Parochial Administrator:
Father Michael Sidun

June 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
!Gloria a Jesucristo! !Gloria Por Siempre!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

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)

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
Email : saint.thomas.pastor@gmail.com

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



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.

CONFESSIONS: Check bulletin for weekly times as well as special times before feast days. Also available by appointment.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK : Before hospitalization, after Holy Services in church. For emergencies, please call the Parish Office immediately.
BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/EUCHARIST: Must be arranged at least three months in advance.
CROWNING IN MARRIAGE: Must be arranged at least six months in advance.

Wednesday, June 3
Lucillian and Others Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: *+Kol family (Liz and Tom Kol)*

Saturday Evening, June 6
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Heb 11:32-12:2a; Mt 10:32-33,37-38 & 19:27-30
Intention: +Anna Bacovcin (Anna Broznak)



Sunday, June 7 Tone 8
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Heb 11:32-12:2a; Mt10:32-33,37-38&19:27-30
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, June 10
Timothy Bishop - Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Liz Kol (Fr.Michael Sidun & family)

Thursday, June 11
Bartholomew and Barnabas-Apostles
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Erika Person (Gail & Jan Person)

Saturday Evening, June 13
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23 ;
Intention: +Liz Kol (Diane Hvasta)

Sunday, June 14 Tone 1



2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, June 17
Manuel, Sabel & Ishmael- Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Robert Hanley (Mary Lynn & Bob Cihak)

Friday, June 19
Jude Apostle
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Dan Ethridge, Nancy Washburn, Jolie Hudson (Forbes family)

Saturday Evening, June 20
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Rom 5:1-10; Mt 6:22-34 ;
Intention: Edith Trantina (Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak)



Sunday, June 21 Tone 2 **Father's Day**
3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Rom 5:1-10; Mt 6:22-34;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, June 24
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Birth of John the Baptist
Intention: Anonymous intention

Saturday Evening, June 27
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Rom 6:18-23; Mt 8:5-13 ;
Intention: + Vincent Philip Schile (Joyce Schile)



Sunday, June 28 **Tone 3**
4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Rom 2:10-16; Mt 8:5-13 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Monday, June 29
PETER & PAUL PREEMINENT APOSTLES
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: **+Vincent Philip Schile (Joyce Schile)**

Thursday, July 2
Deposition of the Robe of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Ranada & Erika (Gail & Jan Person)

Saturday Evening, July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Rom 10:1-10; Mt 8:28-9:1 ;
Intention: (For all the people in America)



Sunday, July 5 **Tone 4**
5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Rom 10:1-10; Mt 8:28-9:1;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

God bless America

1.God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

2.From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

3.God bless America, land that I love
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Through the night with the light from above

4.From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
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5.From the mountains to the prairies
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God bless America, my home sweet home
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COLLECTIONS

Summary for May 2020

Total deposits	$4,540.00
*Minus special collections for Eparchy	550.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$3,990.00

May 3

Tithes: Adults	$407.00
*Bishop's Appeal	275.00
Total deposit to checking	682.00
*Minus special collections	-275.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$407.00

May 10

Tithes: Adults	$1,355.00
Donations: Misc.	590.00
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	98.00
*Bishop's Appeal	275.00
Total deposit to checking	2,368.00
*Minus special collections	-275.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,093.00

May 17

Tithes: Adults	$950.00

May 24

Tithes: Adults	$335.00

May 31

Tithes: Adults	$205.00

Thank you to all who participate in online giving, mailed or hand-delivered their tithe or other donations these past couple weeks!

*DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF SHELTER AT HOME, PLEASE REMEMBER THE BILLS STILL NEED TO BE PAID. PLEASE CONSIDER MAILING US YOUR MONTHLY DONATIONS. May God bless your generosity to His Church!

Please feel free to talk with Fr. Michael about parish needs

Announcements:

2020 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 $16,400.00, we will receive a 10% 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 1, we have collected $6,025.00. 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!



ENGAGE AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Your generous contributions help sustain St Thomas during this time of crisis. Online Giving gives you the opportunity to give anytime and anywhere with just the click of a button. Our online giving system allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your smart device or computer to our church. We deeply appreciate you keeping St Thomas as a priority as a part of your faithful contributions.

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Fr. Michael Sidun

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O gracious One.



Happy Birthday!

JUNE

LITTLE, Mike	6/4
JAVIER, AL	6/4
HENDRICKS, Greg	6/4
KOHL, Bill	6/9
HRATKO, John and Debra	6/12
CLARK, Charlie	6/16
MAHONEY, Blaise	6/18
HINTON, Morgan	6/25

Happy Anniversary!

BONDRA, Denis and Michelle	6/15
BRONSON, Ted and Christy	6/25
KARNYA, Deb and Cal	6/22

May God grant them many blessed years



Dear Parishioners,
If you have changed your email address, mailing address, and/or phone number in the past year or so, please email the updated information to Father Michael (saint.thomas.pastor@gmail.com). (Please put Updated Contact Info in the Subject Line of your email.) It is important that St. Thomas has the correct contact information for each parish family.



