

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

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Propers: 141, 281-282 / 283-284

Saturday, December 11th (live streamed)

9AM—3PM Christmas FLEA MARKET

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

For our Parish Family

Sunday, December 12th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Eleanor Dietz

By John and Chris Szpyhulsky

Followed by PANACHIDA for

+Helena and +Joseph Barnovsky

by Michael and Maria Ochlan

Monday, December 13th—No Public Liturgy

7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O!!

Tuesday, December 14th—No Public Liturgy

Wednesday, December 15th—No Public Liturgy

6:30 PM KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Thursday, December 16th

7:00 PM CONFESSIONS (RAHWAY)

Friday, December 17th—No Public Liturgy

White Cake mix needed for Bingo!

Please put this on your grocery list!

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Propers: 146, 285-286 / 287

Saturday, December 18th (live streamed)

Saturday morning, December 18th

10:00 AM Hierarchical Liturgy with

ORDINATION to Priesthood

of Jesus Christ of Deacon

Thomas Paul Shubeck

Followed by Luncheon

5:00 PM

Divine Liturgy

For our Parish Family

Sunday, December 19th

11:00 AM FIRST Divine Liturgy

of THANKSGIVING of

FATHER THOMAS SHUBECK

Followed by Reception



This week, December 11th/12th, 2021

The SANCTUARY LAMP
burns for the blessed memory of
+BRETT MICHAEL BACEK

By Ann Bacek and Family

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!

"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS!"

St Nicholas was SMILING ... and so were YOU! We had a wonderful St Nicholas Celebration last Sunday with almost 80 people in attendance! All present enjoyed a delicious dinner, presentations by our younger students, our teenagers and, of course, a visit from St Nicholas! Many thanks to the Athletic Association Volunteers for preparing the meal, to our ECF teachers and students, to our BCY coordinators and ByzanTeens, to our deacons, servers, cantors, to all those who helped set-up and clean up afterwards; with a special thanks to St Nicholas for his attendance on Saturday and Sunday ... and to each of YOU for coming! *God bless all of you!*

The Men's Club "**Man of the Year Award**" was presented to **GEORGE RAYNER** who JOYFULLY serves God by serving others as a husband, father, Sunday School Teacher, Altar Server, Bingo Chef and a personal representative of St Nicholas! His family—Lora, Kristen, Alex, as well as Roxy and Lacy—are so proud of him ... *and so are we!* God grant him many blessed years!

Looking Ahead - 2021 Christmas Schedule & Christmas Weekend

Christmas Eve—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

7:30 PM Compline & Caroling

8:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Saturday Evening—DECEMBER 25TH

5:00 PM** **No Liturgy tonight!

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Day—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday after Christmas—DECEMBER 26TH

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Praying for Vocations—A copy of the Vocation Icon was given to CAROL TEUFAL last weekend as she promised to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life for one week. *God bless her!*

"Kids Helping Kids" Winter CLOTHES Collection LAST WEEK!! NEW hats, coats, gloves, scarves, socks, and mittens for LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED. See or call Colleen at 908-420-5189, or Dave Brighthouse at 617-669-5362 or simply bring to church! Thanks!



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021: If you have not received a pledge card, please call AnnMarie in the Parish Office. Or, you may go online and make your contributions directly at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on the "Giving" tab. **Our goal this year is \$12,400.** IF each family makes a pledge of \$200, we will ONCE AGAIN reach our goal AND get a refund of almost \$5,000! *We've made our goal every year thanks to your help!*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1371.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	1091.00
Candles	\$	372.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	66.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	691.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	145.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Catholic Charities	\$	5.00	Total	\$	3741.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1303.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**