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

Saturday Evening, November 3

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, November 4 **Tone 7**

24th Sunday after Pentecost

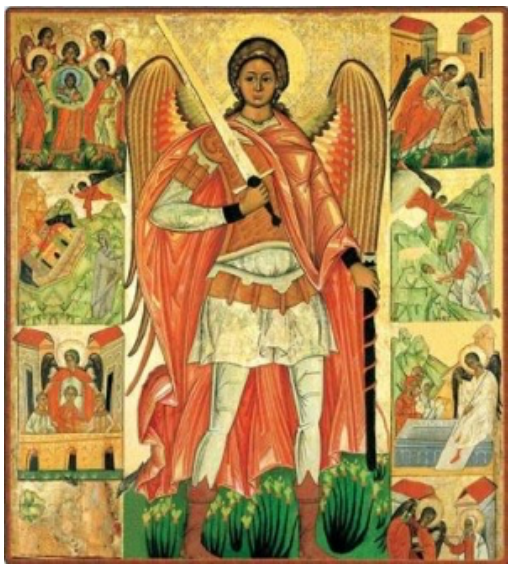
Venerable Father Joannicus the Great; Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra; Priest Hermas

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 8:41-56

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Wednesday Evening, November 7

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Joshua 5:13-15; Judges 6,2,7,11-24; & Isaiah 14:7-20

***Intention*:** Barbara & Mike Little (Al & Helen Ferencz)

Thursday, November 8

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael & All the Angelic Powers

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21

Intention: Mary Helena Lawson—99th Birthday Blessings (Bullock family)

Saturday Evening, November 10

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: Donald Thompson Jr.—For Healing (Thompson family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, November 11 **Tone 8**

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, & Vincent; Holy Martyr Stephanis; Venerable Father & Confessor Theodore the Studite; Blessed Bishop Martyr Vincent Eugene Bossilkov

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 10:25-37

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, November 14

Holy and Illustrious Apostle Philip

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51

Intention: † John Biever (Ted & Christy Bronson)

November 15-December 24
Phillip's (Advent) 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. In particular, Christmas Eve, December 24, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence. 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.

Thursday, November 15

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:1-9

Intention: Nicholas Kowalczyk (Bullock family)

Saturday Evening, November 17

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: † Peter Broznak (Thompson family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, November 18 **Tone 1**

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanus

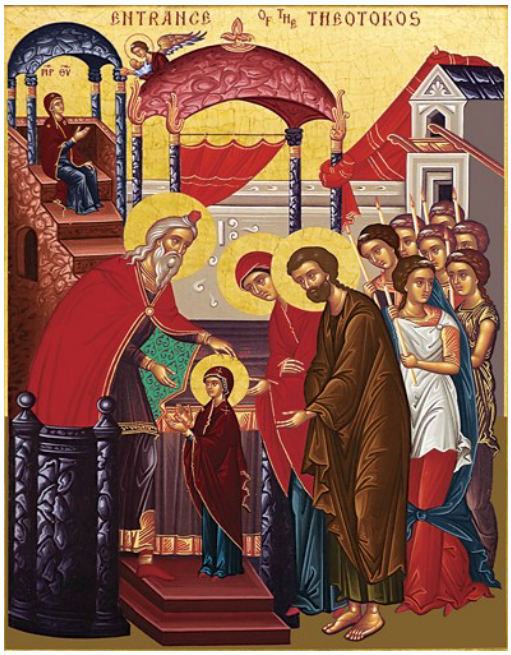
Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Ephesians 5:9-19; Luke 12:16-21

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Sunday Potluck After Liturgy



Tuesday Evening, November 20

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Exodus 40: 1-5,9,10,16,34-35; 3 (1) Kings 7:51-8:1,3-7,9-11; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

Intention: Fr. Peter Guladza—Health (Bullock family)

Wednesday, November 21

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Intention: Danny & Kris Forbes (Ted & Christy Bronson)

Schedule



Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day
Holy Apostle Philemon & Companions
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
1 Timothy 6:6-11,17-19:1; Luke 12:13-15,22-31,42-48
Intention: Zavra Barnes (Joe& Janis Barnes)

Saturday Evening, November 24
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Rita Chokan-Karnya (Thompson family)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy
Sunday, November 25 **Tone 2**
27th Sunday after Pentecost
Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entrance
Holy Fathers and Martyrs Clement, Pope of Rome & Peter, Bishop of Alexandria
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 13:10-17
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, November 28
Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger; Holy Martyr Irenarchus
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Timothy 4:9-22; Luke 20:1-8
Intention: † Mary Ellen Nagy (Bullock family)

Friday, November 30
Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-called
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:35-51
Intention: Rita Chokan-Karnya (Cal & Debi Karnya)

Saturday Evening, December 1
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: † Kathleen Marie Bodie (Fr. Doug & Pani Nancy Lorig)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy
Sunday, December 2 **Tone 3**
28th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Prophet Habakkuk; Blessed Confessor Ivan Slezyuk, Bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 18:18-27
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