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Thank you! Gracias! D'akujem! Ευχαριστούμε! Дякую!

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to Jeff and Lynn Sims, Brian Moore, Tim Hegg, and Charlie Rawlins, who so generously offer their time and talents to God and to St. Thomas. Some of the more recent general maintenance projects they have completed include repairing and replacing the broken curbs in our parking lots, building and installing shelving units in the west-side storage, organizing the containers in the west-side storage, painting the bell tower, and repairing the bathroom faucets in the church. They have also replaced the A/C filters, tightened the hardware on all the pews, checked the bracing rods inside the church, and maintained the outdoor landscaping. Their willingness to volunteer greatly supports the needs of St. Thomas. May the Lord reward their kindness!
As with any property, there are on-going maintenance projects that will need to be completed. If anyone is interested in helping with these projects, please feel free to talk to Jeff Sims (480-205-0506).

ThankYou

I would like to thank all of you for the time, talents, gifts, and treasures that you offer to God and to St. Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church. Your generosity helps support the needs of St. Thomas. May the Lord reward your kindness!

Thank you to all who help the Church by being understanding when mistakes are made, and chose to respond in prayer, love, kindness, forgiveness & patience. When we respond in this way, it helps us grow as individuals, and as a parish family.

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POLICY STATEMENT / 31 MAY 2020
of
Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Re: Directives Regarding Parish Liturgical and Other Activities Relevant to the Corona Virus Pandemic

With an initial formal policy statement on this matter having been issued on 18 March 2020, made effective through 30 April 2020, with some interim advisories provided on Friday 8 May 2020, and a revised policy statement issued on 14 May 2020, and with civil directives regarding personal and collective health concerns in the United States continuing to evolve, particularly those related to religious gatherings (in our case celebrations of the Divine Liturgy and the other Sacraments and Liturgies), we again update our policy as follows:

1. The granting of a dispensation to the Faithful from the obligation to attend the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days concludes effective Monday 1 June 2020. However, as stated previously: The Faithful, who for reasons of health or age, or due to their need or obligation to care properly for others, and so determine, for these reasons, not to attend the Divine Liturgy are to be strongly encouraged to listen respectfully and/or observe celebrations of the Divine Liturgy via live streaming services which some of our parishes offer, including the eparchial Cathedral of St. Stephen in Phoenix (10 am Sundays Arizona time). Please be sure to keep parishioners advised of streaming offerings and how they may be accessed. They are also to be encouraged to observe Sunday and Holy Days by setting aside time for prayer and/or Scripture study, particularly as a family unit activity if they are not living alone, or if they do not use or do not have access to media employed in the streaming process. Those whose work schedules do not allow for attendance or live streaming opportunities are similarly encouraged to engage, insofar as they are able, in prayer and/or Scripture study or may at a more convenient time, watch the Divine Liturgy as they are all archived. The obligation for attendance remains, however.

   With this in mind, and because the reopening processes have sometimes been gradual and perhaps even difficult for some to understand in terms of reopening dates, social distancing requirements, maximum availability of seating/building occupancy, or other reasons, and may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, parishes should be sure to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation readily available for their parishioners. In that regard, the previous environmental directive for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation remains in effect: The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance may occur, provided adequate ventilation is available, a minimum distance of six (6) feet is maintained between the priest and penitent, and the priest wears a face mask.

2. Aware that some parishes have celebrated Liturgies outdoors or with the Faithful remaining in their vehicles, such celebrations, if still deemed necessary, may continue. However, a return to the norm of celebration in the church building should occur when it is practical for the particular parish to do so.

3. There is to be full compliance with particular state and local guidelines issued by the civil jurisdiction(s) in which the parish is located, on the parts of both clergy and lay participants.

4. Other parish activities may resume effective Monday 1 June 2020, again provided, however, that they are conducted in full compliance with particular state and local guidelines issued by the civil jurisdiction(s) in which the parish is located.

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These activities include, but may not be limited to: the assembling and conducting of Religious Education classes and/or adult education offerings, social gatherings, such as those held after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and any other events which may offer meals, education, socializing, or any combination of these activities.

5. Individuals in higher risk groups, such as the elderly, the immune-compromised, or who may be at risk due to a pre-existing condition or conditions for contracting the corona virus should be encouraged to fully consider and evaluate their particular health and risk factors prior to their determining to resume attendance at liturgical and other parish activities. Those who are currently experiencing a communicable disease should not attend until they are fully recovered.

Priests, deacons, and other parish personnel and volunteers are to continue exercising all proper and reasonable caution in these as in all areas of parish life. It is particularly important to continue to effectively address sanitation (especially those related to restrooms and drinking fountains), surface and utensil sterilization, social distancing recommendations, and the wearing of face masks and/or gloves when appropriate. Please contact the eparchy Pastoral Center if any further direction is needed in regard to these items or other related concerns which may arise.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in this matter, and for your good service to the Faithful.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas J Olmsted

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