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.

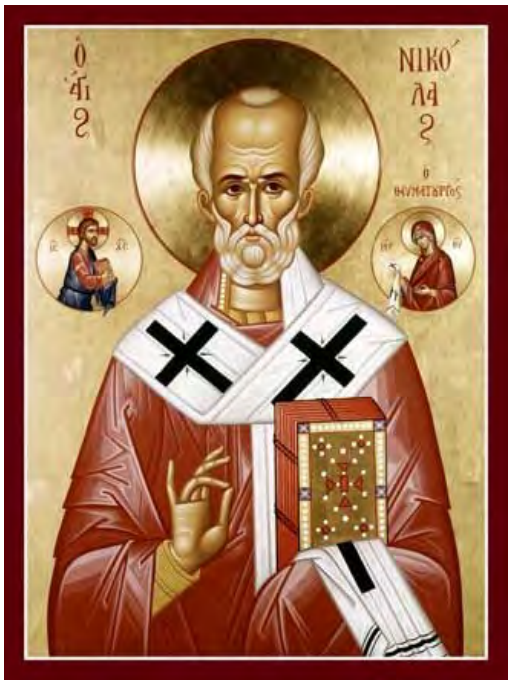
We welcome visitors who wish to share in our sacred worship services.

Liturgical Schedule

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 from both meat and dairy. 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.

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



Thursday, December 6
Feast of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonder-Worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23
Intention: Mary Lynn Čihák (Bullock family)



Saturday Evening, December 8
Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk (Banas-Murphy Family)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, December 9 **Tone 4**
29th Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna (Conception by the Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos)
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Colossians 3:12-16 & Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 17:12-19 & Luke 8:16-21
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Sunday Potluck After Liturgy
(Perhaps St. Nicholas himself will visit our Church and our parish potluck today if we pray and sing to him in earnest!)



Wednesday, December 12
Feast of Our Lady the Virgin Theotokos of Guadalupe
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 1:39-56
Intention: Mike & Barbara Little & family (Al & Helen Ferencz)

Friday, December 14
Confession
Before Christmas 7:00 PM

Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, December 15

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Peter Broznak (Ann Broznak)

Holy Supper After Liturgy

Sunday, December 16 **Tone 5**

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Colossians 3: 4-11; Luke 14:16-24

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Friday, December 21

Pre-festive Day of the Nativity

Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

James 2:1-13; Mark 10:23-32

Intention: Al & Helen Ferencz (Doreen Stacy)



Saturday Evening, December 22

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Intention: Janis Barnes (Joe Barnes)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, December 23 **Tone 6**

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors
Sunday Before Christmas
Pre-festive Day of the Nativity

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, & 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity

Holy Great Martyr Eugenia

Royal Hours of Christmas 9:00 AM

1st Hour - Micah 5:2-4; Hebrews 1:1-12; Matthew 1:18-25; 3rd Hour - Jeremiah (Baruch) 3:35-4:4; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:1-20; 6th Hour - Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 9-10; Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Matthew 2:1-12; 9th Hour - Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23



Monday Evening, December 24

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Genesis 1:1-13; Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18; Micah 4:6-7; 5:2-4; Isaiah 11:1-10; Jeremiah (Baruch) 3:35-4:4; Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 9-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, December 25

Feast of Christmas, the Birth of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Carol Singing & Christmas Play 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Cookie Exchange in Parish Hall After Liturgy

No Fasting from Christmas to Theophany (December 25-January 6)

Every year there is no fasting or abstinence during the bright period of December 25-January 4. In most years, January 5, the Vigil Eve day before Theophany, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy products. This year, however, because January 5 falls on a Saturday, there is no fasting on that day either in 2019.

Liturgical Schedule



Wednesday, December 26

Synaxis of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Post-festive Day of the Nativity

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23
Intention: Mike & Domy Yonker (Fr. Doug & Pani Nancy Lorig)



Thursday, December 27

Holy Apostle, First Martyr, and Archdeacon Stephen
Post-festive Day of the Nativity

Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore, Brother of Theophane the Hymnographer
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60; Matthew 21:33-42
Intention: Donald Thompson Jr. (The Thompson family)





