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.

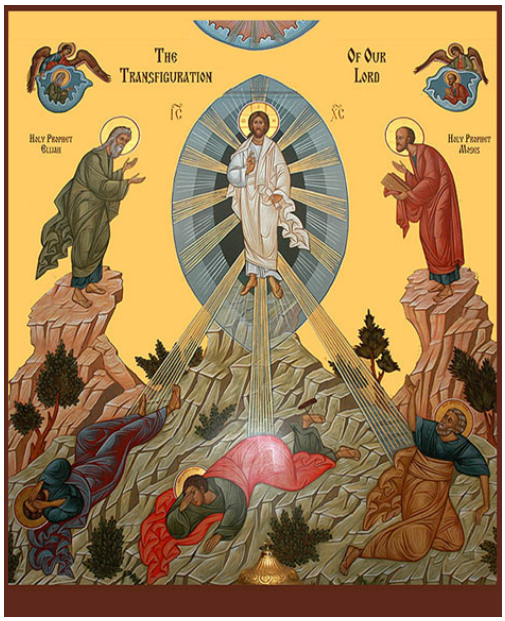
We welcome visitors who wish to share in our sacred worship services.

Liturgical Schedule

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



Monday Evening, August 5
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Exodus 24:12-18; Exodus 33:11-23; 34:4-6,8; 3[1] Kings 19:3-9,11-13,15,16
Intention: Elizabeth Little (Bullock family)

Tuesday Evening, August 6
Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ
Blessing of Fruit
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Peter 1:10-19; Matthew 17:1-9
Intention: Elizabeth Little (Kowalczyk family)

Wednesday, August 7
Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration
Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5; Matthew 20:1-16
Intention: †Kunak family (Liz and Tom Kol)

Saturday Evening, August 10
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Albert Ferencz)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 11 **Tone 8**
9th Sunday After Pentecost
Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration
Holy Martyr Euplus
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 3: 9-17; Matthew 14: 22-34
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Potluck Sunday following Divine Liturgy



Wednesday Evening, August 14
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11
Intention: Bullock family (Gail & Jan Person)

Thursday Evening, August 15
Feast of the Dormition of 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: Fr. Deacon Michael Sullivan & family (Bullock family)

Saturday Evening, August 17
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 18 **Tone 1**
10th Sunday After Pentecost
Post-festive Day of the Dormition
Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 4: 9-16; Matthew 17: 14-23
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 21
Post-festive Day of the Dormition
Holy Apostle Thaddeus
Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39
Intention: Charlie & Carol Rawlins (Gail & Jan Person)

Friday, August 23
Leave-taking of Feast of the Dormition
Holy Martyr Lupus
Holy Martyr Bassa
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Corinthians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33,42-51
Intention: †Rita Chokan Karnya (Thompson family)

Saturday Evening, August 24
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Little family (Gail & Jan Person)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, August 25 **Tone 2**
11th 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
1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Liturgical Schedule



Wednesday Evening, August 28

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Composite (Isaiah 40:1-3,9; 41:17-18; 45:8, 48:20-21; 54:1); Composite (Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2; Malachi 3:1-3,5-7,12,18,17; 4:4-6 [3:22-24]); Wisdom of Solomon 4:7,16-17,19-5:7
Intention: †Mary Helena Lawson (Kowalczyk family)

Thursday Evening, August 29

Feast of the 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: †Helen Ferencz (Zachary Ferencz)

September 1
Beginning of the Church Liturgical Year—7528 (2019 AD) in Byzantine Reckoning.

The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea in the year 325 adopted the first of September as the beginning of the New Church Liturgical Year and this has been observed in the Eastern Church to the present time. In Byzantine tradition, the creation of the world is dated to the first of September in 5509 BC (5509 + 2019 = 7528). According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Tradition also says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.



