Parochial Administrator:
Father Michael Sidun

September 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
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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!

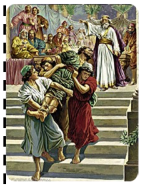


Welcome! St. Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church is a vibrant parish community which seeks to live the liturgical year in solemnity and celebration. Our church follows the ancient Eastern traditions, while remaining in union with the Pope of Rome. The Byzantine Catholic Church is uniquely beautiful – enhanced 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.

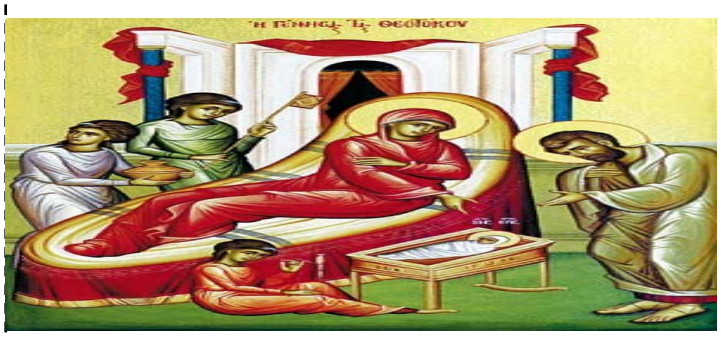
Tuesday, September 1
Beginning of the Church Year
Simeon—Venerable
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Fr. Michael Sidun and family (Kol family)

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)



Sunday, September 6 Tone 5
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

Monday, September 7
Birth of the Theotokos
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention:Ted & Christy Bronson and family (Bullock family)



Tuesday, September 8
Birth of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Deacon Michael Sullivan & family
(Gail & Jan Person)

Wednesday, September 9
Synaxis of Joachim and Anna
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: The Bullock family (Simon Buchman)

Saturday Evening, September 12
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17;
Intention: The Baptism for Charlotte`s Holzhauer
(Fr.Michael Sidun)

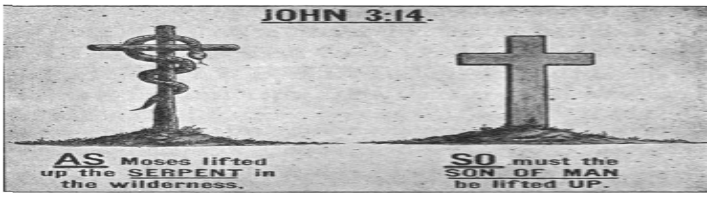
Sunday, September 13 Tone 6
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday, September 14
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention:+Rudolph Nicholas Lawson (Carole Bullock)

Wednesday, September 16
Euphemia Great-Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Charles & Carol Rawlins (Simon Buchman)

Thursday, September 17
Sophia and other Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Hicks-Matthysse & family (Brian & Beth Mammhyss)

Saturday Evening, September 19
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-9:1;
Intention: Baptism for Eva Marie Boujikian Valleau
(Fr. Michael Sidun)



Sunday, September 20 Tone 7
SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION THE CROSS
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-9:1;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday-Friday September 21-25
Eparchial Clergy Retreat: Father Michael is less available. Please remember our Bishops and Clergy of our Eparchy in your prayers this week.

Saturday Evening, September 26
St. John the Theologian, Apostle
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 5:1-11;
Intention: Florence, Jeff& Janet Park family
(Gail & Jan Person)

Traditional Blessing of Wine for Domestic Church

Please bring a bottle, or more, of wine to be blessed on Saturday, September 26 at 5pm, or on Sunday, September 27 at 10am — the Feast of St John the Theologian.



Traditionally, Byzantine Catholics bless wine on St John's feast because, according to legend, he was served poisoned wine, but survived because he blessed the wine before he put it to his lips. It is said that the poison rose from the chalice in the shape of a serpent.

Wine that has been blessed on this day becomes a sacramental called, "Love of St John," and is used for special occasions throughout the year. It is a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled St. John's heart with loyalty, courage and enthusiasm for his Master. He alone of all the apostles was not afraid to stay close to Jesus during the Passion and Crucifixion, and he was the only Apostle not martyred.

