

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

Propers: 152, 216 / 153

**Saturday, February 15th**

**5:00 PM** Divine Liturgy (live streamed)  
For our Parish Family

**Sunday, February 16th**

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

**9:00 AM** Bible Study—all Welcome!

**10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy  
+Ken Malone  
by Rich and Adriana Smith

**12 NOON** Doors open at AMICI's  
**12:30 PM** PARISH APPRECIATION  
DINNER at Amici's

**Monday, February 17th**

**5:00 PM** Rosary- All Welcome!

**7:30 PM** B-I-N-G-O!

**Tuesday, February 18th**

**8:30 AM** +Mario Kurylak  
By Family and Friends

**Wednesday, February 19th—No Liturgy**

**6:30 PM** KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

**Thursday, February 20th—No Liturgy**

**Friday, February 21st**

**10:00 AM** PRAYER SERVICE (Chapel)

**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025**

**SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE**

Propers: 156-157, 217/217-218

**Saturday, February 22nd**

**10:00 AM** ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION  
**5:00 PM** Divine Liturgy (live streamed)  
For our Parish Family

**Sunday, February 23rd**

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

**9:00 AM** Bible Study resumes March 9th

**10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy  
+Helen and +Charles Chohey  
by Family

**Flea Market Report**—our February Flea Market had 48 Vendors (\$1,330.00) the Delicious Parish Kitchen sold \$835 in tasty treats, and our Dedicated Parish Table Crew sold \$481 in hidden treasures—for a grand total of \$2,646.00! *Thanks for all the hard work!* **Our next Flea Market is Saturday, March 8th!**

**Cleaning House?** NEW and gently used items are needed for the Parish Table at our Flea Market. Have anything? You probably do! If so, call Maryanne Ochlan at 732-306-4877. *Thanks!*

## The Great Fast (Lent) Begins in TWO WEEKS!

Vespers of Forgiveness and Pot-Luck Social

Sunday, March 2nd,

following the Sunday Divine Liturgy!



We begin the Great Fast (Lent), on Monday, March 3rd. Liturgically, we will observe the beginning of the Great Fast on Sunday, March 2nd, 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”. **SEE the SIGN-UP SHEET in the VESTIBULE**

### Schedule for Sunday, March 2nd

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



**Hey! We all love the Coffee Social, right?** Can YOU sign-up and SPONSOR a social? **Here's how it works:** We brew the coffee. YOU pick up the milk and juice. (just a gallon of milk and a quart of juice). We supply the butter; YOU get the rolls or whatever else you want. Prepare for about **40 adults and children**. YOU put the rolls on trays and CLEAN UP afterwards. You can reimburse yourself from the donation jar in the kitchen. The Sign-up sheet is located in the PARISH KITCHEN on the bulletin board. *Thanks!!*

**ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT**—Looking Ahead! Mark your calendar for the Annual Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 29th!** This year's retreat will be presented by Father John Zec. *More details to come! For now, SAVE THE DATE!*

**The First ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION** is **Saturday, February 22nd at 10AM**. Please use the special “All Souls” envelope in your 2025 Envelope Box to remember your loved ones. Please PRINT their names and return in the collection basket next weekend! PLEASE NOTE: the monthly Calendar INCORRECTLY indicates that the All Souls Liturgy begins at 9AM. Please note! *Thanks!*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1493.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	110.00
Candles	\$	89.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	10.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	295.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	115.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	23.00
Retired Religious	\$	75.00	Total	\$	2210.00

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