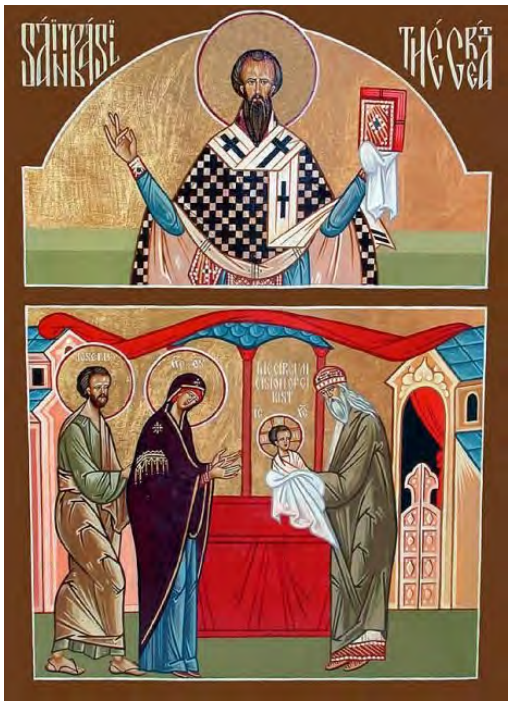
Saturday Evening, December 29

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk (Murphy family)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, December 30 **Tone 7**

Sunday after the Nativity
Post-festive Day of the Nativity
Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, And James the Brother Of God

Holy Martyr Anysia, Bishop of Thessalonica; Venerable Zoticus, Priest and Protector of Orphans
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Monday Evening, December 31

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 17:1-2,4,5-7,8,9-10,11-12,14; Proverbs 8:22-30; Proverbs 10:31-11:12
Intention: Marusia (The Bullock family)

Tuesday, January 1

Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ/Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Divine Liturgy 12:10 PM
Colossians 2:8-12; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Luke 2:20-21,40-52; Luke 6:17-23
Intention: †Peter Broznak (Anna Broznak)

Friday, January 4

Pre-festive Day of Theophany
Synaxis of the Holy Seventy Apostles
Venerable Father Theoctist, Hegumen at Cuomo in Sicily

Royal Hours of Theophany 7:00 PM
1st Hour - Isaiah 35:1-10; Acts 13:25-33; Matthew 3:1-11; 3rd Hour - Isaiah 1:16-20; Acts 19:1-8; Mark 1:1-8; 6th Hour - Isaiah 12:3-6; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 1:9-15; 9th Hour - Isaiah 49:8-15; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17

Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, January 5

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 5:00 PM

VDL - Genesis 1:1-13; Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29; Exodus 15:22-16:1; Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17; 4[2] Kings 2:6-14; 4[2] Kings 5:9-14; Isaiah 1:16-20; Genesis 32:1-10; Exodus 2:5-10; Judges 6:36-40; 3[1] Kings 18:30-39; 4[2] Kings 2:19-22; Isaiah 49:8-15; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18; Great Blessing of Water - Isaiah 35:1-10; Isaiah 55:1-13; Isaiah 12:3-6; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Mark 1:9-11

Intention: Mike & Barb Little & Family (Al & Helen Ferencz)

Sunday, January 6 **Festal Tone**

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, January 9

Post-festive Day of Theophany

Holy Martyr Polyeuct

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 5:11-6:8; Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

Intention: Al & Helen Ferencz (Doreen Stacy)

Friday, January 11

Post-festive Day of Theophany

Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the common life

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:27-30

Intention: Mike & Barb Little & family (Al & Helen Ferencz)

Saturday Evening, January 12

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: The Way Family (Julie Smith)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, January 13 **Tone 1**

Sunday After Theophany

Post-festive Day of Theophany

Holy Martyrs Hermylaus and Stratonicus

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Sunday Potluck After Liturgy

Wednesday, January 16

Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34

Intention: †Kelly Sperry (Bullock Family)

Saturday Evening, January 19

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk (Banas Family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, January 20 **Tone 2**

35th Sunday After Pentecost

Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 18:18-27

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, January 23

Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra

Holy Martyr Agathangel

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

James 1:1-18; Mark 10:11-16

Intention: †Katherine Marie Byram (Honora Bullock)

Friday, January 25

Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

1 Corinthians 12:7-11; John 10:9-16

Intention: Patrick Morrisey & Family (Liz Zackowski)

Saturday Evening, January 26

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: Mike & Barb Little & family (Al & Helen Ferencz)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, January 27 **Tone 3**

36th Sunday After Pentecost

Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Wednesday, January 30

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Holy Bishop-Martyr Hippolytus

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

Intention: Deborah for Healing (Honora Bullock)

Liturgical Schedule



Friday Evening, February 1

Vigil: Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ with the Holy, Righteous Elder Simeon the God-receiver and the Holy, Righteous Widow Anna the Prophetess

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Composite (Exodus 12:51, 13:1-3, 10-12, 14-16, 22:29; Leviticus 12:2-4, 6,8; & Numbers 8:15-17); Isaiah 6:1-12; Isaiah 19:1, 3, 4-5, 12, 16, 19-21; Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40

