

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH, 2022
BLESSING OF GRADUATES
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Propers: 161, 347-348 / 348-349



Saturday, August 6th
5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy** (live streamed)
+Anna Virova
by Mikulas Vira and Family

Sunday, August 7th
10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
Intentions of our Parish Family
PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE—St Nicholas
Shrine/Carpathian Village, Canadensis, PA
2:45 PM **HIERARCHICAL DIVINE**
LITURGY with ORDINATION
to Order of Reader

Monday, August 8th
7:30 PM **B-I-N-G-O**

Tuesday, August 9th
8:00 AM +Carmella Schill
By Family and Friends

Wednesday, August 10th
No Liturgy Scheduled

Thursday, August 11th
No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, August 12th
No Liturgy Scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH, 2022
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Propers: 125-126, 351/ 127

Saturday, August 13th
5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy** (live streamed)
Intentions of our Parish Family

PILGRIMAGE—SLOATSBURG, NY
5:00 PM **HIERARCHICAL DIVINE**
LITURGY with Bishop Kurt

Sunday, August 14th
10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
+Louise Lisnock
by Family



This week, August 6/7, 2022

SANCTUARY LAMP
For the Blessed memory of
+Louise Ann Surmay
By Susan and Douglas Wood

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!



Slavonic Festival 2022—the date for the 2022 Slavonic Festival is set for **Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th!** Mark your calendars!

Understanding the 10 Commandments



The Third Commandment - "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Dt 20:2-17; Ex 5:6-21)

On the surface, this command seems to be solely a religious obligation with no relevance to human dignity or human rights. But of course, this was not the case in ancient Israel, nor is it the case today. In addition to its religious requirements, it was a basic labor law. The rest of the Commandment reads: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work". Deu-

teronomy 5:14 reads in part: "You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your ox or donkey or any work animal, or the resident alien within your gates, so that your male and female slave may rest as you do." Even slaves got the day off for rest in ancient times!

The *Catechism* reminds us of a truth too often forgotten by employers today: "In spite of economic constraints, public authorities should ensure citizens a time intended for rest and divine worship. Employers have a similar obligation toward their employees". Human dignity demands adequate periods of rest and respect for the rights of workers to rest. (USCCB, Colecchi) *To be continued.*

Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Graduates!

ADAM CASALIGGI. Adam is the son of Victor and Karen and brother to Kevin Casaliggi. He graduated from South Plainfield High School this year. He will be attending Middlesex College in Edison to study Political Science, and aspires one day to be a Political Advisor or Politician.

JILLIAN FAITH DEVITT, is the daughter of Debra and Robert Devitt and sister of Shaun, Kyle and Megan. She graduated from William Paterson University with a degree in Graphic design.

BRIGID RAFTERY is the daughter of Brian and Ruth Raftery, and sister to Erin and Megan. She graduated from the University of Scranton with a degree in Criminal Justice and will be attending graduate school at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, FL to pursue a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

ERIN RAFTERY is the daughter of Brian and Ruth Raftery, and sister to Brigid and Megan. She graduated from Westfield High School and will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall.

KATELYN GAULIN is the daughter of Eric and Karyn and sister to Lily Gaulin. She graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and will be attending the College of New Jersey to study Chemistry, and aspires to become a Research Chemist.

JOHN SHUBECK is the Son of Father Tom and Caroline and brother to Adriana. He graduated from Chatham High School this year. He will be attending Seton Hall University to study Psychology.

Many Thanks for Birthday wishes last weekend and for the surprise cupcakes for me and Miro. Many thanks, too, to the Flea Market Group for their birthday card and gift! *God Bless you all!*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1569.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	400.00
Candles	\$	102.00	ECL	\$	5.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	255.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	15.00	Retired religious	\$	xxx.00
Peters Pence	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	2373.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1609.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**