Parochial Administrator:
Father Michael Sidun

Aug—Sep 2021

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

*Weekday Divine Liturgy
Please check the bulletin

Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

*Saturdays: 4:00-4:30pm
*Sundays: 9:00-9:30am
(Also available by appointment)

Other Information

Church Address
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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)



Fr. Michael and Fr. Martin Nagy. Fr. Martin was ordained Aug. 1, 2021 by His Grace Benedict, Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchy of Saint Nicholas of Myra, Chicago. **Axios Axios Axios**

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.

PARISH GUIDELINES

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING: Members of St. Thomas Church have **registered**, **attend** the Divine Liturgy at least 3 weekends each month, **participate** in the community life of the parish, and **contribute** *generously of their time, talent, and treasure*. **Members over 18 years of age must be registered separately from their families.**

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.

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist): Must be arranged at least three months in advance. Expectant parents should contact the pastor prior to the birth of the child. The priest can come to pray over the baby and mother in the days after birth. After 40 days, Churching Prayers welcome the baby for the first time and the mother back to Church. To request the Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism), parents must be members in good standing and attend baptism preparation with the Godparents. At least one Godparent must be a member in good standing of St. Thomas Church. The other Godparent may be a Catholic or Orthodox Christian.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE: Must be arranged at least six months in advance.

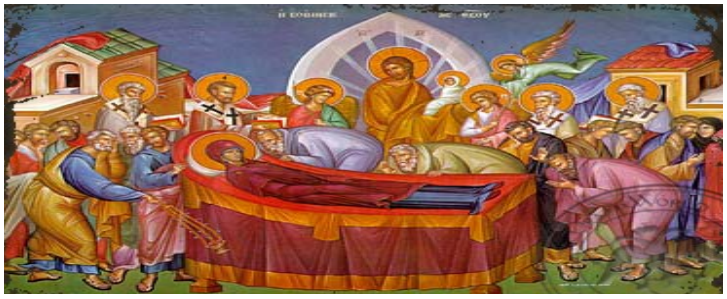
Saturday, August 7
Domitius Venerable Martyr
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Bill Kohl (Bondra & Karnya Families)

SUNDAY, August 8, Tone 2
11th Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
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 11
Euplus Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Kircher Family (Simon Buchman)

Thursday, August 12
Photius & Anicetus Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Dcn. Sullivan & Family (Simon Buchman)

Saturday, August 14
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy - Dormition of the Theotokos **5:00 PM**
Intention: Fr. Merta & Prayer Team (Matthysse Family)



SUNDAY, August 15, Tone 3
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Dormition of the Theotokos
Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, & Plants
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19: 16-26
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

After Liturgy, we will bless children and students for the New School Year

Monday, August 16
Translation of the Icon of Our Lord
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Alex Botkin (Joe & Janis Barnes)

Saturday, August 21
Thaddeus Apostle
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)

SUNDAY, August 22, Tone 4
13th Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, August 24
Eutyches Bishop-Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Bronson Family

Wednesday, August 25
Return of the Relics of Bartholomew-Apostle
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Kay & Tim Bryant (Brian & Beth Matthysse)

Thursday, August 26
Adrian and Natalie Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: +Souls of the Departed & the Dying

Saturday, August 28
Moses the Ethiopian Venerable
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: Pregnant Women

SUNDAY, August 29, Tone 5
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Beheading of John the Baptist
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
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

Tuesday, August 31
Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Jose & Rosa (Brian & Beth Matthysse)

Thursday, September 2
Mammas Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Caitlin Sullivan (Little Family)

Saturday, September 4
Babylas Bishop - Martyr
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Joseph Kowalczyk (Al Ferencz)

SUNDAY, September 5, Tone 6
15th Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 22:35-46
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 7
Sozon Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy Birth of the Theotokos **7:00 PM**
Intention: Jan Person (Bullock Family)



Wednesday, September 8
Birth of the Theotokos
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Charlie & Carol Rawlins (Simon Buchman)

Thursday, September 9
Synaxis of Joachim and Anna
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: +Joseph Kowalczyk (Murphy Family)

Saturday, September 11
Theodora Venerable
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Joseph Kowalczyk (Bullock Family)

SUNDAY, September 12, Tone 7
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

