Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

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

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Anderson	Sept. 10
Joan Haug	Sept. 16
Deb Karnya	Sept. 16
Arturo Aguayo	Sept. 20
Caitlin Sullivan	Sept. 20
Ava Holzhauer	Sept. 21
Helen Ferencz	Sept. 30
Doreene Stacy	Sept. 30

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Wilma Kafora	Sept. 7
Francis & Jan Person	Sept. 11
Walter & Patricia Metrick	Sept. 21
Arturo & Tracy Aguayo	Sept. 30
Fr. Mike & Betty Kirila	Sept. 30



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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

Holy Mystery of Penance:

Confessions are heard starting one hour before the scheduled Divine Liturgy is to begin for a total of 35 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 **September 3**
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- Fr. Michael & Mrs. Kirila by the Bullock family

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday **September 4** **Tone 7**
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
2 Corinthians 6:1-10 & Matthew 25:14-30
Intention- Parishioners of St. Thomas

17th Week after Pentecost
Thursday **September 8**
Solemn Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Philippians 2:5-11 & Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
Intention- Al & Helen Ferencz by Doreene Stacy

Saturday **September 10**
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- +Lillian Lentz by Fr. & Mrs. Kirila
Celebrant: Fr. David Petras

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday **September 11** **Tone 8**
Postfestive Day of The Birth of the Theotokos
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Galatians 6:11-18 & John 3:13-17
Celebrant: Fr. David Petras
Intention- Parishioners of St. Thomas
Potluck Sunday

18th Week after Pentecost
Wednesday **September 14**
Solemn Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
1 Corinthians 1:18-24 & John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35
Intention- +Rudolph Nicholas Lawson by the Bullock family

Saturday **September 17**
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- + Ann Frendzel by Al & Helen Ferencz

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday **September 18** **Tone 1**
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Galatians 2:16-20 & Mark 8:34 - 9:1
Intention- Parishioners of St. Thomas

19th Week after Pentecost
Wednesday **September 21**
Otdanije (Leave-taking) of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Apostle Codratus of Magnesia.
Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Philippians 1:12-20 & Luke 4:1-15
Intention- +John Shields by Peter & Anna Broznak

Saturday **September 24**
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- + Wilma Ihnat by Irene Bubnash

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday **September 25** **Tone 2**
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
2 Corinthians 11:31 - 12:9 & Luke 5:1-11
Intention- Parishioners of St. Thomas

20th Week after Pentecost
Friday **September 30**
Solemn Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Genesis 28: 10-17; Ezechiel 43: 27-44:4; Proverbs 9: 1-11
Hebrews 9: 1-7; Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28
Intention- Thomas J. May by Patricia Petteruto

Saturday **October 1**
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- + Dennis Rock and Sally Rock by Sally Rock

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday **October 2** **Tone 3**
Third Hour 9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Galatians 1: 11-19 & Luke 6: 31-36
Intention- Parishioners of St. Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! On September 1, we begin the new year of the church. In Byzantine reckoning, it is the year 7525. On that day, we thank the Lord for his bountiful harvest. The feast of Mary's birthday is celebrated exactly one week later and we get the sense of resetting the events of Mary and Jesus' life.

Fall Cleanup - Once again, our parish prayer list needs updating. If there is anybody who is healthy, who was previously sick; if there is anybody whom you think does not need to be on our prayer list anymore, please inform Fr. Michael. If you would like to add someone living or deceased, please inform Fr. Michael. A physical note or email is best. Thank you!

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS: On this day, we celebrate the birthday of Mary the Mother of God. Come to celebrate this solemn feast on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm. Feel free to wear blue, a color associated with Mary.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: Anybody fascinated by archeology? Come to learn about how the Holy Cross was first located in 326 AD. Not only do we celebrate how Our Lord's cross was found, we remember that through His cross, we have life. His cross is not just a symbol of pain and death, it is a symbol of life and victory for us Christians. Come to celebrate this solemnity with Divine Liturgy on September 14 at 7:00pm. Feel free to wear red, a color associated with the Holy Cross and fasting periods. By tradition, this day is a day of strict fast: no meat or dairy products. Though not required, a strict abstinence from both meat and dairy products is strongly encouraged.

The "Lucan Jump" - The continuous reading of the Gospel of the Holy Evangelist Luke begins on the Monday following the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross which this year is Monday, September 19. No matter where we are in the cycle of Sundays after Pentecost, we begin reading the Gospel of St. Luke on the Monday following the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross. Because the Epistles are always read continuously even though the Gospel changes, this year there will be a discrepancy of one week between the numbered week for the Epistles and the numbered week for the Gospels until December 28. Likewise, even though, for example, the Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday may be read on the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost due to the "Lucan Jump," that Sunday remains the Nineteenth Sunday.

TOUR AND DIVINE LITURGY - On Thursday, October 13, 2016, we will have a tour of our Byzantine Catholic Church here at St. Thomas for homeschoolers and families who are unfamiliar with our Byzantine Catholic Church. Parishioners and other guests are also invited to come, not just guest homeschool families. The morning will begin with a 15 minute tour and introduction at 10am followed by Divine Liturgy. Afterward, there will be opportunities for answering further questions.

SILENT AUCTION AND OKTOBERFEST - Letters are still available for requesting donations. Also needed are items for the children's table. Please see Liz Zackowski or Martha Coonrod if you have any questions or would like to help. The date for the Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 22.

REMODELING SPREE: Many things have been spruced up in the church lately. Most recently, we've seen Cal's great work on church flooring and bathroom wall tile. The chandeliers also look elegant and we are in the process of completing the finishing touches for these: name plaques, bending aluminum arms, etc. (We could use some help with this.) We thank Fr. Diodoro for initiating the floor and chandelier projects. We thank all those who helped with the chandeliers and all those like Al and Deacon Michael who keep the church well maintained.

ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - Mark your calendars and get ready to learn!! Free online classes will be offered regarding such topics as Eastern Christian Spirituality, Sacred Scriptures, and the Philip's Fast. With a connection to the Internet or by dialing in through a toll-free phone, you can access these classes which are held from 7:00-8:00 or 8:00-9:00 pm depending on the time zone and time of year. Flyers with more information are available in the narthex. For more information and registration, visit:
http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith_formation.html

