

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2020**

**THE SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS AND  
OUR PATRONAL FEASTDAY!**

Propers: 175 / 176

**Thomas Saturday, April 18th—No Services**

**Thomas Sunday, April 19th**

No Public Services

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
(live streamed)**

Intentions of our Parishioners  
(With commemorations of  
+Mary and +Forrest Reed  
By Ray and Dianna Cassidy

**Bright Monday, April 20th**

No Public Services

**Bright Tuesday, April 21st**

No Public Services

**Bright Wednesday, April 22nd**

No Public Services

**Bright Thursday, April 23rd**

**FEAST OF ST. GEORGE**

No Public Services

**Bright Friday, April 24th**

No Public Services

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2020**

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS**

Propers: 177-179 / 180

**Bright Saturday, April 25—No Services**

**Thomas Sunday, April 26th**

No Public Services

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
(live streamed)**

Intentions of our Parishioners



**Coffee Social every Sunday after Liturgy  
via Zoom! Want to participate? Send  
your email address to StThomasByz@aol.com**

**IMPORTANT — Stay up to date with  
current announcements by checking  
our Facebook Page as well as our  
website. The parish office is open  
during regular hours. Please no unan-  
nounced visitors. Please call Ann Ma-  
rie with questions or concerns.**

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**Messages/Services streamed daily at 4:30 PM**



**In blessed repose** ... please remember the soul of **+HELEN CHOPEY** who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from our parish on Monday, with all services being held at St. Gertrude's Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be celebrated at St Thomas Parish at a later date. To her children, Helen and Steve, as well as to her grandchildren, family and friends we extend our heartfelt condolences. *May her memory be eternal!*  
*Christ is Risen!*

**The "Icons of St Thomas Church"** - an extremely well-done production now available online! It was produced and directed by Deacon Tom and John Shubeck and features the icons of St Thomas Parish, depicted visually with an exquisite music background. Visit our website or Facebook page to enjoy it! Many thanks to Deacon Tom and his son, John. *Well done!!*



**M**any thanks to those who made Holy Week service available online and helped with the singing and in the general maintenance of our church! Special thanks to Deacon Charles, and Terry (cantoring); Christie (video streaming and posting); Mi-ro (serving and liturgical assistance); Adrian (changing Altar covers and liturgical preparations); Patti and family (Church cleaning); Eric (Hall cleaning / disinfecting); Ann Marie (parish office); as well as to each of YOU for your continued prayers, support and words of encouragement!

Also, many thanks to each of you who have graciously mailed your contributions,

dropped them off, or participated in online giving. It is greatly appreciated! **PLEASE NOTE:** I know that there are many others who want to help as you usually do, but these are difficult and dangerous times, and for the good of all, we need to limit our social contact, as difficult as that may be!

*Please don't ever underestimate the power of prayer! Use the time you have at home to pray for an end to this pandemic, and for God's continued guidance and grace during these difficult times! Also, PLEASE stay home, stay safe, and keep one another in prayers!*

**NEED HELP?** We still have several parishioners willing to help with grocery pick-up or pharmacy deliveries should the need arise, now or in the near future. *Please call the Parish Office!*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1464.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	399.00
Candles	\$	xxx.00	ECL	\$	5.00
Flowers	\$	25.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	3758.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	99.00	Missions	\$	3.00
seminary	\$	12.00	Total	\$	\$ 5765.00

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

**M**any Thanks for the following donations... a few kind parishioners have made some very generous donations for improvements around the parish! They wish to remain anonymous, but *we must acknowledge their kindness!* The first is a donation of approximately \$7,000.00 for the installation of new partitions and an ADA-compliant commode in the Parish Hall Ladies Room. The second donation is \$4,000.00 for the installation of new partitions (coming *very soon!*) for the Parish Hall Men's Room. Both donations were unexpected and were motivated by people who just want to do something nice for their parish and to help everyone! *May Our Lord bless them for their acts of kindness!*

**W**e also gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$14,500.00 from our dedicated **BINGO VOLUNTEERS** (*and patrons!*) to offset the cost of some major electric work done around the parish (inside and outside) to maintain safety and security! This includes replacement of over 20 security lights, repair to outdoor parking lights, new outlets in the parish kitchen, emergency lighting in the new library, sacristy, brighter exterior lighting by the doorways, and more!