

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2020**

**13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Proprs: 141-142 / 143

**Saturday, August 29th**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**

*Intentions of our Parishioners*

**Sunday, August 30th**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

**(live streamed)**

+Dr. Michael Shill Jr.

*By Shubeck Family*

**12 NOON BAPTISM**

*Gabriel Elias Medero*

**Monday, August 31st**

*No Public Services*

**Tuesday, September 1st—NEW YEAR!**

*No Public Services*

**Wednesday, September 2nd**

*No Public Services*

**Thursday, September 3rd**

*No Public Services*

**Friday, September 4th**

*No Public Services*

**Zoom Coffee Social - every Sunday after**

*Liturgy via Zoom! Join us!*

*The Liturgical  
New Year begins  
on September 1st  
each year!*

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2020**

**14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Proprs: 146-147 / 147

**Saturday, September 5th**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**

+Michael and +Anna Marko


*By Cheryl and Gerry Marko*

**Sunday, September 6th**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

**(live streamed)**

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*Sunday, August 23rd*

**ICON FLOWERS**

For the Blessed memory of  
**+PHILIP and +MARIE FINZEL!**  
*By Pat and Micky Finzel*

**BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!**

**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 **GABRIEL ELIAS MEDE-RO** who was Baptized and Chrismated in the Lord today, Sunday, August 30th! To his parents, Abel and Theresa, as well as to his Godparents, Bartlomiej and Maria, as well as to his extended family at St Thomas Church, especially the Laskowski Family, we offer joy filled congratulations! *May God grant him many blessed and happy years!*

**Congratulations to our Graduates!** *Our thought and prayers go with them as they begin their new academic journeys! Please lift up in your thought and prayers...*



**ANTHONY CIKO**—Who recently graduated from Middlesex County College with an Associates Degree in Applied Science Electrical Engineering Technology and will continue his education at NJIT for a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology.

**PAULA CIKO**—Who was graduated from Middlesex Vocational and Technical High School and will be attending Rider University. She was also the recipient of the George Sabol Scholarship Award. Paula and Anthony are the children of Paul and Patricia Ciko.

**COLLIN MAYER**—graduated Magna Cum Laude from Kean University with a degree in Accounting; he will be working at PFK Accounting Firm in Cranford. He is the son of Mark and Marie Mayer.

**EVAN SURMAY**—graduated Middle School and will be attending Seton Hall Prep this year.

**RYAN SURMAY**—Graduated Seton Hall Prep and will be attending St Bonaventure University. Ryan and Evan are the sons of Gary and Jennifer Surmay and brother to Matthew.

**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**.

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	970.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	26.00
Candles	\$	50.00	ECL	\$	6.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	37.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	31.00	Seminary	\$	xxx.00
Charities	\$	5.00	Total	\$	\$1125.00

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!