

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!



March 4, 2017 - April 3, 2017

GLORY FOREVER!



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM • Monday, Wednesday & Friday

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Sunday Divine Liturgy:

Vigil Vesper Liturgy (Saturday) at 5:00 PM

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM • Divine Praises at 9:45 AM

Matins/Morning Prayer:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00-9:00am unless noted otherwise in bulletin.

Holy Mystery of Penance:

Confessions are heard starting one hour before the scheduled Divine Liturgy is to begin for a total of 35 minutes. Confessions also available 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 Michael or Deacon Michael if you would like more information.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday	March 4			<i>Third All Souls Saturday</i>	
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy		5:00 p.m.		Saturday	March 18
<i>Intention - +Robert Sanchez by Rudy Rasic</i>				Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.	Tone 2
				Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
<i>First Sunday of the Great Fast; Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>				Hebrews 10:32-38 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17;	
Sunday	March 5		Tone 1	Mark 2:14-17 & John 5:24-30	
<i>Memory of the Holy Prophets</i>				<i>Intention - for all parishioners listed in our parish diptychs.</i>	
Third Hour		9:45 a.m.		Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy	5:00 p.m.
Divine Liturgy		10:00 a.m.		<i>Intention - Diane Hvasta by the Bullock family</i>	
Hebrews 11:24-26,32 - 12:2; John 1:43-51.				<i>Third Sunday of the Great Fast; Veneration of the Holy Cross</i>	
<i>Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas</i>				Sunday	March 19
				Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria	Tone 3
Monday	March 6			Third Hour	9:45 a.m.
Matins		8:00 a.m.		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
				Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6; Mark 8:34 - 9:1.	
Wednesday	March 8			<i>Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas</i>	
Matins		8:00 a.m.		Monday	March 20
Presanctified Divine Liturgy		7:00 p.m.		Matins	8:00 a.m.
<i>Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact</i>				Wednesday	March 22
<i>Intention - +Robert Sanchez by Liz Zackowski & Elinore Brundula</i>				<i>Mid-Lent</i>	
				Matins	8:00 a.m.
Friday	March 10			Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Matins		8:00 a.m.		<i>Holy Martyr Basilides, Priest of Ancyra</i>	
Presanctified Divine Liturgy		7:00 p.m.		<i>Intention - Martha Coonrod by Diane Hvasta</i>	
<i>Holy Martyr Codratus and his Companions</i>				Friday	March 24
<i>Intention - Jeff Park by Anonymous</i>				Matins	8:00 a.m.
After Presanctified Liturgy, soup fellowship in hall				Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
<i>Second All Souls Saturday</i>				<i>Prefestive Day of the Annunciation. Venerable Father Zachary. Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia. Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador.</i>	
Saturday	March 11		Tone 1	<i>Intention - +Wilma Ihnat by the Bullock family</i>	
<i>Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem</i>				After Presanctified Liturgy, soup fellowship in hall	
Divine Liturgy		9:00 a.m.		<i>Annunciation of the Theotokos</i>	
Hebrews 3:12-16 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17;				Saturday	March 25
Mark 1:35-44 & John 5:24-30				<i>Great Feast, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</i>	Tone 3
<i>Intention - for all parishioners listed in our parish diptychs.</i>				Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy		5:00 p.m.		Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38.	
<i>Intention - Nick & Andrea Kowalczyk by the Bullock family</i>				<i>Intention - +Fr. Wes Izer by Fr. Wes' estate</i>	
				Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy	5:00 p.m.
<i>Second Sunday of the Great Fast</i>				<i>Intention - +Bonita Louise Fellin by her parents.</i>	
Sunday	March 12		Tone 2	<i>Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast; Synaxis of Gabriel the Archangel</i>	
<i>Memory of Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica. Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain. Holy Father Gregory, Pope of Rome. Holy Father Symeon, the New Theologian.</i>				Sunday	March 26
Third Hour		9:45 a.m.		<i>Otdanije (leave-taking) of Annunciation</i>	Tone 4
Divine Liturgy		10:00 a.m.		<i>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</i>	
Hebrews 1:10 - 2:3; Mark 2:1-12				Third Hour	9:45 a.m.
<i>Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas</i>				Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
After Divine Liturgy, Parish Potluck				Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31.	
				<i>Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas</i>	
Monday	March 13			Monday	March 27
Matins		8:00 a.m.		Matins	8:00 a.m.
				Wednesday	March 29
Wednesday	March 15			Matins	8:00 a.m.
Matins		8:00 a.m.		Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Presanctified Divine Liturgy		7:00 p.m.		<i>Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Deacon Cyril and others who suffered martyrdom under Julian the Apostate</i>	
<i>Holy Martyr Agapius and his Companions</i>				<i>Intention - +Wilma Ihnat by the Bullock family</i>	
<i>Intention - Beth Hicks by the Bullock family</i>					
Friday	March 17				
Matins		8:00 a.m.			
Presanctified Divine Liturgy		7:00 p.m.			
<i>Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God. Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland</i>					
<i>Intention - Stephen & JoAnn Farringbor by Doreene Stacy</i>					

