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: 8:30-9:30am

(Also available by appointment)

Other Information

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Office Hours

By appointment only



Fr. Adam Peter Lowe
Parochial Administrator

Deacon Michael Sullivan

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.

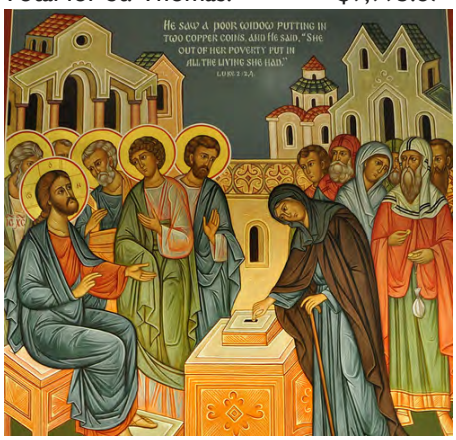


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Collections

Summary for October 1 – October 31, 2023

Total deposits	$9,995.87
*Minus special collections	-0.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$9,995.87
Online Tithes:	$4,022.60
Offline Tithes:	$2,791.50
Holy Day – Holy Protection:	60.00
Donations	617.25
Remodeling Fund	10.00
Candles	263.40
Bequests	135.00
Interest Income	105.17
Rent	1,981.10
Kroeger rebates	9.85
Total for St. Thomas:	$9,995.87



Sunday Liturgical Attendance

Saturday, November 4 Vigil	23 Souls
Sunday, November 5	112 Souls
Saturday, November 11 Vigil	23 Souls
Sunday, November 12	109 Souls
Saturday, November 18 Vigil	19 Souls
Sunday, November 19	105 Souls
Saturday, November 25 Vigil	30 Souls
Sunday, November 26	107 Souls

Happy Anniversary!

Are we missing anyone's?

Happy Birthday!

Veronica Liesmeyer	Dec 2
Damian Forbes	Dec 10
Max Bronson	Dec 12
Rhiannon Moore	Dec 18
Jan Person	Dec 19
John Fitterer	Dec 19
Nick Kowalczyk	Dec 22
Emma Bronson	Dec 26
Yellow Schreiber	Dec 26
Liam Stalker-Highsmith	Dec 28
Sharon Wollert	Dec 28
Jaqueline Noelle Aguayo	Dec 30
Anna Moore	Dec 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.

Parish Advisory Board

Brian Fitterer
Danny Forbes
Emma Gilsdorf
Mike Little
Cathy McCormick
Rhiannon Moore
Josh Paige
Jeff Sims

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

O Divine Physician of Souls and Body, rest your healing and protecting hand upon your servants:
Carole Bullock, Beth Little, Donald Thompson, Rhiannon Moore & her unborn child, Charlie Rawlins, Doreene Stacy, Donna Sullivan, & Pani Betty Kirila.

All those serving our country in the military including:
Michael Khromiak, & Greg Hendricks.

†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, †John Kafora, †Reg Parker & †Father Michael Kirila.

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

November 15-December 24
Phillip's (Advent) Fast
The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. By tradition it is a period of strict abstinence with the usual mitigations. In particular, Christmas Eve, December 24, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence. This year, however, because Christmas Eve, December 24, falls on a Sunday, according to our Metropolitan Typicon, the traditional strict abstinence for that day instead is transferred to Friday, December 22. Common practice in recent years has been to adopt at the very minimum some increased level of abstinence beyond that of non-penitential seasons. The observance of this fast is voluntary.



Tuesday, December 12
Feast of Our Lady the Virgin Theotokos of Guadalupe
Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 1:39-56
Intention: Judy, Linda, & Lewis Family (Jill Ware)

Saturday, December 16–Annual *Eucharistic Procession* beginning at 9:00 am from St. Anne Roman Catholic Church processing with The Blessed Sacrament west on Eliot Rd. to St. Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church for a brief service and then processing back again to St. Anne's for Benediction followed by a St. Anne Parish Family Picnic in John Allen Park.



Saturday Evening, December 16
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers
Holy Prophet Daniel & the 3 Holy Children, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Greg Hendricks & Family (Sims Family)

Sunday, December 17 **Tone 4**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Colossians 3: 4-11; Luke 14:16-24
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Friday, December 22
Note: The Royal Hours of Christmas are transferred to Friday because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year.
Royal Hours of Christmas 9:00 AM
1st Royal "Hour" - Micah 5:2-4; Hebrews 1:1-12; Matthew 1:18-25;
3rd Royal "Hour" - Jeremiah (Baruch) 3:35-4:4; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:1-20;
6th Royal "Hour" - Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 9-10; Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Matthew 2:1-12;
9th Royal "Hour" - Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23



Saturday Evening, December 23
Sunday Before Christmas
Sunday of the Holy Ancestors
Vigil of Christmas
Holy Great Martyr Eugenia
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Genesis 14:14-20;
Deuteronomy 1:8-11,15-17;
Deuteronomy 10:14-21
Intention: Patricia Sivetz (Diane Hvasta)

Sunday, December 24 **Tone 5**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, & 32-40;
Matthew 1:1-25
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Sunday Evening, December 24
Great Feast of Christmas, the Birth of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
Vigil Great Vespers 6:00 PM
Genesis 1:1-13; Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18; Micah 4:6-7; 5:2-4; Isaiah 11:1-10; Jeremiah (Baruch) 3:35-4:4; Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 9-10; Galatians 3:15-22; Matthew 13:31-36

Monday, December 25 **Festal Tone**
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas
Cookie Exchange in Parish Hall After Liturgy

No Fasting from Christmas to Theophany (December 25-January 4)
Every year there is no fasting or abstinence during the bright period of December 25-January 4. Immediately thereafter, however, January 5, the Vigil Eve day before Theophany, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy products.



