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 **Deacon Michael Sullivan**
Parochial Administrator

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

August 1-14
Dormition Fast
The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. By tradition it is a period of strict abstinence with the usual mitigations. Common practice in recent years has been to adopt at the very minimum some increased level of abstinence beyond that of non-penitential seasons. The observance of this fast is voluntary.

Wednesday, August 1
Procession of the Holy Cross
Lesser Blessing of Water
7 Holy Maccabee Martyrs, their Mother Solomone and Teacher Eleazar
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Corinthians 3:4-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Hebrews 11: 33-12:2; Hebrews 2: 11-18; Matthew 23:29-39; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35;. Matthew 10: 32-40; John 5:1-4.
Intention: Laura Barnes (by Joe & Janis Barnes)

Saturday, August 4
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: All Parishioners & Friends of St. Thomas Parish Who Have Helped and Welcomed Father Michael & His Family (by Father Michael)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 5 Tone 2
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Prefestive Day of Transfiguration
Holy Martyr Eusignius
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-25.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday, August 6
Transfiguration of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
Blessing of Fruit
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Peter 1:10-19; Matthew 17:1-9.
Intention: Deacon Michael & Family (by Father Michael)

Saturday, August 11
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: † Mary Kreis (by Sherry Whah)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 12 Tone 3
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Postfestive Day of Transfiguration
Holy Martyrs Photius & Anicetus; Maximus the Confessor (transferred from August 13)
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Sunday Potluck After Liturgy

Wednesday, August 15
Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, & Plants
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Intention: Al Ferencz & Family (by Father Michael)

Saturday, August 18
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: † Luisa Garcia (by Martha Coonrad)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 19 Tone 4
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Postfestive Day of the Dormition
Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune & his 2,593 Soldiers Martyred with their Commander
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 22
Postfestive Day of the Dormition
Holy Martyr Agathonicus & Companions; Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop (1964); Holy Martyr Lupus (transferred from August 23)
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Corinthians 13:3-13; Mark 4:35-41.
Intention: All Who Help Out in the Parish Church in So Many Ways (by Father Michael)

Saturday, August 25
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: All Who Help Out in the Parish Office in So Many Ways (by Father Michael)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 26 Tone 5
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew; Holy Apostle Titus
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
2 Corinthians 1:121-2:4; Matthew 22:1-14.
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 29
Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John
By tradition, a day of strict fast is observed. Local traditions include not eating anything in the shape of a head, such as cabbage, lettuce, apples, etc.
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 13:25-33; Mark 6:14-30.
Intention: All Who Help Out in the Parish Hall in So Many Ways (by Father Michael)

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 Mammas; 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

Collections

Happy Birthday

Joseph Barnes	August	5
Isabela Corey	August	8
Marilyn Reiling	August	9
Jeff Sims	August	10
Cathy McCormick	August	11
Noah Moore	August	14
James Dugie	August	15
Christy Bronson	August	21
Debra Hratko	August	23
Daniel Wollert	August	23

Happy Anniversary

Mike and Barb Little	August	3
Andy and Sharon Wollert	August	13
Jeff and Yellow Schreiber	August	15
Al and Helen Ferencz	August	23
Aaron & Mignon Thurow	August	24

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 Sandrock, † Fr. Wes Izer, † Cathy Simpson, † Anna Hrynik, † Joseph Hrynik, † John Hrynik, † Watler Hrynik, † Mary Petun, † Mary Rogees

Summary for June

Total deposits	$6,161.43
*Minus special collections	-45.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$6,116.43

June 3

Tithes: Adults	$1,396.00
Donations: source not identified	5.00
Candles	18.50
Coffee Social	5.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,424.50

June 10

Tithes: Adults	$875.00
Donations: source not identified	34.00
Improvements, Remodeling	30.00
Candles	39.00
*Peter's Pence	20.00
Total deposit to checking	998.00
*Minus special collections	-20.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$978.00

June 17

Tithes: Adults	$1,150.36
Ss. Peter & Paul Feastday	20.00
Donations: source not identified	47.00
Candles	36.06
Coffee Social	5.00
Gift Shop	25.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,283.42

June 24

Tithes: Adults	$1,106.00
Donations: source not identified	33.00
Improvements, Remodeling	12.00
Candles	34.00
Rent: Church, Hall	600.00
*Peter's Pence	25.00
Coffee Social	2.00
Total deposit to checking	1,812.00
*Minus special collections	-25.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,787.00

June 24

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

Summary for July

Total deposits	$8,745.14
*Minus special collections	-135.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$8,610.14

