

CHRIST IS RISEN!



May 15, 2017 - June 12, 2017
INDEED HE IS RISEN!



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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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 8:00-9:00am 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

Monday May 15
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 17
Otdanije (leave-taking) of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Apostle Andronic and His Companions. Passing of Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952),
Matins 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14.
Intention - Fr. Michael & Betty Kirila by Doreene Stacy

Friday May 19
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Saturday May 20
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention - +Robert Lewandowski by Diane Papke

Sunday of the Man Born Blind
Sunday May 21 **Tone 5**
Holy Emperor Constantine and his mother Helen, equals to the Apostles.
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00a.m.
Acts 16:16-34; Acts 26:1-5 & 15-20; John 9:1-38; John 9:39 - 10:9.
Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday May 22
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 24
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Ascension of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ
Thursday May 25
Holyday of Obligation
Festal Matins 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53
Intention - +Gary Johnson by Joe and Janis Barnes

Friday May 26
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Saturday May 27
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention - +Wilma Ihnat by anonymous

Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council
Sunday May 28 **Tone 6**
Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon.
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00a.m.
Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36; John 17:1-13.
Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday May 29
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 31
Postfestive Day of Ascension. Holy Apostle Hermes. Holy Martyr Hermeas.
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Saturday June 3
Fifth All Souls Saturday. Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Acts 28:1-31; (for the deceased, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17); John 21:15-25; (for the deceased, John 5:24-30).
Intention - For deceased parishioners and others in parish diptychs
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention - +Wilma Ihnat by anonymous

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday June 4 **Festal Tone**
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52 & 8:12.
Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas

Pentecost Week

Pentecost Monday

Simple Holyday

Monday June 5
Matins 8:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 18:10-20.
Intention - Fr. Michael and Betty Kirila by the Bullock family

Pentecost Wednesday

Wednesday June 7
Matins 8:00 a.m.

Pentecost Friday

Friday June 9
Matins 8:00 a.m.
No abstinence from meat required on this day.

Saturday June 10
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention - +Wilma Ihnat by Ronnie Stange

Sunday of All Saints

Sunday June 11 **Tone 8**
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Hebrews 11:33 - 12:2; Matthew 10:32-33 & 37-38 & 19:27-30.
Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday June 12
Matins 8:00 a.m.

CALENDAR

- **May 25: Ascension Thursday:**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Divine Liturgy at 7pm.
- **June 4: Feast of Pentecost.**
Most of Church calendar is in reference to Pentecost.
- **June 18: Father's Day Brunch.**
- **June 19-23: Clergy Conference in Phoenix.**
(Fr. Michael & Dcn. Michael less accessible)
- **June 23-25: Myrrh Bearers Retreat**
for moms and daughters in Phoenix.
- **June 29: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul:**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 7pm on June 28. Divine Liturgy at 7pm on June 29.
- **July 6-9: Alive in Christ Camp**
for dads and sons in Prescott, AZ.
- **July 9: Parish potluck**
- **August 13: Parish potluck**
and 35th Anniversary celebration.
(August 15 is the real anniversary)
- **August 15: Dormition of the Mother of God:**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Divine Liturgy at 7pm.
- **October 21: Oktoberfest**
celebration at Church hall.
- **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! As of May 14, we have raised \$11,155.00 for our Bishop's Appeal. Our goal is \$16,775.00 and if we reach it, our parish will receive a 30% rebate! Please donate what you can. Our deadline of May 31 is almost here. We have reached 66% of our goal. So far, 33 families have participated in this appeal which puts us at 54% participation. For those who have donated, A BIG THANK YOU! If you are waiting for the last minute to participate, it has now arrived. Everybody can afford something, even \$5.00. For those who have fulfilled their pledge, if you are able to donate \$50-\$100 extra, we might be able to make our goal this year. THANK YOU!

LOOKING FOR MORE CANTORS: We would love to have more trained cantors at our parish. Patrick Murphy is our head cantor and would be happy to help mentor and train you. He is the cantor

with the black beard. He can also be reached at patrick.j.k.murphy@gmail.com

Cantor Classes online and Reader Resources:
The Metropolitan Cantor Institute (MCI) continues its online education program through the following courses:

Introduction to the Typikon – May 22 to June 16
Introduction to the Eight Tones – June 19 to August 11
The Liturgical Year – August 14 to October 6
Mastering the Eight Tones – August 14 to October 6
The Office of Vespers – October 16 to December 8
The Divine Liturgy – October 16 to December 8

Last September, reader's courses (classes on how to chant the epistle) were held at our cathedrals in Munhall, PA and Parma, OH. The MCI website has videos as well as handouts covering helpful information from these classes. It is great for people considering becoming a reader and those wanting to polish their skills further.

