

# 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)

### Chaldean Liturgy

Sunday: 6pm

Mar Abraham parish meets at St. Thomas.

Call 480.905.1545 for more information.

### Other Information

#### Church Address

19 West Bruce Avenue  
Gilbert, AZ 85233

#### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 667  
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

#### Office Hours–

*(call ahead to confirm as the priest is often out of the office for sick calls or other parish obligations)*

Tuesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm



**Father Michael Sidun**

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.

## Liturgical Schedule



### **Saturday Evening, June 1**

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM  
Genesis 1:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11,15-17;  
Deuteronomy 10:14-21

**Intention:** †Helen Totin (Fr. Michael & family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

**Sunday, June 2** **Tone 6**

### **Sunday of the Fathers at the First Council of Nicea**

**Postfestive Day of the Ascension**

Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Acts 20:16-18,28-36; John 17:1-13

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

### **Wednesday, June 5**

**Postfestive Day of the Ascension**

Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre

Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest

Divine Liturgy & Panachida 7:00 PM

Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

**Intention:** †Luba Zebec (Bullock family)

### **Friday, June 7**

**The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Ascension**

Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Acts 27:1-44; John 17:18-26

**Intention:** †Peter & Anna Broznak (Anna Broznak)



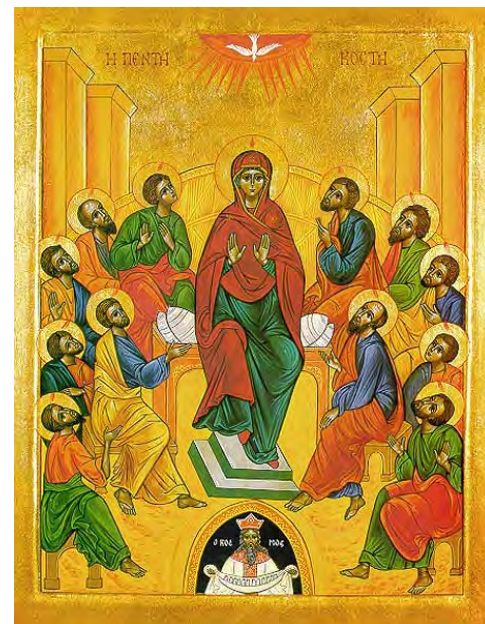
### **Saturday Morning, June 8**

**5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

**Intention:** †All Souls

Acts 28:1-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:15-25; John 5:24-30



### **Saturday Evening, June 8**

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM  
Numbers 11:16-17,24-29; Joel 2:23-32;  
Ezekiel 36:24-28

**Intention:** †Helen Ferencz (Little family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

**Sunday, June 9** **Festal Tone**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52,8:12

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

**Bright Week: No Fasting from Pentecost Sunday to the Sunday of All Saints (June 9-June 16)**

Every year there is no fasting or abstinence during the bright period from Pentecost Sunday to the Sunday of All Saints (which fall this year from June 9-June 16).

**Monday-Friday June 10-13**

**Eparchial Clergy Conference**

Father Michael & Deacon Michael less available

## Liturgical Schedule



### Saturday Evening, June 15

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Isaiah 43:9-14; Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9;

Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

**Intention:** †Helen Ferencz (Little family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

**Sunday, June 16** **Tone 8**

### Sunday of All Saints

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32-33,37-38,19:27-30

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

Father's Day BBQ following Divine Liturgy

### June 17-28: The Apostles Fast

#### (The Peter & Paul Fast)

The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified the period from the Monday following the Sunday of All Saints (which falls on a different date each year dependent upon the date of Easter) until June 28, the day before the Feast of the Holy, Glorious, and Illustrious Pre-eminent Apostles Peter & Paul (always on June 29), as a penitential season. By tradition it is a period of strict abstinence with the usual mitigations. 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.

### Wednesday, June 19

Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord  
Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Jude 1-10; Romans 4:13-25; John 14:21-24;

Matthew 7:21-23

**Intention:** †Families et al. (Sally Bock)

### Friday, June 21

Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Romans 5:17-6:2; Matthew 9:14-17

**Intention:** †Sir Michael Bacovin (Anna Broznak)

### Saturday Evening, June 22

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

**Intention:** †Helen Ferencz (Little family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

**Sunday, June 23** **Tone 1**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

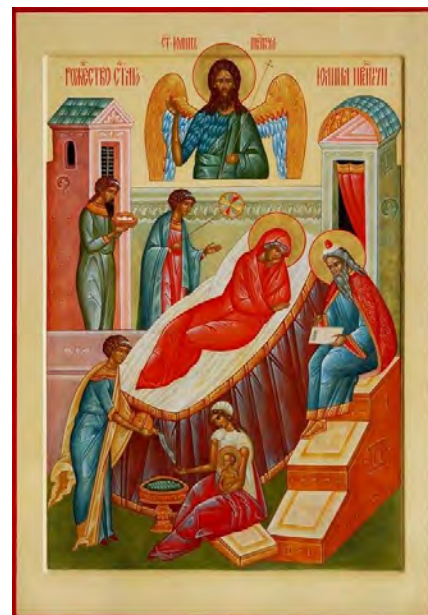
Holy Martyr Agrippina

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4:18-23

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas



### Monday, June 24

#### Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, & Baptist John

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Romans 13:11-14:4; Luke 1:5-25,57-68,76,80

**Intention:** Ted & Christy Bronson & family (Kowalczyk family)

### Wednesday, June 26

Venerable Father David of Thessalonica

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Romans 8:2-13; Matthew 10:16-22

