St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory to Jesus Christ! **Glory Forever!**

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

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Office Hours
By appointment only.



Father Adam Peter Lowe **Deacon Michael Sullivan**
Parochial Administrator

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.



"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Lk 5:4

Gratitude and Blessings!

Thank you! Gracias! D'akujem! Ευχαριστούμε!

"I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers." (2 Timothy 1:3)

*A profound Thank You to **Rhiannon Moore** for taking on the burdensome responsibility for leading and coordinating the multifarious details of work this year for both the Parish Holy Supper and the Parish St. Nicholas celebration in addition to leading both the Parish Hall Christmas cleaning and Christmas decorating as well. All these events were a tremendous success this year primarily due to her tireless efforts and superb leadership. The Holy Supper could not even have been held this year without her sacrificial willingness to reluctantly agree to lead the effort when no one else was willing. Father Adam, Deacon Michael, and the entire St. Thomas family truly appreciate Rhiannon's sharing so much of her time, talent, treasure, and effort on behalf our Parish family this Christmas Season!*

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Parish Family,

Thank you all for helping in December with St. Nicholas Day and Holy Supper. I pray you all had a wonderful time.

Thank you to Diane Hvasta for making the church look beautiful with the assistance of Arman, Ben, Locklin and Peter. Thank you gentlemen for helping me in the hall as well. You guys really made all the difference with the heavy lifting and all around hall decorating. You even tapped into your inner children to help Saint Nick make goodie bags! Thank you also to Pani Amanda and her girls for also helping with decorating and bags. I know it made the time special for my kids to have their friends there, and it also kept them from breaking anymore Christmas bulbs!

Also warm appreciation to Richard Lopez and his mom for decorating both areas, and to Richard's mom for saving the day by buying paper goods, and goodie bags.

Thank you to Christy Bronson for purchasing the chocolate coins and to everyone else who bought items, including Caitlin Sullivan who bought tons of puzzles and stickers. Thank you, Caitlin, for coordinating the Nativity Play as well.

Thanks to all of the Holy Supper helpers who without them there would not have been a Holy Supper. Thanks once again to Dian H. for all her tips and the plethora of information she shared, ensuring things went smoothly.

Thanks to Marla Fitterer for co-coordinating by emailing, shopping, setting up tables, moral support and managing the day. I couldn't ask for a more patient, fun partner :) A big thanks to Richard Lopez for helping immensely with the setup and assisting in adding all the finishing touches. Big thanks to Angelina Miller for helping Marla cook and prep food, aiding to complete table set up and for grabbing and donating last minute items. You're a trooper :)

Thank you to Arman, Kyle, Grace, and Noah for serving the food.

Thank you to Eleanor for her generous donation and to all of you who donated food.

A special thanks to Yvonne Corey for unexpectedly bringing a ton of drinks, food items and keep sakes the day of the event.
God provides!

If I failed to personally acknowledge someone, please forgive me, you are valued despite my forgetfulness and God sees all your efforts. God Bless you all and thank you for all your prayers and support!

God's Will,
Rhiannon

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We are all very blessed at St. Thomas in that we have each other!



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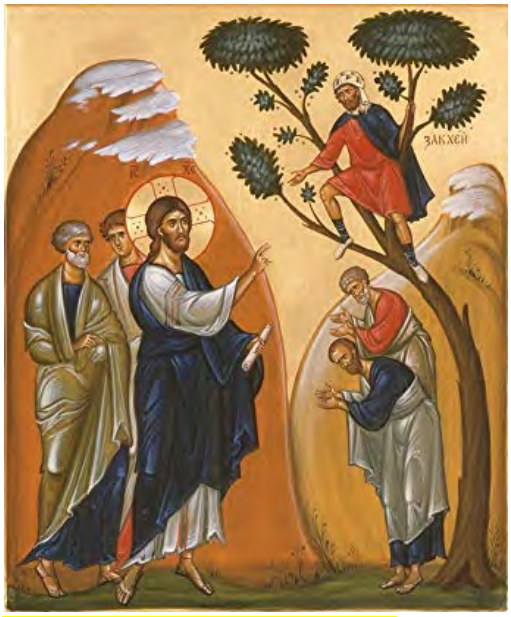
Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Evening, January 7
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Anthony Lytwymec (Nicholas Kowalczyk)

Sunday, January 8 **Tone 6**
Sunday After Theophany
Post-festive Day of Theophany
Venerable Father George the Chozebite
Venerable Mother Dominica
Holy Father and Confessor Emilian
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Carol Singing 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Saturday Evening, January 14
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Healing for David Paloian (Thompson Family)

