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)

*Many deep thanks to **Mike Little** for stepping forward promptly to answer the urgent parish need for him to apply his unique skills and experiences and take on the complicated, time-consuming, and difficult task of researching and dealing with realtors, management, moving, and storage companies to prepare the way for leasing the parish rectory. Mike also helped with the mail, the pool service, and the landscaping at the Rectory. Thanks also to Rhiannon Moore for helping to recruit and Mike Little to lead and to the many parish volunteers (many but not all of whom appear in the pictures elsewhere in this bulletin) who gave so graciously of their precious time and effort to carefully pack and move the furniture, dishes, glassware, linen, books, icons and other contents of the Parish Rectory to storage. It was an impressive group effort for which the Father Adam and I and the entire parish are so very grateful!*

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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, 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

Friday Evening, February 10
Midnight Prayer 11:59 PM
The Midnight Office (Gk. mesonyktikón; Slav. polúnoščnitsa) is a liturgical service to be celebrated "in the middle of the night." In the Byzantine Rite, it is a monastic office which looks to the coming of the Lord. We will celebrate by candlelight and pray for the people of our parish and our wider community. All are welcome!!



Saturday Morning, February 11
First All Souls Saturday
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Holy Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste
Hosted by the Clergy of the Eastern Catholic Clergy Association of Arizona (ECCAA) at **Holy Redeemer Cemetery, 23015 Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix,** AZ 85024. The main celebrants will be Bishop Kurt Burnette, Bishop Emeritus John Pazak, & Bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishop of Chicago).
Divine Liturgy & Panachida 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 10:23-28 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36 & John 5:24-30
Intention: **†All Souls**



Saturday Evening, February 11
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Johnathan Bronson (Moore Family)

Sunday, February 12 **Tone 3**
Meatfare Sunday
Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge
Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Friday Evening, February 17
Midnight Prayer 11:59 PM



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Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, February 18
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Al Ferencz (Little Family)

Sunday, February 19 **Tone 4**
Cheesefare Sunday
Forgiveness Sunday
Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise
Holy Apostle Archippus
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

The Holy and Great Fast: The Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes **strict abstinence from meat and dairy products on both the First Monday (Clean Monday) of the Great Fast as well as on Good Friday, and also abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays in the Great Fast and Holy Week. These prescriptions are a *required minimum for all of the faithful.*** The traditional fast is *much* stricter.

Monday, February 20
Clean Monday
Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania
Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20
Intention: †Prakash Matthew (Leena Matthew)

Wednesday, February 22
Finding of the Venerable Relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia
(No Confessions before liturgy this evening)
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-22
Intention: †Marcella Shelton (Emma Gildorf)





Friday, February 24
Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople
(No Confessions before liturgy this evening)
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34;
Composite - Isaiah 40:1-3,9; 41:17-18; 45:8, 48:20-21; 54:1;
Composite - Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:2; Malachi 3:1-3,5-7,12,18,17; 4:4-6 [3:22-24];
Composite - Wisdom of Solomon 4:7,16-17,19-5:7
(The three additional readings at Vespers tonight anticipate the First and Second Finding of the Head of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John transferred to Saturday, February 25 this year due to Clean Week. The Miracle of Saint Theodore the Recruit on the Saturday of the first week of the Great Fast is also anticipated at Vespers tonight.)
Intention: Carole Bullock (Thompson Family)

Friday Evening, February 24
Midnight Prayer 11:59 PM

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.

