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



Thursday, July 4
Independence Day
Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete
Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of our Venerable Father Simeon
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Readings for Independence Day: Hebrews 12:7-11,14-17,25-28; John 8:31-42
(Readings for 4th Thursday after Pentecost: Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 11:27-30)
Intention: All people in the United States of America

Saturday Evening, July 6
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Bullock family)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy
Sunday, July 7 **Tone 3**
4th Sunday After Pentecost
Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum & Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder"
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, July 10
Holy Forty-five Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia
Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Romans 15:7-16; Matthew 12:38-45
Intention: Michael McQuaid (Bullock family)

Friday , July 12
Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary
Venerable Father Michael of Malein
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Romans 16:1-16; Matthew 13:4-9
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Doreene Stacy)



Saturday Evening, July 13
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11,15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Doreene Stacy)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy
Sunday, July 14 **Tone 4**
5th Sunday After Pentecost
Commemoration of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Romans 10:1-10; Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 8:28-9:1; John 17: 1-13
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Potluck Diner following Divine Liturgy



Saturday Morning, July 20
Feast of the Holy & Glorious Prophet Elijah
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
James 5:10-20; Luke 4:22-30
Intention: Rita Chokan-Karnya (Cal & Debi Karnya)

Saturday Evening, July 20
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Donna Esterly)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy
Sunday, July 21 **Tone 5**
6th Sunday After Pentecost
Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, & his fellow Ascetic John
Holy Prophet Ezekiel
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, July 23
Holy Martyrs Trophimus & Theophilus, & their Companions
Holy Father Basil Hopko, Bishop of Midila
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12; Matthew 14:1-13
Intention: †Peter Broznak (Anna Broznak)

Wednesday, July 24
Holy Martyrs Boris & Gleb (baptized Roman & David)
Holy Great Martyr Christine
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Romans 8:28-39; John 15:17-16:2
Intention: †Mary Helena Lawson (Diane Hvasta)

Thursday, July 25
Dormition of the Holy Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21
Intention: Antonios family

Friday, July 26
Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus & his Companions
Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeva
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7; Matthew 15:29-31
Intention: †Father Doug Lorig (Kowalczyk family)

Saturday Evening, July 27
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Al Ferencz (Gail & Jan Person)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, July 28 **Tone 6**
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Apostles & Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, & Parmenas
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday, July 29
Holy Martyr Callinicus
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 9:13-18; Matthew 16:1-6
Intention: Virginia Hill (Gail & Jan Person)





Wednesday, June 31
Procession of the Wood of the Venerable & Life-creating Cross
Seven Holy Maccabee Martyrs, their Mother Solomone & Teacher Eleazar
Lesser Blessing of Water
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Hebrews 11: 33-12:2; Hebrews 2: 11-18; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35; Matthew 10: 32-40; John 5:1-4
Intention: Ted & Christy Bronson & family (Gail & Jan Person)

August 1-14
Dormition Fast
The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified the period of August 1-14 every year 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.

Saturday Evening, August 3
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Al Ferencz (Doreene Stacy)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 4 **Tone 7**
8th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Seven Children of Ephesus
Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Prayer Requests, Highlights, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Thank you! Gracias! D'akujem! Ευχαριστούμε!

*"I **thank** God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember **you** in my prayers."*
(2 Timothy 1:3)

Spring 2019 Blessings

Mothers' Day Tea: What a wonderful afternoon where we got to slow down and enjoy each other's company with a cup of tea and lovely music! Thank you to the loving, generous, faith-filled women who graced us with both your presence and presents for Maggie's Place! You donated an entire car and trunk load of items, as well as nearly $400 in cash donations. The women and staff of Maggie's Place Hannah House are grateful for your generosity and for remembering them in your prayers!

Mothers' and Fathers' Days Brunches: Thank you to Cal Karnya and Liz Zackowski and their crews for delicious food and table decorations. When we share a meal, we learn more about and come to care deeply for one another, bringing to life what "church" means.