Saturday Evening, August 31

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Olha & Dmytro Mykyta (Maria)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 1 **Tone 3**

12th Sunday After Pentecost
The Beginning of the Church Year
Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his Mother
Synaxis of the Theotokos of Miasena
Holy Martyr Aeithalas
Forty Holy Women martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon
Holy Martyr Callista and her two Brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes
Joshua the Just, Son of Nun
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 15:1-1; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 19:16-26; Luke 4:16-22
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 4

Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch
Holy Prophet Moses, Who Saw God
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3: 20-27
Intention: †Christopher Candito (Liz & Tom Kol)

Friday, September 6

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia
Holy Martyr Eudoxius & Companions
Venerable Father Archippus
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
2 Corinthians 11:5-21; Hebrews 2:2-10; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 10:16-21
Intention: †Kinsleigh Spencer (Liz & Tom Kol)



Saturday Evening, September 7

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Darlene Brown)
Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

Sunday, September 8 **Tone 4**

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
The Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Galatians 6:11-18; Philippians 2:5-11; John 3:13-17; Luke 10:38-42
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Potluck Sunday following Divine Liturgy

Prayer Requests, Highlights, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries

New St. Thomas Appointments

Dear Parishioners,

With faith and Grace from the Holy Trinity, I am happy to announce the following positions at St. Thomas for the next Church year:

† **Thomas Clark** has accepted to be the *Youth and ByzanTeen Coordinator*.

† **Honora Bullock** will continue in her role as *Eastern Christian Formation (Catechism) Coordinator*.

† **Diane Hvasta** has accepted to be the *Safe Environment Coordinator* and *Social Media Representative* (Light of the West, Facebook, etc.). Please send your photos to her.

The Eparchy has been notified of these appointments. If you have any questions, please see Father Michael.

Father Michael Sidun
Parochial Administrator
St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

Calendar Highlights

Monday/Tuesday, August 5-6— Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ: *Please bring **fruit** to be blessed*.

Sunday, August 11—Monthly Potluck Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday/Thursday, August 14-15—Holy Day of Obligation— Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary: *Please bring **flowers** to be blessed.*

Sunday, September 8— Monthly Potluck Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Happy Birthday!

Joseph Barnes	August 5
Sofia Maria (Isabela) Corey	August 8
Marilyn Reiling	August 9
Jeff Sims	August 10
Cathy McCormick	August 11
James Dugie	August 15
Christie Bronson	August 21
Debra Hratko	August 23
Tony Dugie	August 30

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Barb Little	August 3
Sharon & Andy Wollert	August 13
Jeff & Yellow Schreiber	August 15
Aaron & Mignon Thurow	August 24

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 July 1-31, 2019

Total deposits	$8,118.17
*Minus special collections	-1,245.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$6,873.17

July 7

Tithes: Adults	$1,173.00
Donations: source not identified	17.00
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	61.00
Rent: Church or Hall	540.00
*Peter's Pence	20.00
Coffee Social	2.00
Total deposit to checking	1,863.00
*Minus special collections	-20.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,843.00

July 14

Tithes: Adults	$1,176.00
Donations: source not identified	10.00
Improvements, Remodeling	3.00
Candles	44.00
Rent: Church or Hall	150.00
*Bishop's Appeal	900.00
Reimbursements, clergy conference	170.35
Total deposit to checking	2,453.35
*Minus special collections	-900.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,553.35

July 21

Tithes: Adults	$1,221.00
Donations: source not identified	32.55
Improvements, Remodeling	20.00
Candles	25.51
*Bishop's Appeal	150.00
Coffee Social	17.00
Anaheim Loan payment	643.51
Total deposit to checking	2,109.57
*Minus special collections	-150.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,959.57

July 28

Tithes: Adults	$1,330.00
Donations: source not identified	34.00
Improvements, Remodeling	100.00
Candles	35.25
*Bishop's Appeal	175.00
Bake Sale	18.00
Total deposit to checking	1,692.25
*Minus special collections	-175.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,517.25

Summary for June 1-30, 2019

Total deposits	$9,472.43
*Minus special collections	-1,015.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$8,457.43

June 30

Tithes: Adults	$1,506.00
SS. Peter & Paul (Feast)	60.00
Donations: source not identified	31.00
*Bishop's Appeal	350.00
*Pont. Good Friday Church in Holy Land	140.00
Total deposit to checking	2,142.80
*Minus special collections	-490.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$1,652.80



2019 Eparchial Appeal