July 1

Tithes: Adults	$1,807.00
Ss. Peter & Paul Feastday	35.00
Donations: source not identified	54.00
Improvements, Remodeling	150.00
Candles	63.45
*Peter's Pence	120.00
Coffee Social	3.00
Gift Shop	4.00
Total deposit to checking	2,236.45
*Minus special collections	-120.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,116.45

July 8

Tithes: Adults	$612.00
Donations: source not identified	22.98
Candles	35.20
*Peter's Pence	15.00
Coffee Social	7.00
Total deposit to checking	692.18
*Minus special collections	-15.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$677.18

July 15

Tithes: Adults	$1,227.00
Donations: source not identified	37.50
Improvements, Remodeling	70.00
Candles	18.25
Coffee Social	3.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,355.75

July 22

Tithes: Adults	$1,598.00
Donations: source not identified	127.69
Candles	49.40
Coffee Social	15.16
Gift Shop	37.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,827.25

July 22

Anaheim Loan payment	$643.51
**Deposit to Checking Account	$643.51

July 29

Tithes: Adults	$1,093.00
Donations: source not identified	77.00
Improvements, Remodeling	150.00
Candles	35.00
Rent: Church, Hall	600.00
Coffee Social	13.00
Gift Shop	22.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,990.00

*These funds are special collections that are remitted directly to the eparchy for sending to the specified causes.

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Feast of The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople
Thursday, August 2, 2018

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Parish in Gilbert Arizona,

On behalf of the entire Sidun family, from the very depths of our hearts, I wish to thank all of you for welcoming us so warmly and lovingly with so much spiritual and material support into this parish! We cannot thank you enough for all of your prayers and for all of your help with transportation (rides and use of a car), meals and food, household goods, help with miscellaneous expenses related to moving and starting over in a new home, your time and energy and knowledge and skills and companionship, and so much more!! Thank you also for putting the rectory in such great condition and making us to feel so very much at home in it!!! And thank you all for the wonderful potluck—it was great!!!!

It has been a very great blessing to meet you all! My entire family and I are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you better.

May the Lord God bless all of you and grant you many blessed years of peace, health, and happiness!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael Sidun

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2 August 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, Most Reverend John S. Pazak, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, and Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, write to you today to inform you of the appointment, made by His Holiness Pope Francis, of Bishop Olmsted as Apostolic Administrator *Sede Plena* of the Eparchy of Phoenix. While Bishop Pazak remains Bishop of the Eparchy of Phoenix, his focus during the time of Bishop Olmsted's appointment will be primarily pastoral and liturgical, while that of Bishop Olmsted will be primarily administrative.

This relationship is therefore intended to be a collaborative one to facilitate the resolution of a legal matter which has arisen within the Eastern Catholic Church in the United States. The Church, founded as one and intended to be one by Jesus Christ as its head and Shepherd, is to be and remain one in Christ. Unfortunately, there occasionally arise disagreements which can become complicated and threaten the peace, unity, and communion to which, we are all called as People of God. Fully aware of this, and bound by our common faith and responsibilities to those we serve, we commit ourselves to a just resolution among all those involved and believe that this present collaboration will be able to effect that. Bishop Olmsted's presence in this effort is therefore welcomed by Bishop Pazak, as is the guidance and concern of the Holy See. We ask, too, that you lend your personal support to our work through your prayers, that all parties may be guided by the Holy Spirit, and be fully open to that guidance.

We believe it is also important to state that this does not involve any personal misconduct on anyone's part. It is a legal dispute which has both canonical and legal perspectives which we and all the involved parties must address. Therefore, as may be somewhat obvious at this point, we will consult, and are consulting, with experts in both these areas so that the eventual solution will be an equitable one worthy of Christ's Church.

Because this is a somewhat complicated situation, Bishop Olmsted's appointment as Apostolic Administrator does not carry a term, or predetermined length of time. This allows for the process to move along prudently, taking the time necessary to understand the issues and thus arrive at the best result. While this takes place, there should be no effect on day to day parish life in our Eparchy and, when the matter is eventually resolved, we will let you know.

Bishop Pazak remains our spiritual father; Bishop Olmsted brings his administrative and pastoral skills to us. Please pray that God will bless our work, which we hope will not only strengthen the relationship among our various eparchies, as these situations can always do when we work together, but that it also may serve in some way to deepen the precious bond of unity within the universal Church. To this we commit ourselves.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John S. Pazak, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, D.D., J.C.D.
Apostolic Administrator *Sede Plena* of Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix