

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Propers: 125-126, 220-221 / 221

Saturday, March 8th (turn clocks AHEAD tonight)

9AM-3PM Spring FLEA MARKET!

8:45 AM FUNERAL of +Anna Yurko

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)  
+Anna and Michael Sr., Kuzma  
by Mike and Irene Kuzma

Sunday, March 9th

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

9:00 AM Bible Study resumes March 16th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy For Parish  
PANACHIDA for +Father John Zeyack

Monday, March 10th

5:00 PM Rosary- All Welcome!

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

Tuesday, March 11th—Lenten Service

8:30 AM Typika with Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 12th- Lenten Service

7:00 PM Lenten Service with Holy  
Communion and Discussion

Thursday, March 13th—No Liturgy

Friday, March 14th- Presanctified Liturgy

10:00 AM Prayers for Sick and Departed

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of St Gregory  
+Fr. John Zeyack by Parish

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Propers: 130-131, 222 / 223

Saturday, March 15th

10:00 AM ALL SOULS LITURGY

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

Sunday, March 16th

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

9:00 AM Bible Study resumes today!

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
+Joseph Rudo  
By Sister, Ann Marie Howlett  
and Family



Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

March 8/9, 2025

In Memory of

+FATHER JOHN ZEYACK

First Anniversary of Falling Asleep in the Lord  
Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

**Corned Beef Dinner Today!** The Rahway Knights of the Columbus, Inman Ave., will be having its annual corned beef dinner TODAY, Sunday, March 9th, eat in or take out. Adults \$15, children under 10, \$10. Dinner will start at 3:00 p.m., until sold out.

**Lenten Clothing Drive**— from now through April 13th—gently used spring and summer clothes, shoes and accessories can be dropped off in our church vestibule to benefit the Clothes Closet Ministry of Second Baptist Church in Rahway. Drop off items by our Chapel in back of church. Questions? See or Call Christie Citsay at 732-221-0698. Thanks!

**T**he First Sunday with the Great Fast is dedicated to the restoration of the Holy Images. There was a time in the history of the Church where the veneration of icons was not permitted because they were seen to be graven images. The Sunday of the Holy Icons celebrates the decision of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council to restore the veneration of Icons to their proper place as “windows into Heaven”. They do not depict what a person looked like physically. Rather, they reflect the Christ-like inner characteristics of a person whose heart and soul belongs to God!

**M**any thanks to all those who shared food and prayers at last week’s Pot-Luck Social and Lenten Forgiveness Vespers! May God bless everyone with a Lenten miracle!

Mark your calendars! **Pysanky (Egg-Decorating class)**  
Sunday, April 6th beginning at 8:30 AM! *More details to come!*



**A** Great Lent Message from Deacon Charles ... So here we are once again, and I am sure you have heard not only from me, but also from Father, the question- what will you change in your life this Lent to bring yourself closer to God? Well, here is one option. As we reflect on this time up to Easter, maybe we could focus on the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world and ask God for conversion of hard hearts- especially the hearts of the decision makers whether they are national governments, international organizations, or global strategists. Their decisions and economic policies often create problems, which bring about hunger, disease, civil war, abortion, euthanasia, and destruc-

tion. Many people ask why does God allow these terrible things to happen. How many people asked what is wrong with the world that God DID allow this tragedy to happen? We need to seek God’s mercy, ask for conversion of hearts, and cover the world with prayer. I think sometimes that prayer is like a protective shield and that shield is wearing thin these days. Your prayers are important, each and every day. Stop and reflect on your thoughts and words, AND pray..... pray that our merciful God somehow ends the senseless destruction of life, in so many corners of humanity. Your prayers are heard and you will find inner peace. God bless and keep you safe as we enter this Holy Season.

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1454.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	572.00
Candles	\$	307.00	Charities/Missions/Peter’s Pence	\$	40.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	10.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	40.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	9.00
Special Donations	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	2432.00

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