Sunday, January 15 **Tone 7**
32nd Sunday After Pentecost
Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes & John the Hut-dweller
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Timothy 1:15-17; Matthew 15:21-28
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Saturday Evening, January 21
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Father Phil Acquaro (Anna Broznak)

Sunday, January 22 **Tone 8**
Sunday of Zacchaeus
Holy Apostle Timothy
Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Saturday Evening, January 28
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Katelynn Borelli (Diane Hvasta)

Sunday, January 29 **Tone 1**
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop & Martyr Ignatius of Antioch
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

No Fasting from Monday, January 30 through Sunday, February 6
Every year there is no fasting or abstinence during the seven days beginning on the Monday following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee until the Sunday of the Prodigal Son.



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Monday, January 30
Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom
Holy Bishop-Martyr Hippolytus
Great Vespers with Communion 7:00 PM
Deuteronomy 1:8-11,15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21; Wisdom 3:1-9; Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19



Thursday, February 2
Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ with the Holy, Righteous Elder Simeon the God-receiver & the Holy, Righteous Widow Anna the Prophetess
(No Confessions before liturgy this evening)
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40
Intention: Barry Forbes (Forbes Family)



Saturday Evening, February 4
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Steineke Family (Forbes Family)

Sunday, February 5 **Tone 2**
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Postfestive Day of the Encounter
Holy Martyr Agatha
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

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Collections

Summary for November 1 – November 30, 2022

Total deposits	$4,930.75
*Minus special collections	-0.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$4,930.75
Offline Tithes:	$2,520.74
Online Tithes:	$1,931.60
Holyday Tithes	10.00
Donations: source not identified	236.72
Remodling Fund	10.00
Coffee Fellowship	35.00
Candles	160.56
Interest Income	26.13
Total for St. Thomas:	$4,930.75



Sunday Liturgical Attendance

Sat. Nov. 3 Vigil	16 Souls
Sat. Nov. 4	81 Souls
Sat. Nov. 10 Vigil	14 Souls
Sat. Nov. 11	89 Souls
Sat. Nov. 17 Vigil	24 Souls
Sat. Nov. 18	80 Souls
Sat. Nov. 24 Vigil	41 Souls
Sat. Nov. 25	78 Souls

Happy Birthday!

Pani Amanda Rose Lowe	Jan 5
Carol Paolo	Jan 14
Emma Gilsdorf	Jan 25
Siobhán Sullivan	Jan 27
Peter Forbes	Jan 27
Lucy Forbes	Jan 29
Irene Bubnash (95th)	Jan 30

May the Lord God grant them many blessed years of peace, health, and happiness!

Did we forget your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know so that we can update our records and include it in our bulletin next year.

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

O Divine Physician of Souls and Body, rest your healing and protecting hand upon your servants:
Reg Parker, John Kafora, Father Michael Kirila, & Beth Little,

All those serving our country in the military including:
Michael Khromiak.

†Eternal Memory!

"With the souls of the just brought to perfection give rest, O Savior to the souls of your servants, keeping them for the blessed life with you, for you love us all."
†Father Philip Acquaro, †Al Ferencz, †Jonathan Bronson, & †Fr. Brian Escobedo,

Parish Advisory Board

Danny Forbes
Emma Gilsdorf
Cal Karnya
Cathy McCormick
Charlie Rawlins
Jeff Sims



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Abba Poemen said of Abba Pior that every single day he made a new beginning.
(from *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*).

Happy NEW YEAR to ALL!











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"The Eternal is both a small child and the Ancient of Days.
A child at the breast and at the same time the creator of ages.
I behold a child and recognize God.
The child is nourished and at the same time sustains the universe.
The child weeps and at the same time, he gives life and joy to the world.
The child is in swaddling clothes
and at the same time he delivers me from the bonds of sin...
This Child - the angels glorify him, the archangels bow before him.
The principalities tremble in his presence, the powers praise him,
the Cherubim minister to him, the Seraphim bless him,
the sun praises him, the moon serves him,
nature obeys him, fountains and seas yield to him...
This Child conquered death, overcame the devil,
abolished Adam's curse, ... washed away all sins,
condemned all heresy, adorned all creation,
saved Adam, renewed Eve,
summoned all the nations and sanctified the universe...
Therefore, let us all go forth to greet our Lord with splendor!"
- St. Cyril of Alexandria (Prologue, I)



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