Thursday **March 30**
Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 7:00 p.m.

Friday **March 31**
Matins 8:00 a.m.
Presanctified Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Venerable Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra
Intention - Carole & Gregory Bullock by Doreene Stacy
After Presanctified Liturgy, soup fellowship in hall

Akathist Saturday
Saturday **April 1**
Holy Mother Mary of Egypt
Akathist 9:00 a.m.
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy **5:00 p.m.**
Intention - +Wilma Ihnat by the Bullock family

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Memory of Holy Mother Mary of Egypt
Sunday **April 2** **Tone 5**
Venerable Father Titus the Wonderworker.
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:45 a.m.
Third Hour 10:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Hebrews 9:11-14 & Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 10:32-45 & Luke 7:36-50
Intention - Parishioners of St. Thomas

Monday **April 3**
Matins 8:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S APPEAL: This year, our bishop is asking each household to donate \$275.00 to the eparchy to help it with its ministry and programs it sponsors. Programs include seminarian education, youth ministry, communication development, evangelization, and facility renovations. Thank you for your generosity with this in the past! This is no small sum of money for most of us. The idea is that some can donate more funds while others are able to donate less. Please donate what you can. I'd like to see 100% participation even if it means a few people who donate less than \$275 give around \$50 instead of nothing. Others can perhaps donate \$500 or more. If our parish reaches its goal of \$16,775.00, it will obtain a 30% rebate of those funds from the eparchy 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 March 3, we have collected \$1,510.00 toward our \$16,775.00 goal. If you did not receive a mailing from Bishop John regarding the Bishop's Appeal and would like to make a donation to it, please let Fr. Michael know. Thank you!

CHANGING AN ADDRESS: When moving to a new home, please let us know as soon as possible. Changes made to our envelope mailing service take about 6 weeks to process. To have your envelopes mailed to a new

address in May, you will need to let Fr. Michael know no later than March 15. Thank you for your generous donations which you give to help build up God's house.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS! Please read the preceding announcement if you have not already.

THANK YOU TO ALL SURVEY PARTICIPANTS! Your input will help me evaluate if, when, and what type of changes need to be made to better meet all of our spiritual needs.

PASCHA/EASTER BAKESALE ORDERS: Please fill out a form for Nutrolls/Poppypeed rolls and Pascha bread. Nutrolls/Poppypeed - \$10 each; Pascha bread - \$7.00 each. Help is needed in making these items on April 1 and April 8. Please sign up or contact Liz Zackowski (480) 759-1070 if you can help.

ROSCA DE REYES PARTY: Remember how Fr. Michael found a little baby Jesus in the little piece of cake he was given around the time of Theophany? Well Fr. Michael will be hosting a dinner on April 29 at 7pm in the church hall. What a good excuse for a meal together in celebration! All parishioners welcome.

CALENDAR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Wednesdays and Fridays** of Lent: Presanctified Liturgies at 7pm. Please come as often as you can
- **March 11:** Second All Souls Saturday at 9 am.
- **March 18:** Third All Souls Saturday at 9 am.
- **March 25:** Solemn Feast of the Annunciation at 9 am.
- **March 30:** Matins of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at 7:00 pm (evening instead of morning so more parishioners can come)
- **April 1:** Akathist at 9 am., Kolache baking in the hall afterward
- **April 8:** Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Pascha bread baking in hall afterward
- **April 9-15:** Holy Week. Come often!
- **April 16:** PASCHA. The Resurrection of Our Lord
- **April 23:** Thomas Sunday Potluck celebration after Divine Liturgy
- **April 29:** Rosca de Reyes party at 7 pm. Church hall
- **June 19-23:** Clergy Conference in Phoenix (Fr. Michael & Dcn. Michael less accessible)
- **June 23-25:** Myrrh Bearers Retreat for moms and daughters in Phoenix
- **July 6-9:** Alive in Christ Camp for dads and sons in Prescott, AZ
- **October 21:** Oktoberfest celebration at Church hall
- **October 23-27:** Clergy Retreat in Carefree, AZ (Fr. Michael & Dcn. Michael less accessible)
- **November 4:** Eucharistic Procession beginning at 9am from St. Anne's to St. Thomas and back