Please visit <http://mci.archpitt.org> for more information.

COMING TO MESA - IT'S THE WORLD-RENOWNED TAMBURITZANS!
When: Thursday June 1 - 7:30 pm
Where: Virginia Piper Repertory Theatre at Mesa Arts Center, One East Main Street - Mesa, AZ 85201
Ticket prices: (All seats are reserved)
\$35 Adult / \$30 Students & Seniors
Ticket web site: <https://www.mesaartscenter.com/>
Box Office: 480-644-6500

The Tamburitzans 80th season production is an intriguing, one-of-a-kind theatrical performance of international music, song and dance from Croatia, Armenia, Montenegro, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Russia, Ukraine, France, and India. The finale "Dance of the Roma" - an incredible display of sound, color and motion - will leave you breathless! With more than 400 costumes from 11 countries performed by 30 talented dancers, musicians and singers, complemented with state-of-the-art audio, lighting and video, The Tamburitzans show is a profound and memorable experience. The performance is 2 hours long with one 15-minute intermission and is appropriate for all ages.

Click the link below (or copy and paste) to see a short (70 seconds) but dazzling video preview!

<http://www.thetamburitzans.org/index.php/bookin g/promotional-video/>

REMEMBER THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS

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

Betty Kirila, Fr. Michael Kirila, Linda Morasca, Robert Hernandez, Teresa Smith, †Mary Perun, Joan Lucas, †Joseph & Anna Hrynyk, †Walter Hrynyk, †John Hrynyk, 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 Zugger, 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-inlaw), Alice Posivy (Bullock), Lara Sparling-Ott, Carley Spears, Lorraine Teeling, Henry Zugger, 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

Gloria Gomez	May 2
Jeff Corey	May 2
Alex Forbes	May 3
Gail Person	May 5
Diane Hvasta	May 8
Jeff Schreiber	May 8
Nina Pasieka	May 10
Ashley Hegg	May 14
Christopher Casillas	May 17

Happy Anniversary

Fr. Michael Kirila – Priesthood anniversary	May 16
Danny & Kris Forbes	May 16
Vince and Janice Antonios	May 19

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.

COLLECTIONS

APRIL - MAY COLLECTIONS

April 16, 2017: Pascha

General parishioner tithes: \$1,660.00
 Holy Day: Good Friday: \$80.00
 Holy Day: Pascha: \$2,149.00
 *Bishop's Appeal: \$375.00
 *Pontifical Good Friday--Holy Land Christians: \$135.00
 Bake Sale: \$37.00
 Gift Shop: \$12.00
 Other donations: \$337.95
Total: \$4,785.95 deposited 4/18/17
250 pesos = \$12.30 deposited 4/26/17

April 23, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$1,002.00
 Holy Day: Palm Sunday & Pascha: \$30.00
 *Pontifical Good Friday--Holy Land Christians: \$175.00
 *Bishop's Appeal: \$1,100.00
 *Catholic Home Missions: \$95.00
 Bake Sale: \$109.00
 Coffee Social: \$6.00
 Gift Shop: \$15.00
 Other donations: \$233.50
Total: \$2,765.50

April 30, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$486.00
 Holy Days: other: \$15.00
 Rent: Chaldeans: \$300.00
 *Bishop Appeal: \$875.00
 Bake Sale: \$15.00
 Coffee Social: \$3.00
 Gift Shop: \$27.00
 Other donations: \$281.00
Total: \$2,002.00

May 7, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$1,366.00
 *Bishop's Appeal: \$500.00
 Bake Sale: \$10.00
 Coffee Social: \$5.00
 Other donations: \$109.35
Total: \$1,990.35

May 14, 2017:

General parishioner tithes: \$1,458.00
 *Bishop Appeal: \$875.00
 *Catholic Home Missions: \$50.00
 Other donations: \$152.50
Total: \$2,535.50

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