

St. the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JUNE 22ND, 2025

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 125-126 / 127

Saturday, June 21st

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
+Kirk Citsay
With Panachida
By Andrew Citsay

Sunday, June 22nd

9:00 AM Bible Study (all welcome!)
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

Monday, June 23rd

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

Tuesday, June 24th—HOLYDAY (Solemn)

Feast of Nativity of John the Baptist
7:00 PM +Helen Garcia
*by Doreen Plahovinsak
and Patricia Deitz*

Wednesday, June 25th—No Liturgy

Thursday, June 26th—No Liturgy

Friday, June 27th

10:00 AM PRAYER SERVICE for the
sick, the deceased and our
special intentions

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 29TH, 2025

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Propers: 130, 338, 131, 338 / 132, 338-339

Saturday, June 28th—Blessing of Graduates

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

Sunday, June 29th—Blessing of Graduates

9:00 AM Bible Study (all welcome!)
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Jeannette Dorber
By Kathy Jarembinsky

MIRACULOUS ICON IN DUNELLEN—All Welcome!

Our Lady, Helper of Mothers Icon returns to
Saint Nicholas Church, 121 Madison Ave.,
Dunellen **June 22 through June 29.**

Sunday, June 22, Divine Liturgy at 1:00 pm;
talk by Ann Koshute, “When God Doesn’t
Seem to Hear Your Prayers.”

Tuesday, June 24, 5-9 pm; Divine Liturgy at
7:00 pm; homily by Fr. Mariusz Koch CFR

Friday, June 27, 5-9 pm; Prayer Service to the
Mother of God (Akathist) at 7:00 pm; talk by
Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR, “Our Lady, Helper of
Mothers, Never Gives up Hope.”

Sunday, June 29, Divine Liturgy at 7:00 pm;
talk by Father Joseph Loya, OSA, “In the Path
of Our Lady and Saints Peter and Paul”



Retired Priest Reposes in the Lord—in your charity, please remember the soul of Father Francis Gera, 86, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from St Mary Church in Saint Clair, PA last week. He served in parishes in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Florida, including the parish in Philadelphia where Fr Vasyl Kopyn now serves. *May his memory be eternal!*

CONGRATULATIONS to our neighboring church in Perth Amboy! Saint Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church in Perth Amboy is celebrating TODAY a DUAL anniversary: the 90th anniversary of the founding of the parish AND the 75th anniversary of the construction of the current church! To Father Vasyl Remitsky and his family, who were in residence here at St Thomas following their arrival in America, as well as to the *entire* St Nicholas congregation, we extend our heartfelt congratulations! *God grant them many blessed years!*

Nativity of St John the Baptist—In the Byzantine Catholic Church, most saints are remembered on the day they died, their *Heavenly birthday*, but Saint John the Baptist is remembered on his earthly birthday! Why? To remind us that he was part of **GOD’S SAVING PLAN!** St John was the *last* of the Old Testament prophets to announce the coming of the Messiah (Jesus). AND he was also the *first* to publically identify Jesus as the Messiah when he baptized Him in the River Jordan! *Do we see GOD’S saving plan in OUR lives as well?*

Just for laughs... A little girl was sitting on her grandfather’s lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would reach up to his face and touch his wrinkled cheek. Finally, she said, “Grandpa, did God make you?” “Yes, sweetheart,” he answered, “God made me a long time ago.” Thinking about this, she said, “Did God make me too?” Grandpa said, “Yes, dear. God made you, too. In fact, God made you just a little while ago.” Feeling Grandpa’s wrinkled face again, then feeling her own face, she delightfully observed, “God’s getting a lot better at it, isn’t He?” ☺



BLESSING OF GRADUATES K through Grad School! Weekend of June 28/29!

If you or your child is graduating from Pre-School to Grad School please EMAIL the parish office StThomasByz@aol.com with details (name, school, future plans, etc). We will publish a brief paragraph about YOUR future in the church bulletin! **All graduates are welcome to submit a paragraph AND come for a blessing NEXT weekend: June 28th and June 29th!**

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1820.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	255.00
Candles	\$	123.00	Charities/Missions/Peter’s Pence	\$	15.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	250.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	115.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	8.00
Peter’s Pence	\$	30.00	Total	\$	2601.00

Bingo 143 Players \$ 1253.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$241.00 **God Bless You!**

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