Tuesday, December 26
Synaxis of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Post-festive Day of Christmas
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23
Intention: †Mary Rabayda (Diane Hvasta)





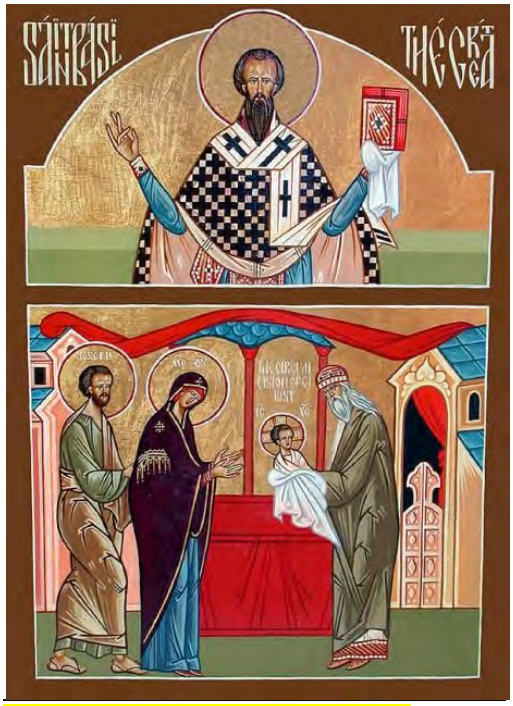
Saturday Evening, December 30
Sunday after Christmas
Leave-taking of Christmas
Commemoration of the Holy & Righteous:
Joseph the Betrothed, Husband & Guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos;
David the Prophet & King; &
Apostle James the Brother of God
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Carole Bullock (Dcn. Mike)

Sunday, December 31 **Tone 6**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23
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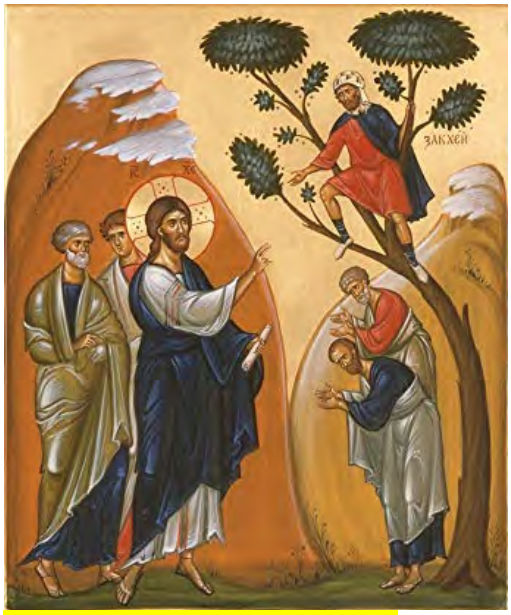
Sunday Evening, December 31
Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ/Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia
Genesis 17:1-2,4,5-7,8,9-10,11-12,14;
Proverbs 8:22-30;
Proverbs 10:31-11:12
Vigil Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Friday, January 5
Vigil of Theophany
The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona
Our Venerable Mother Syncletica
The Holy Prophet Micah
Royal Hours of Theophany 9:00 AM
1st Royal "Hour" - Isaiah 35:1-10; Acts 13:25-33; Matthew 3:1-11;
3rd Royal "Hour" - Isaiah 1:16-20; Acts 19:1-8; Mark 1:1-8;
6th Royal "Hour" - Isaiah 12:3-6; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 1:9-15;
9th Royal "Hour" - Isaiah 49:8-15; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17



Friday Evening, January 5
Great Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
(No Confessions before liturgy this evening)
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy &
Great Blessing of Water 7:00 PM
Genesis 1:1-13; Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29; Exodus 15:22-16:1; Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17; 4[2] Kings 2:6-14; 4[2] Kings 5:9-14; Isaiah 1:16-20; Genesis 32:1-10; Exodus 2:5-10; Judges 6:36-40; 3[1] Kings 18:30-39; 4[2] Kings 2:19-22; Isaiah 49:8-15; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18;
Great Blessing of Water: Isaiah 35:1-10; Isaiah 55:1-13; Isaiah 12:3-6; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Mark 1:9-11
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Saturday Evening, January 6
Sunday After Theophany
Post-festive Day of Theophany
Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Al Ferencz
(Little Family)
Sunday, January 7 **Tone 7**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Saturday Evening, January 13
Sunday of Zacchaeus
Leave-taking of Theophany
Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Arabs in Sinai and Raitho in 312
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Thanksgiving
(Anne Marie & Dimitry Yastishork)
Sunday, January 14 **Tone 8**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



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Putting on the Full Armor of God



Father Adam Interviewed on Bishop Dolan's "Seat at the Table" TV & Internet Show







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Crowning in Marriage of Sofia Sidun & Cage Best by Father Adam









Novices David & Maykel from the Arizona Orthodox Monastery of St. John the Baptist







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