

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARERS

Propers: 177-179 / 180

Saturday, April 18th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

+Tina and +Gary Williams

By Sandra Yelenovsky

Sunday, April 19th

9:00 AM ECF & Bible Study

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

For our Parish Family

Monday, April 20th

5:00 PM Rosary (All welcome!)

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

Tuesday, April 21st (NOTE TIME)

9:00 AM +John Richard Kanyuk

By Arlene Viviano

Wednesday, April 22nd—HOLYDAY VIGIL

ST GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

+Joseph, +Kerri, +Richard,

+Suzanna, +George, and

+Elizabeth by Miro

Thursday, April 23rd—No Liturgy

Friday, April 24th

10:00 AM PRAYER SERVICE for the

Sick and Deceased

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Propers: 181-182 / 182-183

Saturday, April 25th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

For our Parish Family

Sunday, April 26th

9:00 AM Bible Study (All Welcome!)


9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Stephen Griscti

By Parents, Joseph and

Margaret Griscti



Sanctuary Lamp this Week:
April 19th, 2026

In Memory of
+LOUISE LISNOCK
By Susan and Douglas Wood

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!
Christ is Risen!

Mother's Day will soon be here! Mother's Day is May 10th! Once again, we will remember all mothers, BY NAME, at all Divine Liturgies on Mother's Day weekend. There will ALSO be a special commemorative insert! To remember your mom, please use the special envelope in your box of envelopes or email or call the parish office!



MANY THANKS to the Bakers and Patrons of the 2026 Easter Bread/Paska Baking Project! Panyi Maria Remitsky and helpers from St Michael's Parish in Perth Amboy and St Thomas Parish recently completed baking over 100 beautifully-

decorated Easter Paska Breads! About 13 of them were specially made for the homebound and shut-ins; several were the larger-sized "Artos" blessed and distributed on Thomas Sunday in several Byzantine Catholic Parishes including those in Perth Amboy, Linden, Dunellen, Rahway, East Brunswick, NYC; and the rest of the paska breads went to YOU for your Easter Baskets! It is so WONDERFUL that we have been able to resume this most meaningful tradition of making Easter bread! The modest profit from sales was split between the Perth Amboy and Rahway parishes. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, especially our patrons. Plans are already underway planning for next year which will be scheduled for the week before Palm Sunday, 2027.

Where is the "Eternal Lamp" in our Church? Every Catholic (Roman and Byzantine) and Orthodox Church has a candle that burns CONTINUOUSLY to signify the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Tabernacle. At St Thomas, our Eternal Lamp was recently moved from the center to the side of the icon screen in order to facilitate lighting. So, now you know!

Act of Kindness! Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus Council #1146 of Rahway for their kind and generous donation of \$200 given in appreciation of the ministry of St Thomas Parish! The Knights were here recently for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and annual Family Breakfast.



BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE: Our goal this year is \$12,400. So far, we have raised \$6,185.00 and the DEADLINE is only a few weeks away!! If you have NOT received a pledge card, please contact the Parish Office. OR send your donation directly to the Eparchial Chancery, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07065, with checks payable to "Eparchy of Passaic." Or, you may go online and make your contributions directly at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on the "Giving" tab. If we reach our goal by June, we will get a guaranteed refund of \$4,960.00! That would be a great blessing!



PATRIOTS BALL GAME AND PICNIC!! Enjoy a ballgame and a picnic on **Sunday May 17th at 1:05 PM**. Contact Bill Graham - 732- 877-8004 or Deacon Charles- 908-821-2296 or the Parish Office at 732-382-5300. Altar servers and church cantors/lectors go FREE as guests of St Thomas Men's Club! Additional tickets available, at \$36.00 per seat. Let us know if you need a ride or will meet us there!

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1155.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	230.00
Candles	\$	65.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	365.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	151.00	Ret. Rel./Seminary	\$	xxx.00
ECL	\$	9.00	Total	\$	1975.00

Xxx Bingo Players \$ xxx.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$ xxx.00 **God Bless You!**

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