For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents or concerns, please contact:

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Liturgical Schedule



Saturday Evening, February 25
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Henry Andrew Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)

Sunday, February 26 **Tone 5**
First Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of Orthodoxy
All Holy Prophets
Holy Father Porphyry, Bishop of Gaza
Holy Great Martyr Photina the Samaritan
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Procession with Holy Icons 10:00 AM
(Please bring a favorite Holy Icon from home to carry in the procession of Holy Icons.)
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2; John 1:43-51
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 1
Venerable Martyr Eudoxia
(No Confessions before liturgy this evening)
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3
Intention: †Robert Gilsdorf (Emma Gildorf)



Friday, March 3
Holy Martyr Eutropius and his Companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus
(No Confessions before liturgy this evening)
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1
Intention: Carole Bullock (Anna Broznak)

Friday Evening, March 3
Midnight Prayer 11:59 PM

Saturday Morning, March 4
2nd All Souls Saturday
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan
Confessions 8:00-8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy & Panachida with reading of the names of All Souls inscribed on the Parish Diptychs 9:00 AM
Intention: **†All Souls**
Hebrews 3:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Mark 1:35-44; John 5:24-30



Saturday Evening, March 4
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Joey T. Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)

Sunday, March 5 **Tone 6**
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
Commemoration of Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica
Holy Martyr Conon
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Third Hour 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

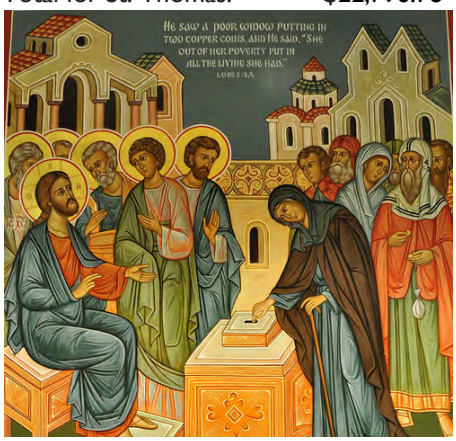


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Collections

Summary for December 1 – December 31, 2022

Total deposits	$22,796.78
*Minus special collections	-0.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$22,796.78
Offline Tithes:	$12,769.00
Online Tithes:	$4,255.81
Holyday Tithes:	
Thanksgiving	5.00
St. Nicholas	12.00
Christmas	148.00
Donations (Miscellaneous)	551.25
Remodeling Fund	12.00
Flowers	20.00
Rent	4,680.00
Fry's/Amazon	6.19
Gift Shop	85.00
Candles	151.07
Interest Income	51.46
Total for St. Thomas:	$22,796.78



Sunday Liturgical Attendance

Sat. Dec. 31 Vigil	27 Souls
Sun. Jan. 1	58 Souls
Sat. Jan. 7 Vigil	19 Souls
Sun. Jan. 8	88 Souls
Sat. Jan. 14 Vigil	16 Souls
Sun. Jan. 15	79 Souls
Sat. Jan. 21 Vigil	20 Souls
Sun. Jan. 22	80 Souls
Sat. Jan. 28 Vigil	22 Souls
Sun. Jan. 29	74 Souls

Happy Anniversary!

Joe & Maria Groll	Feb 9
Jeff & Lynn Sims	Feb 24

Happy Birthday!

Eleanor Bernstein	Feb 2
Janice Antonios	Feb 6
John Kafora	Feb 7
Evan Paige	Feb 16
Janis Barnes	Feb 24
Ava Holzhauer	Feb 24

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.

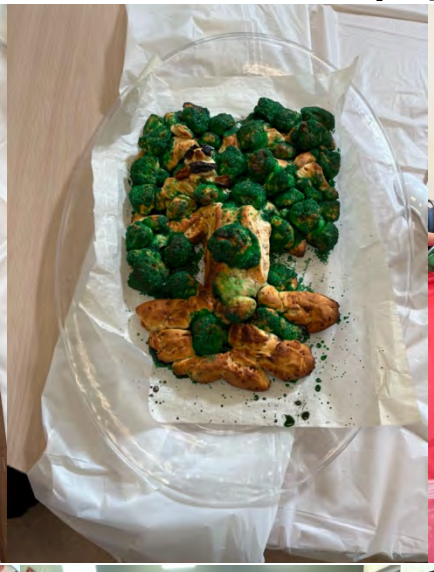
†Eternal Memory!

"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,



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ECF Class on the Sunday of Zacchaeus







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Preparing the Rectory for Leasing





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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Today January 23 at noon in the Eternal City, the Vatican announced that the Holy Father has appointed Most Rev Milan Lach SJ as auxiliary bishop to the Eparchy of Bratislava and has named Most Rev Kurt Burnette, the Bishop of Passaic as Apostolic Administrator *sede vacante* of Parma. The Holy Father has also named Most Rev Kurt Burnette as Apostolic Administrator *sede vacante* of the Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you to Bishop Milan Lach and Bishop Thomas Olmsted for your tireless work for these eparchies. Well done good and faithful servants! May God grant to his servant + Francis the Pope of Rome peace, health, and happiness for many blessed and fruitful years!

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2023/01/23/0065/00119.html



BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Statement on the Appointment of Apostolic Administrator of Parma & Phoenix

In the scriptures yesterday, we heard how Zacchaeus, the tax collector, a man despised as a collaborator by his own people, found salvation when Jesus traveled through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. In his eagerness to see Jesus, he climbed a sycamore tree. He heard the sublime words, "Hurry down. I mean to eat at your house today."

In this first pre-Lenten Sunday, we also feel that eagerness as we prepare ourselves to travel with Jesus through the desert around Jericho, up the mountain passes, and into the holy city of Jerusalem to commemorate the sacred mysteries of the suffering, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and to be fed in the upper room with His own most pure body and life giving blood.

This morning, our Holy Father Pope Francis turned his gaze as a good shepherd on our Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church in the Americas, and asked me to assist him temporarily in caring for the good people of the Eparchy of Parma and the Eparchy of the Holy Protection in Phoenix. I look forward to sharing our Faith in God, "in Spirit and in truth". (John 4:23) I look forward, as St. Paul says, to walking "in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with humility and gentleness, bearing with one another in love, eager to preserve the unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is over all, and through all, and in all." (Eph 4:1-6)

The Sunday before last, we read St. Paul's very personal story of his own deliverance when he said, "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of who I am the first. For this reason, mercy was shown to me as the first so that in me, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life." Humbly praying with St. Paul, we also say, "To the King of ages, the immortal, the invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

May God bless every one of you abundantly, and may you find the same peace and healing as the Apostle Paul, and the same confidence in God's mercy and patience. I commend you to the prayers of St. Clement of Ancyra the Martyr, and especially to the care of the all holy Mother of God.

Your servant,

+ Kurt

Most Rev. Kurt Burnette
Bishop of Passaic
January 23, 2023

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To all the faithful of the Eparchy of Holy Protection of Mary in Phoenix,

My dear friends,

I wish to publicly thank Most Rev. Thomas Olmsted for his generous leadership of the Eparchy for almost four and half years. For almost four years of his tenure, he also served as the Bishop of the Latin rite Diocese of Phoenix, one of the largest and busiest dioceses in the United States. Nevertheless, when Pope Francis asked Bishop Thomas to assist Bishop John in shepherding our Eparchy as Apostolic Administrator, he said "yes" to the Holy Father. Despite the enormous burden of work, Bishop Thomas took on the additional work, and fulfilled his task with competence, dedication, integrity, gentility, good humor, humility, and grace.

On behalf of the clergy and people of the Eparchy of Phoenix, I say, "Thank you Bishop Thomas James Olmsted. Well done, good and faithful servant. May God grant to you many blessed, happy, and healthy years. Mnohaja l Blahaja L'ita!"

