Parochial Administrator:
Father Michael Sidun

August 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.

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**
9th 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

August 5th and 6th Feast Transfiguration of our Lord . Please bring grapes, apples, plums—whatever fruit you wish to have blessed on this Holy Day.

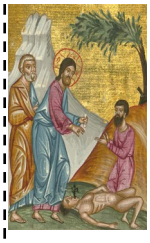
Wednesday, August 5
Transfiguration of our Lord
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention:Ted & Christy Bronson and family (Gail & Jan Person)



Thursday, August 6
Transfiguration of our Lord
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Fr. Michael Sidun & family (Gail & Jan Person)



Saturday Evening, August 8
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM 1 Cor 4:9-16;
Mt 17:14-23 ;
Intention: +Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)



Sunday, August 9 **Tone 1**
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 17:14-23 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

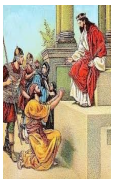
Wednesday, August 12
Photius and Anicetus Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Charlie & Carol Rawlins (Gail & Jan Person)

Friday, August 14
Dormition of the Theotokos
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention:Tom Clark & family (Gail & Jan Person)



Saturday Morning, August 15
Dormition of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: Roman & Cecille Derkach (Fr.Michael Sidun)

Saturday Evening, August 15
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35 ;
Intention: Rita Karnya - Chokan (Cal Karnya & family)



Sunday, August 16 **Tone 2**
11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 19
Andrew and Others Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Simon Buch & family (Gail & Jan Person)

Bryden Danilich and Katie Forbes will be joined in marriage on August 22nd, 2020 at 2pm at St Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church. Due to COVID-19, the number of guests able to attend is limited. However, please join for a small reception celebrating their matrimony on August 30th following Divine Liturgy.

Saturday Afternoon, August 22
Wedding service **2:00 pm**
Bryden Danilich & Katie Forbes
CONGRATULATIONS
May God grant them many blessed years

Saturday Evening, August 22
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26 ;
Intention:+Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)

Sunday, August 23 **Tone 3**
12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 26
Adrian and Natalie Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Peter Carlton (Bullock family)

Friday, August 28
Beheading of John the Baptist
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention:+ Robert Hanley (Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak)

Saturday Evening, August 29
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42 ;
Intention:+Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)

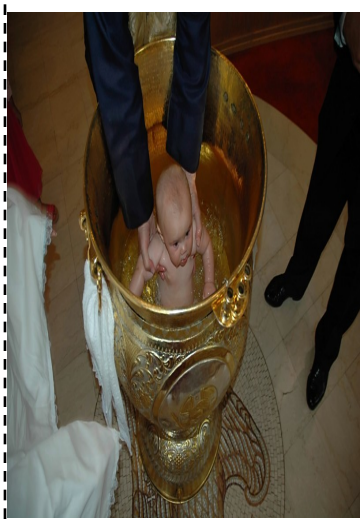


Sunday, August 30 **Tone 4**
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

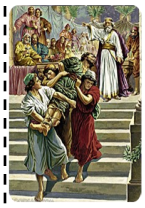
Monday, August 31
Deposition of the Cincture of Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention:+Bishop Milan Šašik (Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak)

Tuesday, September 1
Beginning of the Church Year
Simeon—Venerable
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Fr. Michael Sidun and family (Kol family)

Saturday Evening, September 5
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Mt 22:1-14 ;
Intention: +Vincent Schile (Al Ferencz)



The Baptism for Charlotte`s Holzhauer!
Charlotte Holzhauer will be Baptized, Chrismated, and will receive Holy Communion on **Sunday, September 6** Our parish wishes to the whole family peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!



Sunday, September 6 **Tone 3**
14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Mt 22:1-14 ;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

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 August 1, we have collected $9,025.00. 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

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!

BARNES, Joseph	8/5
SIMS, Jeff	8/10
McCORMICK, Cathy	8/11
BRONSON, Christy	8/21
HRATKO, Debra	8/23
LIESMEYER, Carla	8/28

Happy Anniversary!

LITTLE, Mike and Barb	8/3
WOLLERT, Sharon & Andy	8/13
THUROW, Aaron and Mignon	8/24

May God grant them many blessed years

Summary for July 2020

Total deposits for St. Thomas $4,955

Jul. 5
Tithes: Adults $1,495

Jul. 12
Tithes: Adults $1,365

Jul. 19
Tithes: Adults $1,045

Jul. 26
Tithes: Adults $1,050



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!

Sunday Coffee Social:
As we slowly return to our Sunday coffee socials after Liturgy, we would like to treat each Sunday social during August as a pot-luck event. Because the coffee social can vary in attendance from Sunday to Sunday, it should be really help if each family who participates in the coffee social brings something to share and also helps with the clean-up afterwards. If you have any questions, please call Lynn Sims at 480-205-0508.

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.

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



St. Thomas and the Forbes family welcome Jill Danilich from Vermont.
Jill was visiting her son Bryden who will marry Katie Forbes on August 22nd
May God grant them many blessed years!



St. Thomas welcomes back Doreene Stacy, a long-time parishioner who is visiting Arizona after moving to Hillsdale, MI several years ago
May God grant You many and blessed years



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



Fr. Michel Sidun concelebrates liturgy with Fr. Michaela Kirila at St. Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church in honor for his time and service to God's church in the Romanian Eparchy of St. George in Canton

May God grant them many blessed years!



Fr. Michael & Pani Luba Sidun (Byzantine Catholic)
Fr. Michael & Pani Elizabeth Kirila (Romanian Byzantine Catholic)
May God grant them many blessed years!





Bishop Milan Šašik CM (17 September 1952 – 14 July 2020) was a Slovak-born Ukrainian Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic hierarch, **Bishop** of the Eparchy of Mukacheve. Blessed repose and Eternal memory . Blazhennyy pokoy; Vichnaya pam'yat′
Bishop Milan Šašik ordained Father Mykhaylo Sidun a priest 12 November 2005