

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2021**

**10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Propers: 125-126 / 127

**Saturday, July 31st (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**

+Helen Garcia By Cantors

Doreen and Patricia

**Sunday, August 1st (live streamed)**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

For our Parish Family

**Monday, August 2nd**

No Public Liturgy

**Tuesday, August 3rd**

No Public Liturgy

**Wednesday, August 4th**

No Public Liturgy

**Thursday, August 5th**

**HOLYDAY VIGIL (Solemn)**

**Transfiguration of our Lord**

with Blessing of Fruit

**7:00 PM** +Anna Himich

by Eleanor Dietz



**Friday, August 6th**

No Public Liturgy

**NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 2021**

**11H SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Propers: 130, 352-353/132, 353 /

**Saturday, August 7th (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**

for our parish family

**Sunday, August 8th (live streamed)**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

+Walter Kucher

By William Kucher



**Sanctuary Lamp—August 7/8, 2021**

Burns for the Blessed Memory of

**+LOUISE A. SURMAY**

By Susan and Doug Woodl

**BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!**

**SLOATSBURG PILGRIMAGE**— Saturday, August

14th at St Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, NY. Schedule is

available at [www.ssmi-us.org](http://www.ssmi-us.org). **Highlights are:**

**1PM Akathist (Fr Ed Cimbala)**

**5PM Liturgy (Fr Joseph Bertha)**

**8PM Moleben (Bishop Kurt)**

**UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE**—The Sisters of St.

Basil the Great Annual Pilgrimage will be held at

Mount St. Macrina on Sunday, September 5th. Schedule

is available at [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org).

**DRY RUN bingo NEXT Sunday, August 8th**, immediately after liturgy to give the new and returning workers in both the kitchen and on the floor and callers a chance to get some experience and implement some new ideas. We invite EVERYONE to help out by playing a few “pretend” games for just a little while! **Hot dogs with be served compliments of the parish kitchen crew!**



**Blessing of Water**—What do you do when you run out of Holy Water? You make some more! **HOWEVER**, the Church—in it's wisdom—does not just bless water “any ol’ time!” Water used to be blessed each month, but, over the centuries, it became less necessary to do this monthly, so the Church cut back to ONE blessing (besides Theophany). That additional blessing is August 1st. WHY August 1st? Because August 1st is ALSO the Feast of the Procession of the CROSS ... and the Cross is used in the Blessing of Water! Wow! **What great symbolism!**



**FRUIT will be blessed** for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Thursday evening. You are welcome to bring in some fruit (especially grapes) for blessing.

**SIGN-UP for Holubki Making for the Festival!** - In anticipation of our Slavonic

Festival in September, we need to make HOLUBKI (stuffed cabbage rolls) and need veterans and new

recruits! On the job training available! The dates are: **Wednesday, August 4th and 11th and Saturday,**

**August 14th and 28th. All days begin at 9AM.** (We are also hoping to add an evening session or two!)

Contact Joanie if you can help, **see the SIGN-UP SHEETS**, or just show up!

**Exhibit of Ukrainian Embroidery** at Middlessex College, **NOW through August 27th!** At the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11AM to 4PM and Saturday and Sunday from 2-4PM. You can also visit the Barron Arts Facebook page!

**NEW Covid protocols for weekend Divine Liturgies...** In light of the Governor's recent mandates, MASKS are no longer mandatory indoors for persons who have been vaccinated. Masks are recommended for those unvaccinated. Safe-distancing is recommended inside our churches. Hand sanitizing stations are still in place. The dispensation for life-streaming is revoked by Bishop Kurt. Live-streaming remains in place for the sick and immobile. **Read the weekly BULLETIN, and watch LIVE on social media!** Watch us on... **Facebook, Instagram** and **YouTube** [www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/](http://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/) [www.saintthomastheapostle.org/](http://www.saintthomastheapostle.org/) (website) [www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/](http://www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/)

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1772.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	135.00
Candles	\$	96.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	15.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	65.00	ECL	\$	9.00
Peter's Pence/Seminary	\$	5.00	Total	\$	2097.00

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.*