1,270.00
Dormition 10.00
Donations: source not identified 45.05
Candles 34.80
Coffee Social 13.00
Restitution payment 60.00
Total for St. Thomas: \$1,432.85

August 19

Anaheim Loan payment \$643.51
Total for St. Thomas: \$643.51

August 26

Tithes: Adults \$732.00
Donations: source not identified 32.00
Improvements, Remodeling 17.00
Candles 12.00
Total for St. Thomas: \$793.00

Calendar Highlights

- **Friday, September 7**—Vigil: Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at **7:00 PM**
- **Sunday, September 9**—Potluck Sunday and celebration of September Birthdays and Anniversaries.
- Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious, Holy, & Life-Creating Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Thursday, September 13—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at **7:00 PM**
Friday, September 14—Divine Liturgy at **7:00 PM**
- **Monday, October 1**—Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary Divine Liturgy at **7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, October 20**—Silent Auction and Oktoberfest at **6:30 PM**

Did You Know?

“Lucan Jump” or “Lucan Leap”

The continuous reading of the Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke always begins on the Monday following the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This year there is no “Lucan Jump” (in other words skipping over remaining unread readings from St. Matthew in order to begin reading from St. Luke) because the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is also the 17th Sunday after Pentecost which is the ordinary non-Lucan Jump conclusion of the continuous reading of the Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, and thus, there is no interruption in the Gospel readings after Pentecost.

Icon of the Church Liturgical Year

