Parochial Administrator:
Father Michael Sidun

October 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!



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 *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

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.



9/14/2020
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Baptism Eva Marie Boujikian Valleau, (Armenian)
9/19/2020



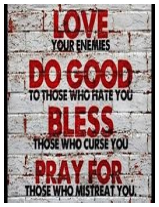
<u>Bob Cihak's 80th Birthday</u>
Fr. Michael Sidun (St.Thomas AZ)
MaryLinn & Bob Cihak
Fr. Michael Bezruchka (St. Anne CA)



Blessing of the Icon and the Holy Cross
for Nicholas Kowalczyk



Blessing of the Icon for Daniel McBurney



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

Monday, October 5
Charitina Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Jeff & Lynn Sims (Simon Buchman)

Tuesday, October 6
Thomas Apostle
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Marino Visaya (Al Javier)

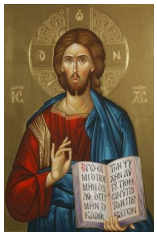
Wednesday, October 7
Sergius and Bacchus Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Gregory & Carol Bullock (Honora Bullock)

Thursday, October 8
Pelagia Venerable
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: +Josephine Gurskey (Fr Michael & Betty Kirila)

Friday, October 9
James Alpheus Apostle
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: Fr. Kevin Novack (Gail & Jan Person)

Saturday Evening, October 10
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Lk 7:11-16; OR
Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13
Intention: + Helen Ferencz (Ferencz family)

The fullness of the holy Sacrament of Baptism for Fulton's Lasota!
Fulton Lasota will be Chrismated, and will receive Holy Communion on Sunday, October 11 during the 10am Liturgy.
Our parish wishes to the whole family peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!



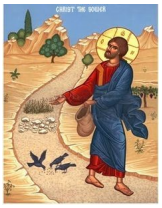
Sunday, October 11 Tone 2
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Lk 7:11-16; OR
Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday, October 12
Probus and Others Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Doreene Stacey (Gail & Jan Person)

Wednesday, October 14
Paraskevia Venerable
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Ted & Christy Bronson family (Bullock family)

Thursday, October 15
Pelagia Venerable
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: +Josephine Gurskey (Fr Michael & Betty Kirila)

Saturday Evening, October 17
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Gal 1:11-19; Lk 8:5-15;
Intention: + Helen Ferencz (Marc Ferencz)



Sunday, October 18 Tone 3
20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Gal 1:11-19; Lk 8:5-15;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 20
Artemis Great Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Robert Hanley (Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak)

Wednesday, October 21
Hilary the Great Venerable
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Robert James Langlotz (Joan Nagel)

Thursday, October 22
Abercius Bishop
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: Donald and His family (Gail & Jan Person)

Friday, October 23
James - Apostle Brother of the Lord
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: Elizabeth Zackowski (Simon Buchman)



Fr. Adam Lowe (St. Stephen Cathedral Phoenix, AZ)
Fr. Michael Sidun (St. Thomas, Gilbert AZ)
Fr. Diodoro Mendoza (St. Stephen Cathedral Phoenix, AZ)



9/26-27/2020
Traditional Blessing of Wine for Domestic Church



Volleyball with youth from
St Thomas and Fr. Michael Sidun



At Catechism class
children made PROSPHORA



9/12/2020
The Baptism for Charlotte`s Holzhauer



Fr. Michael Sidun
Fr. Michael Bezruchka
blessed the icon for
<u>Bob Cihak's 80th Birthday</u>



On Saturday evening, October 24, following the 5:00 pm Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy, St. Thomas church

Saturday Evening, October 24
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Gal 2:16-20; Lk 16:19-31;
Intention: Robert James Langlotz (Joan Nagel)

Sunday, October 25 Tone 4
21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Gal 2:16-20; Lk 16:19-31;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

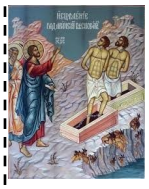
Monday, October 26
Demetrius Great Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Peter & Anna Dworskij (Fr. Michael and family)

Tuesday, October 27
Nestor Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Diane & Nicole Hvasta (Simon Buchman)

Wednesday, October 28
Paraskevia Martyr
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: +Josephine Gurskey (Fr Michael & Betty Kirila)

Thursday, October 29
Anastasia Venerable Martyr
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Intention: Oscislawski family (Fr.Michael and family)

Saturday Evening, October 31
Bl.Theodore Romza
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Gal 6:11-18; Lk 8:26-39;
Intention: + Andria Kowalczyl (Kowalchyk family)



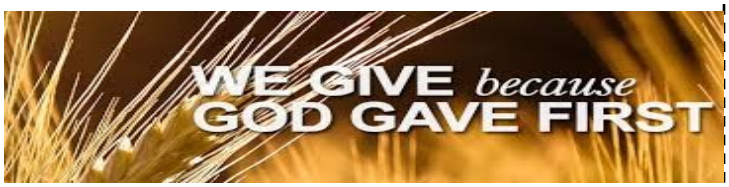
Sunday, November 1 Tone 5
21nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Third Hour 9:40 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Gal 6:11-18; Lk 8:26-39;
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 3
SAcepsimas and Others Martyrs
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Intention: Robert James Langlotz (Joan Nagel)

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 October 1, we have collected $11,300.00. 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.

REMARKS

2.9.16.23.30. Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance.
4. Franciscan Usage. St. Francis of Assisi, Epistle, Galatians 5:22-6:2; Gospel, Matthew 11:27-30.
11. Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Commemoration of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II).
15. Carmelites, Our Venerable Mother Theresa of Avila.
18. Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, Gospel, Colossians 4:5-9.14-15 & 18; Gospel, Luke 10:16-22.