Church Beautifying: In the Eastern Church we celebrate the Divine Liturgy and other services with all of our five senses. Each of us are grateful we continue to ca\ome together to ensure our temple is sparkling clean and decorated so beautifully for each of our holy days. This spring, many hands made light work. Oiling the iconostasis and cleaning the chandelier, along with polishing the metal surfaces; moving, fixing, cleaning, scrubbing, and dusting the many other parts of our Church – is no easy feat. Yet we came together several times this spring in joy and faith for the glory of our Lord. Thank you to all who took time from their busy days to ensure St. Thomas was perfectly ready!

We are all very blessed at St. Thomas in that we have each other!

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, July 14—Salad Potluck after Divine Liturgy. Please bring your favorite salad to share.

Happy Birthday!

Blasé Bronson	July	3
Sofia Sidun	July	3
Dcn. Michael Sullivan	July	3
Timothy Hegg	July	8
Theo Bronson	July	10
Cassy Holzhauer	July	13
Ted Bronson	July	17
Katie Forbes	July	17
Beth Little	July	18
Carole Bullock	July	19
Pani Betty Kirila	July	23
Vincent Antonios	July	24
Honora Bullock	July	24
Diane Parker	July	26
Marren Forbes	July	27
Theresa Little	July	29
Mary Lynn Čihák	July	30

Happy Anniversary!

John & Wilma Kafora	July	9
Jeff & Ivonne Corey	July	16
Dcn. Michael & Donna Sullivan (45th Anniversary)	July	20
Brian & Rhiannon Moore	July	21
Grant & Cassy Holzhauer	July	25

Parish Advisory Board

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

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

O Divine Physician of Souls and Body, rest your healing and protecting hand upon your servants:
Beth Little, 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."
†Anne Bacovcin, †Mary Helena Lawson (mother of Carole & grandmother of Honora Bullock), †Fr. Doug Lorig, †Helen Ferencz, †Rosemary Ziarkowski, †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 June 1-23, 2019

Total deposits	$7,329.63
*Minus special collections	-525.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$6,804.63

June 2

Tithes: Adults	$1,401.00
Ascension (Feast)	10.00
Donations: source not identified	41.00
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
*Bishop's Appeal	250.00
Total deposit to checking	1,752.00
*Minus special collections	-250.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,502.00

June 9

Tithes: Adults	$1,002.00
Ascension (Feast)	20.00
Pentecost (Feast)	50.00
Donations: source not identified	5.15
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,127.15

June 16

Tithes: Adults	$1,832.00
Donations: source not identified	31.00
Improvements, Remodeling	30.00
Flowers, Palms	125.51
Bake Sale	5.00
Coffee Social	20.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,043.51

June 23

Tithes: Adults	$1,312.00
Donations: source not identified	64.46
Candles	90.00
*Bishop's Appeal	275.00
Gift Shop	22.00
Anaheim Loan payment	643.51
Total deposit to checking	2,406.97
*Minus special collections	-275.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,131.97



2019 Eparchial Appeal

This year, Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Pazak are asking each Parish household to donate an average of $275.00 to the eparchy to help it with its ministry and programs. You can now donate through the parish as you have in the past (cash or check) or you can donate directly to the eparchy while crediting St. Thomas as your parish of record. This second option allows you to donate by credit card (in addition to check). Thank you for your generosity! This is no small sum of money for most of us. If our parish reaches its goal of $15,400.00, we will receive a 20% rebate as a reward for reaching that goal. Let's include the Bishop's Appeal in our extra charitable giving during the Great Fast. As of June 26, we have collected $10,194.00 thus far, bringing us 66.19% of the way to our goal from 33 participating parish households out of 56 total parish households (58.93%). If you did not receive a mailing from Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Pazak regarding the Eparchial Appeal and would like to make a donation, please let Fr. Michael know. Thank you for your generosity!