Parochial Administrator:
Father Michael Sidun

July 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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

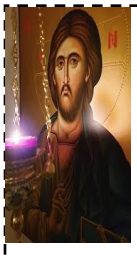
Office Hours – (call ahead to confirm as the priest is often out of the office for sick calls or other parish obligations)
Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

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



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.



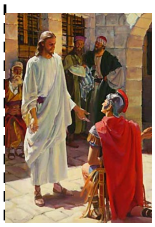
Sunday, June 28 **Tone 3**
4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Rom 2:10-16; Mt 8:5-13 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



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

Wednesday, July 8
Procopius Great-Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Bernice Lohman (Kathy McCormick)

Friday, July 10
Anthony of the Caves Venerable
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Josh Leiesmeyer

Saturday Morning, July 11
Wedding service 11:00 am
Brian Matthysse & Betth Hicks
CONGRATULATIONS
May God grant them many blessed years

Saturday Evening, July 11
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Rom 12:6-14; Mt 9:1-8 ;
Intention: Fr. Michael &Betty Kirila

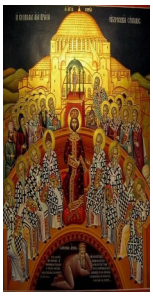


Sunday, July 12 **Tone 5**
6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Rom 12:6-14; Mt 9:1-8 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, July 15
Vladimir the Great Equal to the Apostles
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Vonnie DeBruin (Diane Hvasta)

Saturday Evening, July 18
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Rom 15:1-7; Heb 13:7-16
Mt 9:27-35 ; Jn 17:1-13
Intention: +Robert Hanley (Mary Lynn and Bob Cihak)

On Sunday July19 after our 10:00am Divine Liturgy and Monday July 20 after our 7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Solemn Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah, Father Michael will bless our vehicles --Please bring your car, motorcycle, RV, wheelers, ??? for a powerful blessing according to our Byzantine tradition.



Sunday, July 19 **Tone 6**
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Blessing of Cars in celebration of the Feast of Saint Elijah after the Divine Liturgy.
Rom 15:1-7; Heb 13:7-16
Mt 9:27-35 ; Jn 17:1-13
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Monday, July 20
ELIJAH GREAT PROPHET
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Gail & Jan Person (Fr. Michal and family)
Blessing of Cars in celebration of the Feast of Saint Elijah after the Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, July 22
Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Peter Broznak (Anna Broznak)

Friday, July 24
Boris and Gleb Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Susan Stefanchik Zujkowski
(Diane Hvasta and daughters)

ProLife

"Our hearts are wounded for the many souls mourned as African American communities across the nation are being disproportionately infected with and dying from the impact of Planned Parenthood. We raise our voices to urge state and national leaders to examine the generational and systemic structural conditions that make Planned Parenthood especially deadly to African American communities.

"We stand in support of all communities struggling under the weight Planned Parenthood has had not only on their physical health, but on their livelihoods, especially front line medical and sanitation workers, public safety officers, and those in the service industry. We are praying fervently for an end to abortion, and for physical health for all, and emotional healing amongst all who have lost loved ones."

Saturday Evening, July 25
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 14:14-22;
Intention: Anna Broznak (Broznak family)



Sunday, July 26 **Tone 7**
8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 14:14-22;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday, July 27
Panteleimon Great Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Walter Mosurick, Jr (Diane Hvasta)

Wednesday, July 29
Callinicus Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Christopher Candito (Kol family)

Saturday Evening, August 1
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34
Intention: +Michael & Anna Bacovcin (Broznak family)



Sunday, August 2 **Tone 8**
5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Summary for June 2020

	PARTICIPATED
Total deposits	$3,648.25
*Minus special collections	-800.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,848.25
Tithes: Adults	$2,125.00
Pentecost	25.00
Donations: Misc.	505.00
Candles	93.25
*Bishop's Appeal	800.00
Bake Sale	100.00
Total deposit to checking	3,648.25
*Minus special collections	-800.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$2,848.25

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!

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 July 1, we have collected $6,650.00. 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

Daily CATHOLIC WISDOM

"Marriage as a vocation aims at nothing less than the rearing of saints who will provide the leaven that our world so desperately needs and who will ultimately take their place beside their Maker in Heaven. Procreation may not be the only end of marriage, but it is a primary end, central to the plan of creation."

— Dr. Frederick Marks
from *A Catholic Handbook for Engaged and Newly Married Couples*



Happy Birthday!

BRONSON, Blasé	7/3
SIDUN, Sofia	7/3
SULLIVAN, Michael	7/3
HEGG, Timothy	7/8
BRONSON, Theo	7/10
LIESMEYER, Kent	7/10
HOLZHAUER, Cassy	7/13
BRONSON, Ted	7/17
FORBES, Katie	7/17
LITTLE, Beth	7/18
BULLOCK, Carole	7/19
KIRILA, Betty	7/23
ANTONIOS, Vincent	7/24
BULLOCK, Honora	7/24
PARKER, Diane	7/26
FORBES, Marren	7/27
LITTLE, Theresa	7/29
CIHAK, Mary Lynn	7/30

Happy Anniversary!

KAFORA, John and Wilma -	7/9
SULLIVAN, Dcn. Michael and Donna-	7/20
MOORE, Brian & Rhiannon -	7/21
HOLZHAUER, Grant and Cassy -	7/25

May God grant them many blessed years

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.



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 deeply appreciate the help of those who volunteer for St. Thomas, and I would like to say a special "thank you" to the following parishioners: Charlie and Carol Rawlins and Gail and Jan Person for providing food and beverages for our Church socials as we reopened the Hall; Martha Coorod for providing the cake to celebrate Father's Day; Diane Hvasta for providing the birthday and anniversary cards; and Mike Hrynik for helping with painting projects around the Church property. Their willingness to volunteer greatly supports the needs of St. Thomas. May the Lord reward their kindness!

And, finally, as a reminder: there are on-going maintenance projects that will need to be completed in and around the Church. 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.