REMEMBER THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS

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

Linda Morasca, Robert Hernandez, Teresa Smith, †Mary Perun, Joan Lucas, †Joseph & Anna Hrynik, †Walter Hrynik, †John Hrynik, Luisa Garcia, Linda Garcia, Nena Desantos, Russell Hook, Deacon Michael Melnick, †Wilma Ihnat, Jason & Joshua Kowalczyk, Beth Hicks, †Patty Prestash, Olga Silva, Ted Bronson, 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, Teresa Rojero, Rosemary Ziarkowski, Helen Fellin, Lou Fellin, James Devlin, †Pete Nelson, Terence J. Faust, Clementina Mendoza, James Young, Cathy Simpson, †Marge Bobick, William Glenn, Dorothy Imlej, †Rev. Michael T. Bell, Mark Stefanski, Helen Dinegar, Paul John Hetherington, Hannah Joes, Fr. Fausto, Eric Shark, Kay William, Mary Ada, OFM, B.K. Burnette, Bob Sherman, Mary Kowalczyk, Kevin McBride, Lisa Kirila Mendez, Jonathan Coonrod, Sylvia Gutierrez, Elaine Brown, Linskey Family, Viviana Rodarte, Renata Paloian, OSBM, Monica Harris, Mike Little, Olga Chapkevich, Jerrine Sauntry, Alwyne Holder, Fr. Phil Acquaro, Fr. Chris Zuger, Alexandra, †John Bacovcin, Anita Batean, Bonnie Bennett, 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), Alice Posivy (Bullock), 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 Eyes (Michael & Anne Bacovcin's grandson), Patrick Whalen (Doreene Stacy's grandson), and the Mother of Reg Parker,

COLLECTIONS

FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS

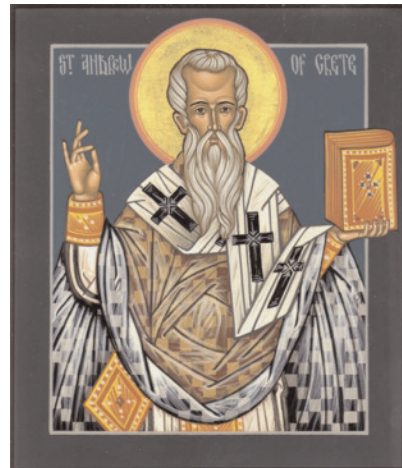
- **February 4/5, 2017:**
- General parishioner tithes: \$1,655.00
- Holy Day: Encounter: \$60.00
- Remodeling: \$50.00
- Other donations: \$68.75
- **Total: \$1,833.75**

- **Feb. 11/12:**
- General parishioner tithes: \$1,716.00
- Holy Day: \$10.00
- Rent: Knights of Columbus: \$60.00
- *Bishop's Appeal: \$150.00
- Other donations: \$188.57
- **Total: \$2,124.57**

- **Feb. 18/19:**
- General parishioner tithes: \$1,430.00
- Coffee Social: \$16.00
- *Bishop Appeal: \$475.00
- Other donations: \$66.00
- **Total: \$2,006.30**

- **Feb. 25/26:**
- General parishioner tithes: \$638.00
- Gift Shop: \$1.50
- *Bishop's Appeal: \$375.00
- Other donations: \$337.00
- **Total: \$1,351.50**

**These funds are special collections which are remitted to the eparchy.*



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Josh Forbes	March 10
Phillip Bronson	March 11
Jonathan Bronson	March 15
Al Ferencz	March 19
Peter Broznak	March 19
Richard Lopez	March 22
Patrick Murphy	March 25

ANNIVERSARIES



Did we forget your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know so we can update our records and include this in our bulletin next year. Talk to Liz Zackowski or send her an email: lizzack74@gmail.com. Thank you.