Intention: Shanon for Healing (Honora Bullock)

Saturday Evening, February 2

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: Mike & Barb Little & family (Al & Helen Ferencz)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, February 3 **Tone 4**

Sunday of Zaccheus

37th Sunday After Pentecost

Post-festive Day of the Encounter

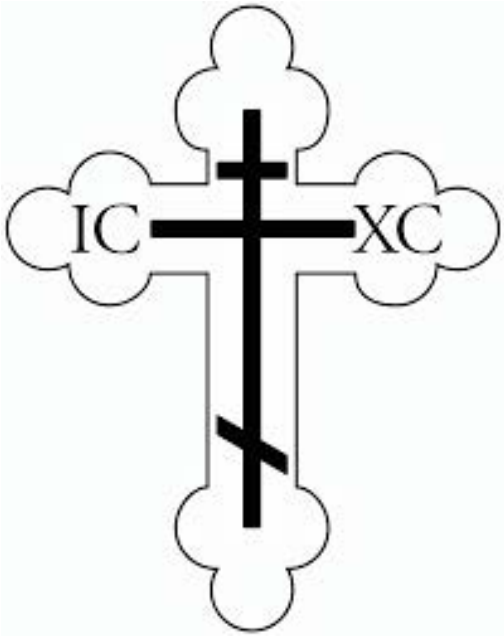
Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Holy Prophetess Anna

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



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.

Happy Birthday

December

Brian Matthysse	Dec	6
Damian Forbes	Dec	10
Max Bronson	Dec	12
Jan Person	Dec	19
Dr. Nick Kowalczyk	Dec	22
Emma Bronson	Dec	26
Yellow Schreiber	Dec	26
Jaqueline Noelle Aguayo	Dec	30

January

Virginia Hill (96th)	Jan	4
Carol Paolo	Jan	14
Emma Gilsdorf	Jan	25
Siobhán Sullivan	Jan	27
Peter Forbes	Jan	27
Lucy Forbes	Jan	29
Irene Bubnash (91st)	Jan	30

Happy Anniversary

Reg & Diane Parker	Dec	30

Parish Advisory Board

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

Collections

Summary for November 1- November 30

Total deposits	$6,976.75
*Minus special collections	-400.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$6,576.75

November 4

Tithes: Adults	$1,844.00
Donations: source not identified	82.06
Improvements, Remodeling	70.00
Candles	48.70
*Medical Insurance Collection	300.00
Coffee Social	16.00
Oktoberfest revenue	72.00
Total deposit to checking	2,432.76
*Minus special collections	-300.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,132.76

November 11

Tithes: Adults	$841.00
Donations: source not identified	70.11
Improvements, Remodeling	61.00
Candles	33.32
*Medical Insurance Collection	100.00
Coffee Social	6.00
Gift Shop	11.00
Total deposit to checking	1,122.43
*Minus special collections	-100.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,022.43

November 18

Tithes: Adults	$1,215.00
Donations: source not identified	77.00
Flowers, Palms	20.00
Candles	63.50
Total deposit to checking	1,375.50

November 25

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

November 25

Tithes: Adults	$1,178.00
Feast Entrance Theotokos	20.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
Donations: source not identified	61.00
Candles	50.55
Coffee Social	18.00
Reimbursement	50.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,402.55

Calendar Highlights

- **Saturday, December 1**–Church Cleaning in preparation for Christmas beginning at 9:00 am.
- **Saturday, December 8**–Vespers followed by availability of additional Eastern Catholic priests to hear confessions ***at*** *St. John of the Desert Melkite Catholic Church* at 6:30 pm.
- **Sunday, December 9**–St. Nicholas Celebration & Potluck following Divine Liturgy.
- **Friday, December 14**– Confession Before Christmas: Availability of additional Eastern Catholic priests to hear confessions *here* ***at*** *St. Thomas* at 7:00 pm.
- **Friday, December 14**–Set-up & Preparation for Holy Supper at 7:00 pm in Church Hall. Volunteers are needed. Please see Liz Zackowski for more information.
- **Saturday, December 15**–Holy Supper in Church Hall beginning about 6:30 pm. following Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy.
- **Wednesday, December 19**– Vespers followed by availability of additional Eastern Catholic priests to hear confessions ***at*** *St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral* at 7:00 pm.
- **Monday, December 31**–New Year's Eve Snacks and Appetizers in the Parish Hall after Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy.
- **Thursday, January 3**–Church Social Activities Calendar Planning Meeting (open to all parishioners) at 6:30 pm.
- **Sunday, January 13**– Potluck following Divine Liturgy.