

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Propers: 135, 223-224 / 225*

**Saturday, March 22nd**  
**9AM-3PM FISHERMANS Flea Market**  
**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)**  
*For our Parish Family*

**Sunday, March 23rd**  
**9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)**  
**9:00 AM Bible Study**  
**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
*+Mary Ann Chohey By Family*

**Monday, March 24th**  
**5:00 PM Rosary- All Welcome!**  
**7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O!**

**Tuesday, March 25th—HOLYDAY**  
**Annunciation of the Theotokos**  
**7:00 PM +Eva and +John Partika by Alex**

**Wednesday, March 26th—Presanctified**  
**7:00 PM +Isabel Banko by Friends**


**Thursday, March 27th—No Liturgy**

**Friday, March 28th**  
**10:00 AM Prayers for Sick and Departed**  
**7:00 PM ALL SOULS LITURGY**  
*followed by Lenten Reflections*

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2025**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Propers: 140, 226 / 227*

**Saturday, March 29th**  
**12:30 PM PARISH RETREAT**  
**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)**  
*For our Parish Family*

**Sunday, March 30th**  
**9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)**  
**9:00 AM Bible Study**  
**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
*+Arthur Shaffer By Family*

 **Sanctuary Lamp this Week.**  
**March 22/23, 2025**  
 In Memory of  
**+JOHN AND +LOUISE SURMAY**  
*By Susan and Douglas Wood*  
*Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!*

**M**emorial Candles for Easter! -  
 Please call the Parish office if you would like to offer a Memorial Candle for your loved ones for Easter. Altar Candles are \$95 each and Standing Icon candles at \$50 each. Names will be printed in the Easter Bulletin. Please call Ann Marie 732-382-5300 or StThomasByz@aol.com



## Annual Lenten Retreat NEXT Saturday, March 29, 2025

**ALL WELCOME!** Father John Zec, Retreat Master

**12:30 PM to 5PM**, concluding with Confession and Divine Liturgy celebrated by Father Zec. Lunch included! *RSVP by March 24th* Call: Church Office: 732-382-

5300 or SIGN-UP in church vestibule. **NO CHARGE TO ATTEND.**

**Pysanky Egg-Decorating Class!** Learn the tradition of Easter Egg (Pysanky) Decorating on **SUNDAY, April 6th at 8:30AM!** ALL welcome to attend! No charge to attend, but please SIGN-UP so that adequate supplies can be available! Bring a friend! *ECF parents are asked to contact ECF coordinator, Dave Brighthouse at dbrighthouse@comcast.net, others may contact Lora.rayner@yahoo.com, OR use the SIGN-UP sheets in the vestibules.*



**MANY THANKS to the Baby Shower Participants!** Thank you to *everyone* who participated in our 5th annual Baby Shower to benefit Raphael's Life House, a shelter for mothers and their children in Elizabeth! Your extraordinary generosity in donations of clothing and baby items brought much happiness to the Moms and babies! *God bless the coordinators and participants for your kindness. and generosity of spirit!*

*The Third Sunday of the Great Fast is dedicated to the Cross of Our Lord*

**We bow to Your Cross, O Lord, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection!**

**P**alm Crosses Available! - Once again we will have **HANDMADE Palm Crosses** (2 styles, including 3-bar Cross and 2-bar cross styles!) on a "first come, first served" basis! Perfect for cemetery or home use! They will soon be available while supplies last! *Only \$20 each!*

**L**enten 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. Bags will be provided for donations; drop off items by our Chapel in back of church. Questions? See or Call Christie Citsay at 732-221-0698. *Thanks!*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1232.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	625.00
Candles	\$	143.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	10.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	15.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	xxx.00
Retired Religious	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	2025.00

Bingo 137 Players \$ 1290.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$275.00 **God Bless You!**

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