

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO REQUEST
OUR PRAYERS**

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

Ana Maria Olvera † Msgr. Michael Nestor and Lawrence Ybarra, †Fr. Wes Izer, Art Krueger, Ilija Seat, Elaine E. and Fr. John Coleman & Carrie Thornton †Barbara Bronson, Eleanor Shields, †Jack Shields, †Valerie Provenzano, Teresa Rojero, Rosemary Ziarkowski, Helen Fellin, Lou Fellin, Wilma Ihnat, James Devlin, †Pete Nelson, Terence J. Faust, Clementina Mendoza, James Young, Cathy Simpson, Marge Bobick, William Glenn, Dorothy Imlej, †Cathy Ziarkowski, †Henrietta Gazzano, †Patty Prestash, †Rev. Michael T. Bell, Mark Stefanski, Clair and Kofi, †Shirley Bates, Helen Dinegar, Paul John Hetherington, Hannah Joes, Fr. Fausto, Eric Shark, Metrick Families, Kay William, Mary Ada, OFM, B.K. Burnette, Bob Sherman, Mary Kowalczyk, Kevin McBride, Lisa Kirila Mendez, †Patty Coy, Jonathan Coonrod, Sylvia Gutierrez, Elaine Brown, Linskey Family, Ilija Seat, Viviana Rodarte, Renata Paloian, OSBM, Monica Harris, Mike Little, Valerie Provenzano, Olga Chapkevich, Jerrine Sauntry, Alwyne Holder, Patty Prestash, Fr. Phil Acquaro, Fr. Chris Zuger, Alexandra, John Bacovcin, Anita Batean, Bonnie Bennett, †Prima Bullock, Gabriel Castellanos, Mark D. Chapa, Michael Chapa, Ed Corwin, Gerald & Helen Dunn, Elizabeth Glenn, Nikki Heminway, Virginia Hill, Sonny Hopkins, Jaclyn Lentz, Anne-Marie Krytiuk, Erica Lupe, Richard Marchant (Al & Helen Ferencz' son-in-law), Kathy Matott, Alice Posivy (Bullock), John Shelton, Larry Shelton, Lara Sparling-Ott, Carley Spears, Lorraine Teeling, Henry Zuger, Yoshiko, and all in the service of our country, especially from our parish family: Scott Karnya, Sam Karnya, Adam Young, Brandon Eyres (Michael & Anne Bacovcin's grandson), Patrick Whalen (Doreene Stacy's grandson), and the Mother of Reg Parker.



**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**



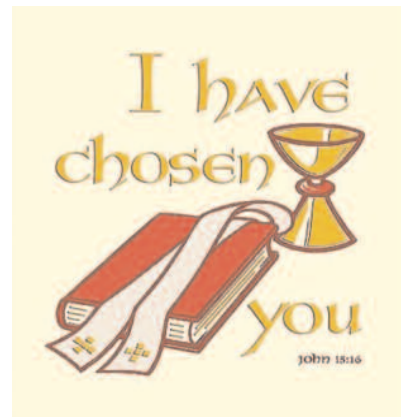
JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

John & Debra Hratko	6/12
Fr. Diodoro Mendoza-Ordination	6/16
Cal & Deb Karnya	6/22
Ted & Christy Bronson	6/25

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Greg Hendricks	6/4
Mike Little	6/4
Bill Kohl	6/9

*GOD GRANT THEM MANY HAPPY &
BLESSED YEARS!*



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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!



May 29 - July 3, 2016
GLORY FOREVER!



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NEW PARISH WEBSITE: www.stabcc.org

Served by:

Reverend Diodoro Mendoza, Pastor • Deacon Michael Sullivan

Parish Advisory Board:

Vince Antonios • Ted Bronson • Cal Karnya • Jeremy Lucovich • Cathy McCormick • Patrick Ryan • Liz Zackowski

Finance Advisory Council:

Cal Karnya • Jeremy Lucovich • Patrick Ryan

Sunday Divine Liturgy:

Vigil Vesper Liturgy (Saturday) at 5:00 PM

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Divine Praises at 9:45 AM

Holy Mystery of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00 PM-4:30 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM-9:30 AM or by appointment

Chaldean Catholic Holy Liturgy: Sunday at 6:00 PM

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE!

Our parish community welcomes all those visiting with us today. We thank you for joining our community in praising the Lord as we remember His great love and mercy for us. We hope that you will join us again soon and bring a friend. If, per chance, you are looking for a spiritual home based on the Sacred Scriptures, the teaching of the Apostles, the ancient Church Traditions in the context of a liturgical life and fellowship, please consider our parish! Speak with Father Diodoro or Deacon Michael if you would like more information.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday May 29 Tone 1
 Akathist to the Theotokos Healer of Cancer 9:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Rom 2:10-16 & Mt 4:18-23
Intention-Parishioners of St. Thomas

Third Week
Saturday June 4
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- †Richard Farcosky by Agnes & Walter Witeh

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday June 5 Tone 2
 Akathist to the Theotokos Healer of Cancer 9:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Rom 5:1-10 & Mt 6:22-34
Intention-Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Parish Advisory & Finance Council 11:45 a.m.