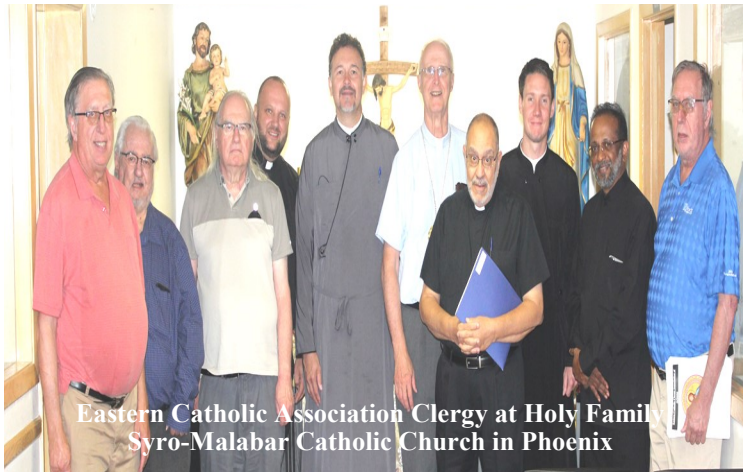
DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

***Come early to church.**
***Put your cell phone on "Airplane Mode"**
***Light a Candle Settle down in quiet prayer & reflection**
***Recite the prayers before the Divine Liturgy**
***Make a good confession.**
Thank you for honoring God's Temple with your Sunday Best!

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Anniversary Blessings for the Varano and Moore families



Eastern Catholic Association Clergy at Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in Phoenix

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program (SEP), please contact:

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Happy Birthday!

Angela Hendricks	8/1	Noah Moore	8/14
Joseph Barnes	8/5	Christy Bronson	8/21
Marilyn Reiling	8/9	Debra Hratko	8/23
Jeff Sims	8/10	Carla Liesemeyer	8/28
Cathy McCormick	8/11		

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Barb Little	8/3
Sharon & Andy Wollert	8/13
Bryden & Katie Danilich	8/22
Aaron & Mignon Thurow	8/24

May God grant them many blessed years

Summary for July 2021

Tithes: Adults	$8,488.85
Holyday: Sts. Peter & Paul	10.00
Donations: Misc.	808.00
Improvements, Remodeling	70.00
Candles	228.00
Rent: Church or Hall	600.00
*Bishop's Appeal	450.00
*Peter's Pence	50.00
Coffee Social	10.00
Gift Shop	116.60
Total deposit to checking	$10,831.45
*Minus special collections	-$500.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$10,331.45

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

Sunday Coffee Socials

August 8th is our monthly potluck (2nd Sunday of each month). All families are asked to bring a dish & to help with the clean up. **Families are still needed to host Aug. 22 & 29.** The sign-up sheet is on the Hall bulletin board. Teaming up with another family to host a Sunday Social is encouraged. Please talk with Lynn Sims if you have any questions (480-205-0508). **I thank all of you who support St. Thomas with your time, talents, gifts, and treasures.**

May the Lord reward your kindness!

Announcements:

2021 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 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 **$10,039.33**, 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 $7,316.00. 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! **https://ephx.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-eparchical-appeal/**

Parish Goal: $10,039.00
Pledges to date: $ 7,316.00
Balance: $2,723 remaining to reach our goal (which we should hopefully reach with 38 families who have yet to pledge)
Of the 64 St. Thomas families, 26 Households have responded

May God grant YOU many blessed years.

We are still working to reach our goal for the 2021 Eparchial Appeal. The 10% rebate St. Thomas will receive if we reach our goal of $10,040 will be added to our income which helps pay our yearly expenses for the church, hall, and rectory. Per our 2020 Profit & Loss Statement, our total income was $75,717 and our total expenses were $76,276. As you can see, every little bit of income helps.

I would like to thank the following families who have already made their pledge for our parish.

G. Barlett, J.& E. Bernstein, E. & C. Bronson, C. Bullock, J. Chizmar, R. & ML. Cihak, T. Clark, A. Ferencz, E. Gilsdorf, J. Groll, D. & J. Hratko, D. & C. Karnya, Fr. M. & B. Kirila, R. Lopez, N. Lorig, C. McCormick, E. Oscislawski, J. Park, R. D. Parker, P. Rady-Penteck, J. & L. Sims, Fr. M. & L. Sidun, D. Stacy, M. Romero, C. & C. Rawlins

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Christ Is Among Us!
He Is and Will Be!

Christo posredi nas!
Jest I budet!

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Thank you to all who help the Church by being understanding when mistakes are made and choosing 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.