

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2020

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 161-162/163-164

Saturday, August 1st

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

+Gloria Ryan

By Barbara Svitlik

Sunday, August 2nd

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(live streamed)

Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, August 3rd

No Public Services

Tuesday, August 4th

No Public Services

Wednesday, August 5th

No Public Services

Thursday, August 6th—HOLIDAY

Feast of the Transfiguration (Solemn)

9:00 AM +Anna Himich

By Eleanor Dietz

Friday, August 7th

No Public Services

Zoom Coffee Social - every Sunday after

Liturgy via Zoom! Join us!

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2020

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 161-162 / 162

Saturday, August 8th

9:00 AM BAPTISM and CHRISMATION

Ann Belle Leigh Amato

5:00 PM

Divine Liturgy

+Florence Gretskey

By Cheryl and Gerry Marko

Sunday, August 9th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(live streamed)

Intentions of our Parishioners

Watch Pilgrimage Services

Live-Streamed! www.ssmi-us.org

Delivery Assistance— If you

need assistance with grocery /

pharmacy pickup let us know.



IMPORTANT — Stay up to date with current announcements by checking our Facebook Page as well as our website and your email!

<https://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/>

<https://saintthomastheapostle.org/>



BAPTIZED IN THE LORD—Our Parish Family rejoices with the family of **ANNA BELLE LEIGH AMATO**, daughter of Dustin Amato and Mary Ferenchiak Amato who will be Baptized and Chrismated in the Lord on Saturday morning, August 8th at 9AM! Welcome to another new Child of God!

LIVE-STREAMED SLOATSBURG PILGRIMAGE!—Due to the Coronavirus, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sloatsburg, NY, Announce that the 66th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, August 8 – 9, 2020 will be a Virtual Pilgrimage (via internet) this year. **You can watch the pilgrimage via live streaming www.ssmi-us.org.**



- Fr. Jim and Cantor Patricia Dietz will celebrate and sing the Divine Liturgy at 3PM; Bishop Kurt will celebrate the Panachida at 6:30.

The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Mother of Tenderness, be our Strength." *If there was ever a time in our country and our world when we need the tenderness and strength of Our Lord and the Theotokos to help us respect, care for and support each other, it is NOW, during these challenging times!*

WELCOME FR. ZEC! - Please welcome Fr. John Zec (a happy, familiar face here at St Thomas) who will celebrate the Saturday evening Divine Liturgy at 5PM while Fr Jim and Cantor Pat are at the Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg. *Welcome!*

Reserve your seat for Liturgy Each Week! The Saturday evening Divine Liturgy is celebrated at 5PM; the Sunday Liturgy is celebrated at 10AM. Here's how to reserve your seat:

- ♦ **Reserve by email!** We send out a reservation email each week around Wednesday. The first people to respond will be seated in the Church; everyone else will be seated in the Hall. Your reservation and seating location will be confirmed by email. MASKS are required!
- ♦ **Call the Parish Office** (ONLY if you don't have email) and reserve a seat with AnnMarie.
- ♦ **Other options**—watch us on **Facebook**, or listen on the FM radio from the church parking lot on channel **90.5 FM**.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED, ALMOST DONE!—Painting, sealing, repairing at your own pace with safe distancing concerns! We've done A LOT with a limited number of dedicated volunteers! Can YOU help, too? Please contact **John Szpyhulsky at (732) 283-3911**. *Thanks.*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1484.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	60.00
Candles	\$	49.00	ECL	\$	3.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	30.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	37.00	ECF	\$	5.00
Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$1668.00

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

Many 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!*

We 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!