Yours in Christ,

+ Kurt

Most Rev. Kurt Burnette
Bishop of Passaic
Apostolic Administrator in Phoenix

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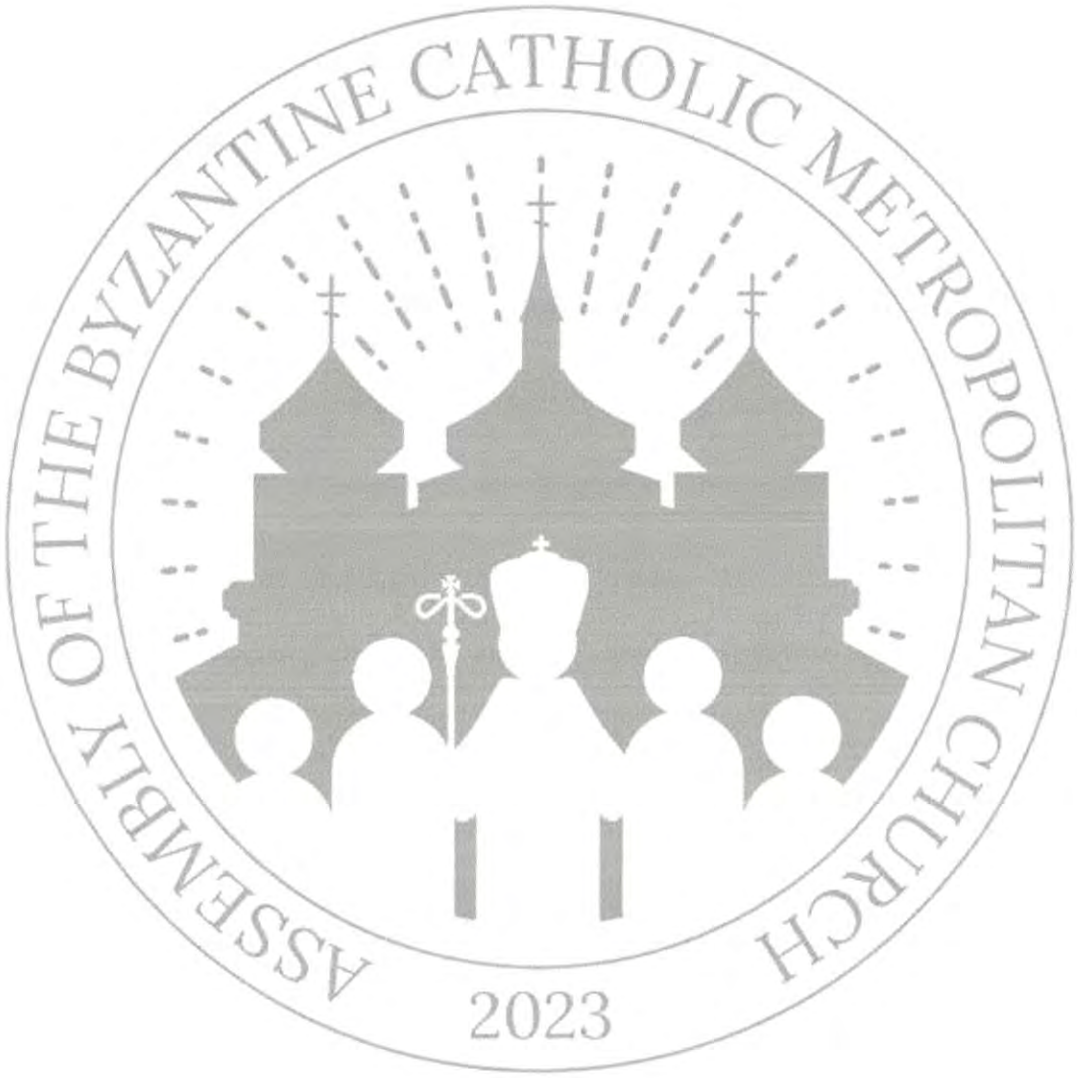
SUNDAY – MARCH 12, 2023 AT 5:00 PM

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THE SACRAMENTAL MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)
WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 4:00 PM – 4:50 PM



To all the clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic, the Eparchy of Parma, the Eparchy of Phoenix, and the Exarchy of Toronto:

Mark your calendar for the Metropolitan Assembly of 2023.

Your Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla is calling you to assemble.

When: **November 2-5**

November 2-3, Thursday through Friday evening especially for clergy

November 3-4-5, Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday especially for laity

Where: **St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**

Hillsboro, New Jersey

+ Bishop Kurt Burnette