Bob Cihak's 80th Birthday
Social on September 27 at 11:30AM

Bob's family will host a simple reception in the parish hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 27 to celebrate the occasion of his 80th birthday.
(Fr. Michael Bezruchka will be with us for the event.)

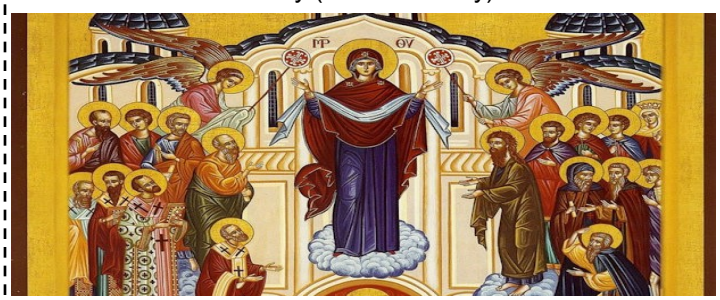
May God grant YOU many blessed years!



Sunday, September 27 Tone 8
17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 5:1-11;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

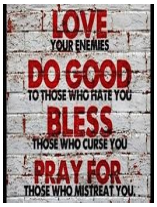
Monday, September 28
Chariton Venerable-Confessor
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: + Fr. Doug Lorig (Nancy Lorig and family)

Wednesday, September 30
Protection of the Theotokos
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Doreene Stacy (Bullock family)



Thursday, October 1
Protection of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Fr. Michael & family (Cal Karnya and family)

Saturday Evening, October 3
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 5:1-11;
Intention: Michael Little and family (Simon Buchman)



Sunday, October 4 Tone 1
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 6:31-36;
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 September 1, we have collected $10,300.00. 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.

Fr. Michael Sidun
Parish Advisory Board
Jeff Sims
Danny Forbes
Charlie Rawlins
Emma Gilsdorf
Cathy McCormick
Cal Karnya

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REMARKS

4.11.18.25. Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance.
7. Civil holiday of Labor Day. Optional readings: 1 Cor 3:5-9; Lk 5:1-11.
7. Prefestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos
12. Final Day of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos.
13. Pre-festive Day of Exaltation of the Holy Cross & Feast of Dedication of Church of the Resurrection, Ep. Heb 3:1-4; Gos. Mt 16:13-18
14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross. By tradition, strict abstinence from meat or dairy products.
14-21. All Divine Liturgies and other services celebrated in red vestments.
21. Final Day of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
21. Lucan Leap. While Epistle readings continue without interruption, Gospel readings from St. Luke of 18th Wk after Pentecost begin on Mon. after Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross. [Typicon, chapter 10.] In 2020 this results in a one wk. discrepancy in reading of Epistles and Gospels until Mon., Jan. 11, 2021.



Happy Birthday!

JOHNSON, Michael	9/4
MOORE, Brian	9/8
PETTERUTI, Pat	9/9
HAUG, Joan	9/16
KARNYA, Deb	9/16
SULLIVAN, Caitlin	9/20
AGUAYO, Arturo	9/20
HOLZHAUER, Ava	9/21
CLARK, Jack	9/26
PATRICK, James	9/28
CIHAK, Robert	9/28
STACY, Doreen	9/30

Happy Anniversary!

KAFORA, Wilma & John	9/7
PERSON, Gail and Jan	9/11
AGUAYO, Arturo & Tracy	9/30
KIRILA, Father Michael and Betty	9/30

May God grant them many blessed years

Summary for August 2020

Tithes: Adults	$6,092.36
Donations: Misc.	525.00
Improvements, Remodeling	170.00
Candles	191.01
*Bishop's Appeal	400.00
Bake Sale	11.00
Coffee Social	3.00
Gift Shop	15.00
Total deposit to checking	$7,407.37
*Minus special collections	-$400.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$7,007.37

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!



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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





Saturday, August 22
Wedding service Bryden Danilich & Katie Danilich (Forbes)
CONGRATULATIONS
May God grant them many blessed years



ENGAGEMENT
Gregory Hendriks and Angela Candreva
CONGRATULATIONS
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Bowling with St.Thomas youth group



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



First Sunday of Catechism class at St.Thomas!