Clergy retreat at Redemptorist center
Tucson AZ
Sep. 21-25.2020



Bishop John Pazak and Fr. Michael Sidun



Fr. Michael Sidun (St. Thomas,Gilbert, AZ)
Fr. Joseph Wargacki (St.Nicholas, Anchorage, AK)



Fr. Michael Sidun (St. Thomas, Gilbert ,AZ)
Fr. Robert Pipta (Rector, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, PA)



Fr. Thomas Loya (Annunciation of the Mother of God, Homer Glen, IL)
Fr.Michael Sidun and family Luba, Sofia and Teresa (St. Thomas,Gilbert ,AZ)



Happy Birthday!

SIDON, Fr. Michael	10/1
KAFORA, Wilma	10/1
CLARK, Ella	10/4
BRONSON, Dominic	10/5
ANTONIOS, Nathalie	10/15
THUROW, LYDIA	10/15
HRATKO, John	10/16
HRYNIK, Mike	10/20
FORBES, Cece	10/20
HOLZHAUER, Emily	10/20
THUROW, Peter	10/21
LITTLE, Barb	10/22
BARTLETT, Greg	10/23
PARK, Janet	10/25
DUGIE, Timothy	10/29
THOMPSON, DON	10/31

Happy Anniversary!

BARNES, Joseph and Janice	10/2
BULLOCK, Gregory and Carole	10/7

May God grant them many blessed years

Summary for September 2020

Tithes: Adults	$6,136.79
Donations: Misc.	1,016.00
Improvements, Remodeling	50.00
Candles	179.38
*Medical Insurance Collection	100.00
Coffee Social	57.00
Gift Shop	29.00
Total deposit to checking	$7,568.17
*Minus special collections	-$100.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$7,468.17

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.

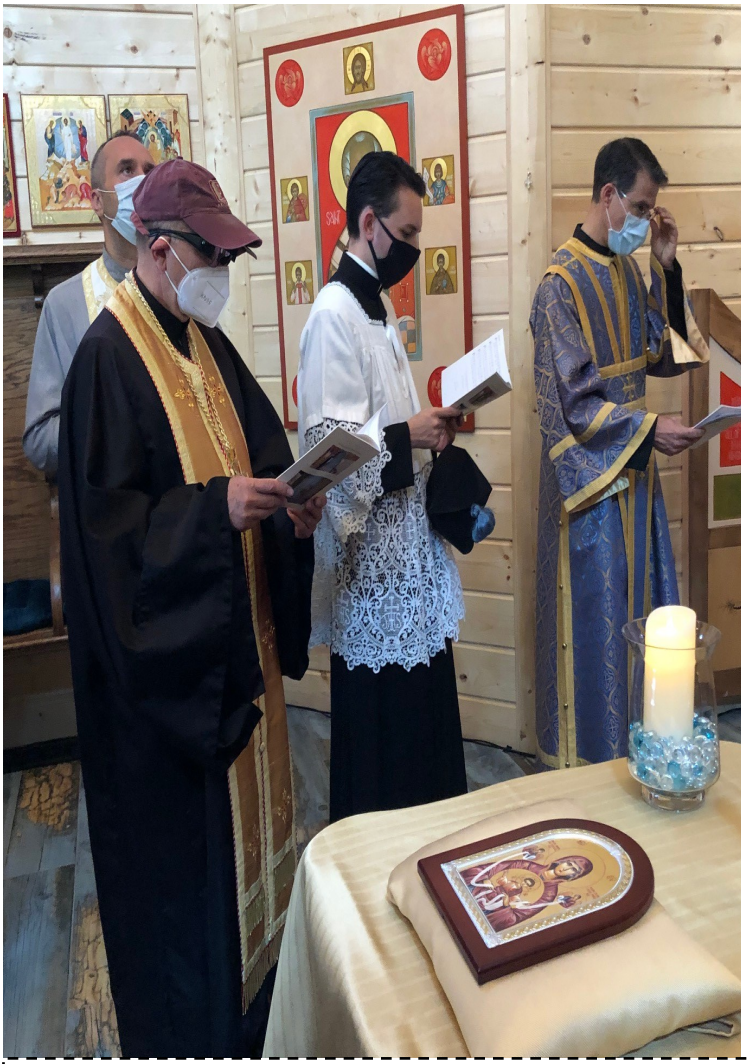
Please feel free to talk with Fr. Michael about parish needs



Byzantine Catholic clergy at consecration
Mary Undoer of Knots Church
Mount Lemmon at Tucson



Syncellus for AZ, NM & CO Very Rev. Robert Rankin
(St. Melany Tucson, AZ)
Fr. Michael Sidun and family Luba, Sofia and Teresa
(St. Thomas, Gilbert, AZ)



Rt.Rev. Stephen Washko (Annunciation of the Mother of God, CA)
Fr. Milan Kasperek (Our Lady of Wisdom, Italo-Greek, NV)

St Thomas the Apostle
Byzantine Catholic Church

17th Annual
Oktoberfest

Saturday
Oct 24th
2020

Liturgy 5PM
Oktoberfest
6:30PM

19 W Bruce Ave
Gilbert, AZ

Please join us for Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 5PM and/or our Oktoberfest celebration immediately following.

Our celebration will include a wonderful German-inspired dinner complete with German Chocolate Cake for dessert, plenty of frolicking on the dance floor, silent auction, and kids raffles.

Adults: $10 Children: $7

Contact Kris Forbes – (480) 747-8954