

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Served by Right Rev. Archpriest James G. Hayer, with the ministry of Deacons Charles Laskowski and Deacon Thomas Shubeck, and Cantor Patricia Dietz and Cantor Doreen Plahovinsak

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY AUGUST 22ND, 2021**

**13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Propers: 141, 352-353/353

**Saturday, August 21st (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
for our parish family

**Sunday, August 22nd (live streamed)**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
+Anne Walker  
by William Kucher

**Monday, August 23rd**

No Public Liturgy

**Tuesday, August 24th**

No Public Liturgy

**Wednesday, August 25th**

No Public Liturgy

**Thursday, August 26th**

No Public Liturgy

**Friday, August 27th**

No Public Liturgy

**NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH, 2021**

**14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Propers: 146, 355-356-/ 148

**Saturday, August 28th (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
for our parish family

**Sunday, August 29th (live streamed)**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
+Joan Jankunas  
by the Shubeck Family

**UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE**—the 87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will take place at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA on Sunday, September 5th. Full schedule and cautions for in-person attendance are posted on their website at [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org). For those who wish to attend virtually, the LIVE-STREAM SCHEDULE is as follows:

**Sunday, September 5th:**

<b>11:00 AM</b>	Liturgy for Vocations
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Children's Procession
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Parastas (memorial for Departed)



**OUTDOOR PET BLESSING, Saturday, September 18th, 10AM!** Annual blessing of pets will take place (rain or shine) on Saturday, September 18th at 10AM. Gather in the large parking area by the main entrance of the Social Hall; remain in your cars and tune in to 90.5 FM to hear the blessing prayer, then drive to the rotunda for a blessing! *Pass the word! Public invited! Everyone with a tail is welcome!*

**New Parish Trustee**—many thanks to John Szpyhulsky for accepting the position of parish trustee (or, “lay signatory”) of St Thomas Church. He replaces Bob Devitt, who served for many years and had asked to not be reappointed. Our two parish trustees are Christine Vislocky and John Szpyhulsky. In New Jersey, trustees are a required part of the structure of each parish. They are co-signers on parish financial accounts and, together with the Pastor’s Advisory Committee, assist the pastor in an advisory capacity. Thank you all for your service!

**HELPERS NEEDED for 9/11 Dinner and Holubki making!** We can use some HELPRES for set-up and clean up for the 9/11 Appreciation dinner honoring the FIRST RESPONDERS of the City of Rahway on **Saturday, September 11th**. See the sign-up sheets in the back of the church. ALSO, the remaining dates for the holubki baking are **Saturday, August 28th at 9AM**. Thanks!

**WALK-IN FRIDGE UPDATE ... Alleluia!** At long last, the parts have arrived for our walk-in refrigerator! The main component, the compressor, was not in stock and had to be manufactured. That was the source of the delay. God bless everyone for their patience and generosity!

**Festival Prizes Needed! Can YOU help?**

**TOYS:** We need (20) **new** Children Prizes valued at \$8 to \$10 each (ie., Board games, dolls, Legos, trucks, cars, basketball, volleyball, etc.)

**LOTTERY:** Lottery (scratch off) Tickets in Denominations of \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00 to be used as “Prizes.”

**ALSO:** Household Items & Gift Cards: (ie., detergent, paper products, non-

perishables, cleaning supplies) and then we’ll match the item with a store Gift Card .The value of each will be approximately \$20.00; we need 20 -25 donated “Prizes”

**OR,** you can simply give **CASH** and *we’ll do the rest*. Put your donation in an envelope marked “Festival Games” and return by August 29th. Questions? Can you help? Call Christine Vislocky at 732-371-3877 or Maryann Laskowski at 908-723-2015 or [mlaskowski6220@aol.com](mailto:mlaskowski6220@aol.com). *Thanks!*

**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. 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	\$	1573.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	50.00
Candles	\$	xxx.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	97.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	190.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	3.00	ECL	\$	3.00
Peter’s Pence/Seminary	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	1916.00

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.*