

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

#### SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Propers: 156-157, 217 / 157-158

**Saturday, February 7th**

**10:00 AM ALL SOULS LITURGY**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
+Carol Ann Trebunak  
By Ann Konopelski

**Sunday, February 8th**

**9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)**

**9:00 AM Bible Study**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
For our Parish Family

**Monday, February 9th**

**5:00 PM Rosary (All welcome!)**  
7:30 PM **B-I-N-G-O!**

**Tuesday, February 10th**

**8:30 AM +Eleanor Sedar**  
By Friends

**Wednesday, February 11th**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Thursday, February 12th**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Friday, February 13th**

**10:00AM PRAYER SERVICE**  
for the sick, deceased  
and all clergy

### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

#### SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

Propers: 135-136, 218-218 / 219

**Saturday, February 14th**

**9AM-3PM FLEA MARKET**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
For our Parish Family

**Sunday, February 15th**

**9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)**

**9:00 AM Bible Study**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
+Hanna Al Najar  
By Adam Glowinski

**11:30 AM POTLUCK SOCIAL** for the  
Beginning of the  
Great Fast (Lent)

**1:00 PM VESPERS OF FORGIVENESS**  
A special penitential service  
commemorating the  
Liturgical beginning of the  
Great Fast

**2025 Charitable Contribution Statements** are  
being distributed after Liturgy. Missing yours?  
Please contact the Parish Office. Thanks! God  
bless you for your generosity of spirit!

**Next All Souls Commemoration is February**  
**27th at 7PM. Please send in your names.**

## The Great Fast (Lent) Begins February 16th!

**Vespers of Forgiveness and Pot-Luck Social**  
**Sunday, February 15th, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy!**

We begin the Great Fast (Lent) on Monday, February 16th. Please recall that this day (Monday, Feb 16th) is a day of "strict fast" which means NO MEAT, NO EGG or NO DAIRY for ALL persons of ALL ages who are eligible to receive Holy Communion. Dispensations are available for persons with health concerns or expecting or nursing mothers.

Liturgically, we will observe the beginning of the Great Fast on Sunday, February 15th, with the celebration of "Vespers of Forgiveness." Here, we observe one of the most beautiful customs: the exchange of the "kiss of peace" - a shoulder to shoulder embrace with the sharing of the words, "Christ is with us". **A POTLUCK SOCIAL will precede this service.**

SEE the SIGN-UP SHEET in the VESTIBULE

### *Schedule for Sunday, February 15th*

<b>10:00 AM</b>	Divine Liturgy and Coffee Social
<b>11:30 AM</b>	POTLUCK SOCIAL (see sign-up sheet in Church Vestibule)
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Vespers of Forgiveness for beginning of the Great Fast

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!** To all of our parishioners and Helpers who were treated to a delicious dinner at Amici's last Sunday! 79 volunteers and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and cake, plus a chance to relax. It was really nice to spend some time together without having to worry about set-up, clean-up or anything else—except enjoying each others company and making new friends in the good spirit of Christian fellowship!

**"Let there be light!"** The words from the Book of Genesis also echoed true for St Thomas Church recently as Deacon Charles and Miro rented a lift and erected a scaffold to replace some lights high up in the dome and the church ceiling. While the scaffold was in place, Miro also took paintbrush and bucket in hand and touched up some water damaged areas of the dome iconography. Now, it's as good as new! *We'll be adding some new iconography in the church in a short time ... more info on this coming soon!*

## INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: (including those mailed in —thank you!)

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	3213.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	977.00
Candles	\$	203.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holidays/Christmas	\$	295.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	40.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	39.00
Retired Religious	\$	205.00		Total	\$ 4972.00

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