**Intention:** †Peter Broznak (Anna Broznak)

## Liturgical Schedule



### Friday Evening, June 28

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

I Peter 1:3-9; I Peter 1:13-19; I Peter 2:11-24

**Intention:** †Peter Broznak (Anna Broznak)

### Saturday Morning, June 29

#### Feast of the Holy, Glorious, and Illustrious Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter & Paul

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9; Matthew 16:13-19

**Intention:** Al Ferencz (Bullock family)

### Saturday Evening, June 29

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

**Intention:** †Helen Ferencz (Teresa Crans)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

**Sunday, June 30** **Tone 2**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Romans 5:1-10; Matthew 6:22-34

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas



### Thursday, July 4

#### Independence Day

Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete

Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of our Venerable Father Simeon

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Readings for Independence Day: Hebrews 12:7-11, 14-17, 25-28; John 8:31-42

(Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday after Pentecost: Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 11:27-30)

**Intention:** All people in the United States of America

### Saturday Evening, July 6

**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

**Intention:** †Helen Ferencz (Bullock family)

Men's Group meeting After Liturgy

**Sunday, July 7** **Tone 3**

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder"

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

**Intention:** Parishioners of St. Thomas

## Prayer Requests, Highlights, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Calendar Highlights

#### Saturday, June 8 at 9:00

**AM**—Help is needed to decorate the church for Pentecost.

#### Sunday, June 16— Father's

Day BBQ following Divine Liturgy.

All are invited to attend. Side dishes are needed to complete the meal. Please see the sign up sheet in the hall. Please contact Liz Zackowski if you have any questions at 480-759-1070 or [lizzack74@gmail.com](mailto:lizzack74@gmail.com).

### Myrrh-Bearers Retreat

Women, teens, and girls ages 7+ are invited to register for the annual Myrrh-Bearers retreat June 28-30 in Albuquerque, NM. Cost of the retreat includes lodging, all meals, activities, and a free T-shirt.

#### **LATE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 15.**

The late registration fee is \$130.00. Financial aid is available for large families. Please register online at <https://myrrh-bearers.com> and pay for the retreat at <https://ephx.org/giving/> and select myrrh-bearers. More information is included in the flyer. You may also register by mail by sending your completed flyer and check to Pani Janet. Free transportation by van is available from San Diego.

### Happy Birthday!

Mike Little	June	4
Greg Hendricks	June	4
Bill Kohl	June	9
Charlie Clark	June	16
Blaise Mahoney	June	18

### Happy Anniversary!

John & Debra Hratko	June	12
Denis & Michelle Bondra	June	15
Deb & Cal Karnya	June	22
Ted & Christy Bronson	June	25

### Parish Advisory Board

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

### Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers

#### ***O Divine Physician of Souls and Body, rest your healing and protecting hand upon your servants:***

Beth Little, Donald Thompson, Jr., Stephanie & Terry Faust, Lisa Kirila Mendez, Eileen Derevenko, Julianne Betzold, Ted Bronson, Fr. Michael Bezruchka, and Fr. Michael Sidun.

#### ***All those serving our country in the military including:***

Scott Karnya, Sam Karnya, Capt. Patrick Whalen, Gregory Whalen, and Tim Little.

#### ***“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.”***

†Mary Helena Lawson (mother of Carole & grandmother of Honora Bullock), †Fr. Doug Lorig, †Helen Ferencz, †Rosemary Ziarkowski, †Fr. Francis Vivona, †Andria Kowalczyk, †Eleanor Shields, †Sr. Jean Marie Cihota, †Peter Broznak, †James Sandrock, †Fr. Wes Izer, †Cathy Simpson, †Anna Hrynik, †Joseph Hrynik, †John Hrynik, †Watler Hrynik, †Mary Petun, †Mary Rogees

*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. Talk to Liz Zackowski or send her an email: [lizzack74@gmail.com](mailto:lizzack74@gmail.com).*

## Collections

### Summary for May 2019

Total deposits	\$7,390.95
*Minus special collections	-700.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$6,690.95

### May 5

Tithes: Adults	\$1,556.00
Pascha (Feast)	200.00
Donations: source not identified	56.00
Candles	51.65
Gift Shop	30.25
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,893.90

### May 12

Tithes: Adults	\$1,190.00
Donations: source not identified	9.00
Candles	31.34
Bake Sale	7.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,237.34

### May 19

Tithes: Adults	\$1,670.00
Pascha (Feast)	25.00
Donations: source not identified	9.00
*Bishop's Appeal	25.00
Coffee Social	10.00
Anaheim Loan payment	643.51
Total deposit to checking	2,382.51
*Minus special collections	-25.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$2,357.51

### May 26

Tithes: Adults	\$970.00
Ascension (Feast)	25.00
Donations: source not identified	72.00
Candles	63.20
*Bishop's Appeal	675.00
Coffee Social	12.00
Gift Shop	60.00
Total deposit to checking	1,877.20
*Minus special collections	-675.00
Total for St. Thomas:	\$1,202.20



## 2019 Eparchial Appeal

This year, Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Olmsted and Most Reverend Bishop John Pazak are asking each Parish household to donate an average of \$275.00 to the eparchy to help it with its ministry and programs. You can now 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 \$15,400.00, we will receive a 20% 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 May 31, we have collected \$9,024.00 thus far, bringing us 58.60% of the way to our goal from 29 participating parish households out of 56 total parish households (51.79%). 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!