Parochial Administrator:
Father Mykhaylo Sidun

Oct-Nov 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
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)



Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sep. 14, 2021

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 week-ends 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.

St Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

18th Annual Oktoberfest

Saturday
Oct 16th
2021

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***

Donate Silent Auction Items Here

Contact Kris Forbes – (480) 747-8954

Friday, October 1
Protection of the Theotokos
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Fr. Michael & Family (Little Family)

Saturday, October 2
Cyprian Bishop-Martyr
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Bishop Gerald Dino (Little Family)

SUNDAY, October 3, Tone 2
19th Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Lk 6:31-36
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 5
Charitina Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Doreene Stacy (Bullock Family)

Wednesday, October 6
Thomas Apostle
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: The Bronson Family (Simon Buchman)

Saturday, October 9
James Alpheus Apostle
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)

SUNDAY, October 10, Tone 3
20th Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-16
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 12
Probus & Others Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: + Virginia Hill (Little Family)

Wednesday, October 13
Carpus & Others Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: +Joseph T. Kowalczyk (Kimberly Hopkins)



Saturday evening, October 16,
following the 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy,
St. Thomas Church

Saturday, October 16
Longinus Martyr
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: The Kirila Family (Simon Buchman)

SUNDAY, October 17, Tone 4
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday-Friday October 18-22
Eparchial Clergy Retreat at Franciscan Renewal Center. Father Michael is less available. Please remember our Bishops and Clergy of our Eparchy in your prayers this week.

Saturday, October 23
James Apostle Brother of the Lord
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Andria Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)

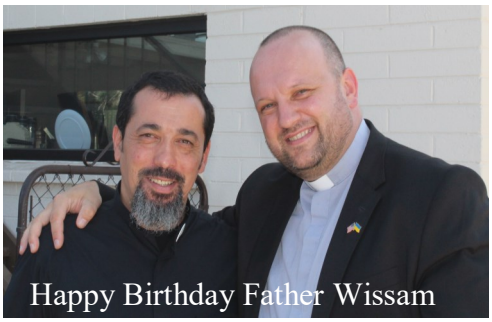
SUNDAY, October 24, Tone 5
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Gal 6:11-18; Lk 16:19-31
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

REMARKS

1.8.15.22.29. 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.
15. Carmelites, Our Venerable Mother Theresa of Avila.
17. Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost and Commemoration of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II).
31. Commemoration of the Blessed Martyr Theodore Rhomža.



Eastern Catholic Clergy Association of Arizona at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church (Phoenix)



Happy Birthday Father Wissam



9/25-26/2021
Traditional Blessing of Wine for Domestic Church
Feast of St John the Theologian



Blessing the John Paul Thurau family











Blessing of Michael's New House - 2021. Congratulations!!!

Tuesday, October 26
Demetrius Great Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Stella (Brian & Beth Matthysse)

Wednesday, October 27
Nestor Martyr
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: +Beth Potthoff (West Family)

Saturday, October 30
Zenobius and Zenobia Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)



The Baptism of Charlotte Ann Danilich

Charlotte Ann will be Baptized, Chrismated, and will receive Holy Communion on **Sunday, October 31.** Our parish wishes the entire family peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!

SUNDAY, October 31, Tone 6
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Eph 2:4-10; Lk 8:26-39
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 2
Akindynos and Others Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Patrick Glashan (Little Family)

Wednesday, November 3
Acepsimas and Others Martyrs
CONFESSIONS **6:00-6:30 PM**
Divine Liturgy **7:00 PM**
Intention: Catherine McCormick (Simon Buchman)

Saturday, November 6
Paul the Confessor Archbishop
CONFESSIONS **4:00-4:30 PM**
Vigil Divine Liturgy **5:00 PM**
Intention: +Caitlin Yarscoe (Michael Khromiak)

SUNDAY, November 7, Tone 7
24th Sunday after Pentecost
CONFESSIONS **9:00-9:30 AM**
Third Hour **9:40 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Eph 2:14-22; Lk 8:41-56
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



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Catholic Singles Society:
From Left to Right
Kaitlyn, Lynn, Pat, Bill, Greg
September 19th, 2021

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, *(Son of the Living God,)* have mercy on me, a sinner. *(Repeat 30, 50, or 100 times)*

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!

Fr. Michael Sidun	10/1
Wilma Kafora	10/1
Dominic Bronson	10/5
Thom Petteruti	10/6
Lydia Thurow	10/15
Bryden Danilich	10/15
John Hratko	10/16
Mike Hrynik	10/20
Cece Forbes	10/20
Emily Holzhauer	10/20
Peter Thurow	10/21
Barb Little	10/22
Greg Bartlett	10/23
Peter Kostyun	10/29
Don Thompson	10/31

Happy Anniversary!

Joseph and Janice Barnes	10/2
Gregory and Carole Bullock	10/7
Brian and Marla Fitterer	10/8

May God grant them many blessed years!

Summary for September 2021

Tithes: Adults	**$9,005.00**
Donations: Misc.	**738.00**
Improvements, Remodeling	**50.00**
Candles	**81.00**
Rent: Church or Hall	**600.00**
***Bishop's Appeal**	**35.00**
Coffee Social	**1.00**
Total deposit to checking	**$10,510.00**
***Minus special collections**	**-$35.00**
Total for St. Thomas:	**$10,475.00**

May God grant you all many blessed years!

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

SCAN ME

Announcements:

2021 Eparchial Appeal

This year, **Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted** is 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 September 30, we have collected $9,555.00**. 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: $ 9,555.00
Balance: $482.00 remaining to reach our goal (which we should hopefully reach with **30 families who have yet to pledge**)
Of the 64 St. Thomas families, 34 Households have responded

Remaining families: please—any pledge amount is appreciated

May God grant YOU many blessed years.

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

Sunday Coffee Socials

October 10th 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 remaining Sundays in Oct.** 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!

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.