

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 11TH, 2021

THOMAS SUNDAY

OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY!

Propers: 175-176 / 176-177

Saturday, April 10th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parish Family

Sunday, April 11th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(live streamed)

+Helen Chohey

By Family

Monday, April 12th—No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, April 13th—No Liturgy Scheduled

Wednesday, April 14th—No Liturgy Scheduled

Thursday, April 15th—No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, April 16th—No Liturgy Scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 18TH, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Propers: 177-180 / 180

Saturday, April 17th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parish Family

Sunday, April 18th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(live streamed)

+Anna Kapiec

By David Brighthouse

11:30 AM BAPTISM/CHRISMATION

Samuel Ochlan



This week, April 10th/11th, 2021

ICON FLOWERS For the Intentions of My Parish Family at St Thomas!
By Micky Finzel

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020: Please mail in your pledge card, or go on line at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on the "Giving" tab. **Our goal this year is \$12,400.** Together we can reach our goal and get a rebate of almost \$5,000 as we've done every year so far!

THIS WEEK—Fr Jim, the Eparchial Priests, and Bishop Kurt are at Presbyteral Days this week. Although the meetings and presentations are being held virtually this year, please know that Fr Jim will be unavailable in the afternoons and evenings this week, unless there is an emergency. Thanks!



Many Thanks to the Parishioners of St Thomas Parish who purchased Palm Crosses this year! The proceeds of the Palm Cross Sale were used to assist the priests in Eastern Europe! A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated for the Living and Deceased Members and former Pastors of St Thomas the Apostle Church. God bless you for your generosity of spirit! *A special thanks to Pat Ciko for spearheading this project!*

URGENT! We need to assist our priests in Eastern Europe! Please see the letter from Bishop Kurt that will be mailed to everyone. We will assist you in the parish office if you like. Call with questions.

God Bless you for your Assistance and Attendance! Holy Week this year! We're back to "almost normal"! A great number of you ventured forth into church this year (some for the first time in 12 months!). We kept the regular Holy Week and Easter schedule, kept safe-distancing protocols in place, but didn't reserve seating, and it worked out just fine! Our Easter Vigil attendance, with 100 people in church, was the highest attendance since the pandemic began! With everyone's cooperation, Processions were held and baskets were blessed, and the church was filled with beautiful music and much JOY! SPECIAL THANKS to all who made this possible: our **Cantors, singers and lectors, our faithful ushers and videographers, our cleaners and decorators and helpers, our deacons and servers, and to EACH of YOU**, who filled God's House (or your own house!) with JOYFILLED prayer in song! *Christ is Risen!*



USED PHONE NEEDED for Live-Streaming—does anyone have a used **iPhone 10 (or newer)** model, or a comparable Android phone, that support life-streaming of the church services and special events? If you do, please contact Fr Jim or AnnMarie in the Parish Office. (Don't forget: we would need the changing cable, too).

Need Help with COVID VACCINE? Call "Heather" at Robert Wood Johnson, Rahway at 732-499-6223. Give her your name, DOB, Cell Phone #, Gender, and Email Address.

AVOID CONFUSION! Reserve your seat for Weekend Divine Liturgies! Here's how: Invitations are emailed on Sunday and confirmations are sent on Friday. Spill over is in the Church Hall. MASKS are required in both locations and at all services. No email? Call the Parish Office and reserve a seat. with AnnMarie, OR watch us on **Facebook**, or **YouTube** or listen on the FM radio from the church parking lot on channel **90.5 FM**. (Reservations REQUIRED on Sunday)
<https://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/> <https://saintthomastheapostle.org/>

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1850.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	506.00
Candles	\$	213.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	18.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	3499.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	90.00	ECL	\$	41.00
Seminary	\$	5.00	Total	\$	6222.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

BYZANTINE MONASTERY CLOSING—Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary, in Sybertsville, PA will close as of January 2021. Father Jerome, OFM stated that this is mainly due to the lack of available Friars. **On January 31, at 2pm, they will have a final prayer service to close the chapel**, with a reception if conditions permit. The friars are still able to honor all intentions and memorials; and will continue to pray for all of their benefactors. *They ask for your prayers at this difficult time.*