EASTERN ADVENT WREATH
First Sunday of Advent (Nov 18)
Candle: green (faith)
Symbolism: The first candle reminds us of faith, the faith we have in God that He will keep His promise to send His Son.
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 40:3-5; 52:7
Theme: God's promise to send the Messiah.
Second Sunday of Advent (Nov 25)
Candle: blue (hope)
Light both candles and review the meaning of the first candle.
Symbolism: The second candle reminds us of the hope we have that Christ will come again this year to bring new joy into our lives.
Scripture: Luke 1:5-31
Theme: Ways in which Christ brings joy to our hearts today and why should a Christian be joyful.
Third Sunday of Advent (Dec 2)
Candle: gold (love)
Light all three candles and review the meaning of the first two candles.
Symbolism: Remember the words of St. John, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."
Scripture: St. Luke 1:26-38.
Theme: The life of St. Nicholas who was known for his great generosity in distributing gifts and money to the poor. He preferred to deliver his gifts after dark and in disguise so that no one would know who left them. How can we follow his example by giving gifts to the needy?
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec 9)
Candle: white (peace)
Always review the meaning of the previous candles as the candles are being lit.
Symbolism: This candle reminds us of the Angel's message to the shepherds, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."
Scripture: Luke 2:1-18
Theme: Reflect on whether there is someone who has something against us, or if we have something against anyone. Are there relationships that need repairing or people we need to forgive? Forgive and be forgiven.
Fifth Sunday of Advent (Dec 16)
Candle: purple (repentance)
Review the meaning of the first four candles.
Symbolism: This candle reminds us of our need to repent before we can meet the coming of Christ. "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."
Scripture: Mark 1:1-8, 14-15.
Theme: Discuss repentance and then prepare oneself with a thorough self-examination followed by confession and communion.
Sixth Sunday of Advent (Dec 23)
Candle: red (Holy Communion)
Symbolism: Christ, Who was born in Bethlehem and Who will come again at the end of time, comes to us now in the great Sacrament of Holy Communion. The reason He was born in Bethlehem was that we might allow Him to come and be born in the manger of our hearts.
Scripture: John 1:1-18 and John 6:52-58.
Theme: Reflect on Holy Communion
Seventh Sunday of Advent (Dec 25)
Candle: a specially decorated white candle such as the one used at baptism or during Pascha (Christ)
Begin by lighting all seven candles. Review the meaning of the first six candles.
Symbolism: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and His name shall be called Wonderful."
Scripture: Luke 2:1-7
Theme: The meaning of Christ's coming.

"The Ancient Prophecies foretold..."



Happy Birthday

Julia Aguayo	Nov	3
Anne Bacovcin	Nov	3
Kris Forbes	Nov	3
Caroline Bronson	Nov	3
Paul Antonios	Nov	6
Jacob Aguayo	Nov	8
Florence Park	Nov	10
Danny Forbes	Nov	12
Lynn Sims	Nov	16
Beth Hicks	Nov	17
Dennis Bondra	Nov	21
Mignon Louise Thurow	Nov	22
Nicole Hvasta	Nov	30

Happy Anniversary

Jeff & Janet Park	Nov	7

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

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

Collections

Summary for September 1- September 30

Total deposits	$12,080.06
September 30	
Tithes: Adults	$1,085.00
Donations: source not identified	7.00
Improvements, Remodeling	125.00
Candles	33.75
Coffee Social	5.00
Gift Shop	22.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,277.75

Summary for October 1- October 31

Total deposits	$10,090.68
*Minus special collections	-665.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$9,425.68
October 7	
Tithes: Adults	$1,832.00
Holy Protection	20.00
Donations: source not identified	44.89
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	56.05
*Medical Insurance Collection	115.00
Total deposit to checking	2,117.94
*Minus special collections	-115.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,002.94
October 14	
Tithes: Adults	$1,006.00
Donations: source not identified	26.00
*Medical Insurance Collection	300.00
Coffee Social	5.00
Total deposit to checking	1,337.00
*Minus special collections	-300.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,037.00
October 21	
Tithes: Adult	$1,722.00
Donations: source not identified	331.00
Candles	183.23
Rent: Church, Hall	300.00
*Medical Insurance Collection	250.00
Coffee Social	5.00
Oktoberfest revenue	1,974.00
Total deposit to checking	4,765.23
*Minus special collections	-250.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$4,515.23
October 28	
Tithes: Adult	$850.00
Donations: source not identified	20.00
Improvements, Remodeling	100.00
Candles	32.00
Coffee Social	1.00
Oktoberfest revenue	224.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,227.00
Anaheim Loan payment	$643.51
Total for St. Thomas:	$643.51

Calendar Highlights

- **Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 8**–Feast of the Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael & All the Angelic Powers Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy and Divine Liturgy respectively both at **7:00 PM**
- **Tuesday, November 20 and Wednesday, November 21**–Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy and Divine Liturgy respectively both at **7:00 PM**
- **Thursday, November 22**–Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy at **9:00 AM**
- **Saturday, December 1**–Church Cleaning in preparation for Christmas beginning at 9:00 am.
- **Saturday, December 15**–Holy Supper in Church Hall beginning about 6:30 pm.

Parish Advisory Board

Danny Forbes
Emma Gilsdorf
Cal Karnya
Cathy McDormick
Charlie Rawlins
Jeff Sims
Liz Zackowski