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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Website

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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 November 1 – November 30, 2023

Total deposits	$22,341.36
*Minus special collections	-0.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$22,341.36

Online Tithes:	$2,659.00
Offline Tithes:	$3,929.00
Holy Day – St. Michael:	100.00
Holy Day – Entrance Theotokos:	30.00
Holy Day – Thanksgiving:	30.00
Donations	1,340.36
Remodeling Fund	20.00
Candles	373.00
Bequests	10,000.00
Rent	3,740.00
Gift Shop	100.00
Total for St. Thomas:	$22,341.36



Sunday Liturgical Attendance

Saturday, December 2 Vigil	19 Souls
Sunday, December 3	95 Souls
Saturday, December 9 Vigil	15 Souls
Sunday, December 10	105 Souls
Saturday, December 16 Vigil	31 Souls
Sunday, December 17	79 Souls
Saturday, December 23 Vigil	42 Souls
Sunday, December 24	85 Souls
December 24 Christmas Vigil	26 Souls
December 25 Christmas Day	105 Souls
Saturday, December 30 Vigil	19 Souls
Sunday, December 31	93 Souls

Happy Anniversary!

Are we missing anyone's?

Happy Birthday!

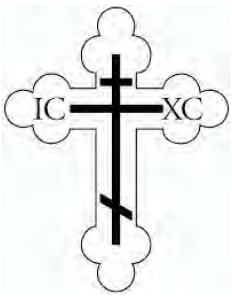
Pani Amanda Rose Lowe	Jan 5
Michael Crucitt	Jan 14
Carol Paolo	Jan 14
Emma Gilsdorf	Jan 25
Siobhán Sullivan	Jan 27
Peter Forbes	Jan 27
Lucy Forbes	Jan 29
Irene Bubnash (96th)	Jan 30

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.

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, 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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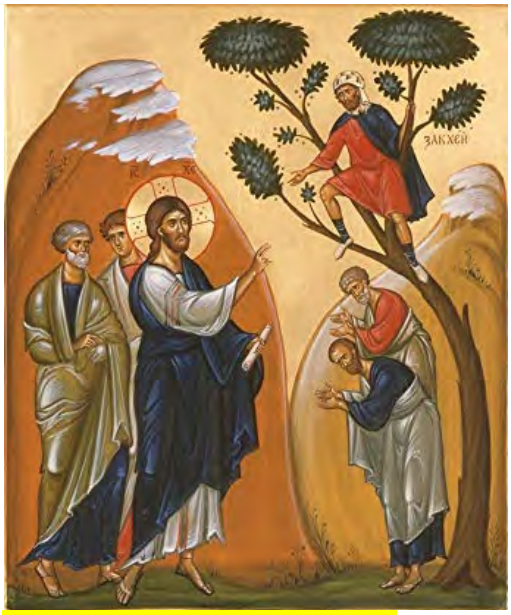


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Saturday Evening, January 13
Sunday of Zacchaeus
Leave-taking of Theophany
Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Arabs in Sinai and Raitho in 312
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Thanksgiving
(Anne Marie & Dimitry 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



Saturday Evening, January 20
Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee
Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor
Holy Martyr Neophyte
Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, & Aquila
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Joey Kowalczyk
(Kowalczyk Family)

Sunday, January 21 **Tone 1**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 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 22 through Sunday, January 28
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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Saturday Evening, January 27
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Andria Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)

Sunday, January 28 **Tone 2**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Friday, 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: Arezoo Ghasemi (Arman Afshani)



Saturday Morning, February 3
First All Souls Saturday
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Postfestive Day of the Encounter
Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon & the Prophetess Anna
Hosted by the Clergy of the Eastern Catholic Clergy Association of Arizona (ECCAA) at **Holy Redeemer Cemetery, 23015 Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix,** AZ 85024.
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**
Come and pray for your departed relatives and friends with clergy from Arizona's Eastern Catholic Parishes.



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Saturday Evening, February 3
Meatfare Sunday
Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge
Postfestive Day of the Encounter
Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Al Ferencz (Little Family)

Sunday, February 4 **Tone 3**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Saturday Evening, February 10
Cheesefare Sunday
Forgiveness Sunday
Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise
Holy Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste
Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: Joshua Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)

Sunday, February 11 **Tone 4**
Confessions 8:30- 9:30 AM
Matins 8:30-10:00 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 12
Clean Monday
Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch
Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM
Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20
Intention: †Joseph Kowalczyk (Kowalczyk Family)



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