

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH, 2021

**14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Proprs: 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

Monday, August 30th
No Public Liturgy

Tuesday, August 31st
No Public Liturgy

Wednesday, September 1st
No Public Liturgy

Thursday, September 2nd
No Public Liturgy

Friday, September 3rd
No Public Liturgy

Happy
New
Year!

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2021

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Proprs: 152 / 153

Saturday, September 4th (live streamed)
5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
for our parish family

Sunday, September 5th (live streamed)
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Lucinda Alepis
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.

For those who wish to attend virtually, the LIVE-STREAM SCHEDULE is as follows:

Sunday, September 5th:

11:00 AM Liturgy for Vocations
1:30 PM Children's Procession
4:00 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM Parastas (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! *Public invited! Everyone tail welcome!*



In Blessed Repose... please remember the soul of **+ELEANOR DIETZ** who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from our parish on Saturday. She reposed peacefully in the Lord and joins her beloved husband, +Peter. To her children, Richard (Carol), Paul (Margie) especially to her daughter, Cantor Patricia of our parish, and to grandchildren, family, friends and fellow parishioners, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Interment will follow at Mount St. Macrina Cemetery in Uniontown, PA on Monday. *May her memory be eternal!*

Happy New Church Year! This Wednesday (September 1st) marks the Byzantine New Year of 7530! It is ALSO the beginning of the new liturgical year. That's the time when the cycle of Holy Day celebrations "resets" itself, and we once again begin the journey to the Birth and Crucifixion and Resurrection of Our Lord and await the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon us!!

Important Updates

FESTIVAL Update—given the recent uptick in Covid cases throughout NJ, the Slavonic Festival will be **"Take-out" only on Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th**. A full menu, homemade desserts, as well as a raffle will STILL be offered! The two-day gala indoor Festival is now anticipated for *late April or early May, 2022*.

BINGO Update—As of now, we still anticipate resuming bingo games at St Thomas. We hope to have our first game on Monday, September 27th at 7:30PM! Pass the word!

FIRST RESPONDER Dinner Update —The City of Rahway has asked us to postpone the First Responder Dinner to a later date. We are looking at various options. We will keep you posted as to future developments *Thanks!*

HELPERS NEEDED Holubki making! We can use some HELPERS our ongoing holubki projects! See the sign-up sheets in the back of the church. ALSO, the remaining dates for the holubki baking are **Saturday, September 4th at 9AM** and perhaps one more. 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/ www.saintthomastheapostle.org/ (website)
www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1510.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	25.00
Candles	\$	52.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	20.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	40.00	ECF	\$	5.00
Peter's Pence/Seminary	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	1652.00

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.*