4th Week after Pentecost
Saturday June 11
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- Yaroslava Vatachchut by Vatachchut family

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday June 12 Tone 3
 Akathist to the Theotokos Healer of Cancer 9:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Rom 6:18-23 & Mt 8:5-13
Intention-Parishioners of St. Thomas

5th Week after Pentecost
Saturday June 18
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy-Fr. David P. 5:00 p.m.
Intention- † Lillian Lentz by Fr. & Mrs. Kirilla

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday June 19 Tone 4
 Holy Baptism & Chrismation of
 Chloe Dru & Chase Joseph 9:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy-Fr. *David P.* 10:00 a.m.
 Rom 10:1-10 & Mt 8:28-9:1
Intention- Parishioners of St. Thomas
 Father's Day BBQ after Divine Liturgy

6th Week after Pentecost
Thursday June 24 Solemn Holy Day
 Birth of the John the Baptist
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
 Rom 13:11-14:4 & Lk 1:5-25, 57-68, 76 & 80
Intention- † Jack Shields by Fr. & Mrs. Kirilla

Saturday June 25
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- † Jack Shields by Fr. & Mrs. Kirilla

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday June 26 Tone 5
 Akathist to the Theotokos Healer of Cancer 9:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Rom 12:6-14 & Mt 9:1-8
Intention-Parishioners of St. Thomas
Farewell Potluck for Fr. Diodoro

Wednesday June 29 Holy Day of Obligation
 Peter & Paul Preeminent Apostles
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
 2 Cor 11:21-12:9 & Mt 16:13-19
Intention- † Fr. Wes Izer by Fr. & Mrs. Kirilla

Saturday July 2
 Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
Intention- † Fr. Wes Izer by Fr. & Mrs. Kirilla

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday July 3 Tone 6
 Akathist to the Theotokos Healer of Cancer 9:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 Rom 15:1-7 & Mt 9:27-35
Intention-Parishioners of St. Thomas
Welcome Potluck for Fr. Michael Bezruchka

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APOSTLES' FAST- is from May 23 to June 28. The length of this Fast varies, since it is determined by the date of Pascha (Easter). Eight weeks after Pascha comes the Sunday of All Saints. The next day, Monday, May 23, is when the Fast of the Holy Apostles begins. The

Church identifies this period as penitential and prescribes simple abstinence from meat and meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Pledge to the Bishop's Appeal - Have you made your Pledge to the Bishop's Appeal yet?—We are 16 Households Short!

Silent Auction and Oktoberfest - Letters are now available for requesting donations. Also needed are items for the children's table. Please see Liz Zackowski or Martha Coonrod if you have any questions or would like to help. The date for the Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 22.

RETIREMENT OF BISHOP GERALD N. DINO- It was announced by the Vatican on Saturday, May 7 that Pope Francis accepted the resignation of our bishop, Most Rev. Gerald N. Dino. Bishop Gerald has led and served our Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix since April 23, 2008. During his time as bishop of our Eparchy, it has grown stronger and the the community of our priests serving the Eparchy and our faithful have been blessed with solid leadership expressed with a kind and gentle spirit. May God grant Bishop Gerald many happy and enjoyable years of retirement.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX-Most Rev. John S. Pazak C.Ss.R. has been named bishop of our Eparchy. Bishop Pazak has served as the bishop for the Slovak Eparchy of SS. Cyril & Methodius in Toronto, Canada since 2001. The enthronement of Bishop John will be take place on Wednesday, July 20 at 11:00 AM at. St. Helen Roman Catholic Church in Peoria. A luncheon will follow the enthronement service. May God grant many years and blessings to our new bishop, Bishop Pazak.

2016 BYZANTEEN NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY: July 7-10 at Notre Dame College, South Euclid, Ohio-The Biannual Byzantine National Youth Rally will take place this year at Notre Dame College, South Euclid, Ohio (Cleveland Area) from Thursday, July 7 to Sunday, July 10. The theme of this rally is The Lord is My Rock and My Refuge: "FEARLESS". The Keynote Speaker will be Father Damian Ference (Priest, Musician, Philosopher, Youth Minister). ByzanTeen participants must be age 13 by November 1, 2016. The Teen Rally cost is \$300.00 per person. The deadline to

register is Thursday, June 16, 2016. If you wish to attend please see Fr. Joe for Registration/Medical Authorization forms.

SAVE THE DATE: The Myrrh-Bearers Retreat will be held from Friday, June 24 th to Sunday, June 26 th at the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ. Journey to Holiness is the theme for this Retreat. Fliers will be available in mid-April for Registrations. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON MICHAEL BEZURCHKA- Most Rev. Gerald N. Dino will ordain Deacon Michael Bezruchka to the priesthood on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 AM at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in Seattle, Washington. Please keep Deacon Michael in your prayers as he prepares to enter the priesthood. God's Blessings and congratulations to Deacon Michael.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

April Attendance
 Saturdays - 74 Sundays - 321

COLLECTION
 Tithes, Holy Days, Donations, Candles, Initial Offering, Rental, Anaheim repayment, Bishop's Appeal, Bakes Sales, Gift Shop, Coffee Social, Catholic Home Missions & Misc.

Total \$9,871.54

EXPENSES- Church/Hall/Rectory
 Cathedralicum, Electric, Gas, Town of Gilbert, Alarm, Telephone, Internet, Fax, Voicemail, Internet, Sewage, Water, Salary, Pension, Medical Insurance, Bishop's Appeal, Property Insurance, Janitorial Services, Landscaping, Stewardship envelopes, Parish Data Systems, Bulletins, Sanctuary Supplies, Repairs, Maintenance, Cable, new Rectory AC, Priest substitute, Stewardship envelopes, Candles, Mother's Day brunch supplies, & Pest Control.

TOTAL \$7,428.74

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35