

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2019**

**SUNDAY OF THE FORE-FATHERS**

Propers: 130, 281-282 / 282

**Saturday, December 14th**

**5:30 PM Divine Liturgy**

+Irene McBride

By *Siciliano Family*

**Sunday, December 15th**

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

Intentions of our Parishioners

**2:00 PM PARASTAS (+Florence Gretscky)**

Gosselin Funeral Home

**Monday, December 16th—FUNERAL**

**10:00 AM +Florence Gretscky**

**Tuesday December 17th**

**8:30 AM +Fran Duda By Family**

**7:00 PM CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

St. Mary's, HILLSBOROUGH

**Wednesday December 18th – No Liturgy**

**Thursday, December 19th**

**7:00 PM CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

St. Thomas, RAHWAY

**Friday, December 20th**

**8:30 AM +Dorothy Hayer**

By *Charles and MaryAnn Fonzone*

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2019**

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Propers: 135, 285-286 / 287

**Saturday, December 21st**

**5:30 PM Divine Liturgy**

+Pauline Graham

By *Siciliano and Ciko Families*

**Sunday, December 22nd**

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

Intentions of our Parishioners



**Sanctuary Lamp this Week.**

**December 14/15**

In Memory of

+PAULINE GRAHAM

By *Ciko and Siciliano Families*

*Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!*

### Regional Christmas Confessions

**Tuesday, December 17th at 7PM**

St. Mary Church Hillsborough,

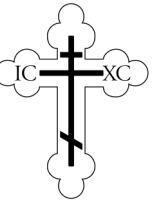
1900 Brooks Blvd.

**Thursday, December 19th at 7PM**

Here, at St. Thomas the Apostle

**In Blessed Repose** ... please remember the soul of +**VERY REVEREND GARY MENSINGER**, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from his home parish of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Freeland on Thursday. To his mother Helen, as well as to his siblings, John and Janet, his nieces and nephews and to his parish communities of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Pittston and St. Nicholas Church in Swoyersville, we extend our heartfelt condolences. He was also a fire-fighter and Fire Chaplain for numerous departments, as well as an Eparchial Consultor, Syncellus and active in Eparchial Youth Ministry. He will be sorely missed! *May his memory be eternal!*

**In Blessed Repose** ... please remember the soul of +**FLORENCE GRETSKY**, who fell asleep in the Lord and will be buried from our parish on Monday at 10AM. There will be a Parastas Service from the Gosselin Funeral Home in Edison on Sunday afternoon at 2PM. To her husband Paul, as well as to her children, Paul, David, Alan, Kevin, their spouses and grandchildren, as well as to her family and friends here at St. Thomas we extend our heartfelt condolences. *May her memory be eternal!*



**Congratulation to our St. Nicholas Award recipients who have served in the spirit of St. Nicholas over the years at St. Thomas Church and the community at large.**

JOHN MYTROWITZ - who, for many years, organized and chaired our annual Slavonic Festival, and was involved in so many aspects of fundraising and service at St. Thomas Church. His most important contributions to the parish, however, came in the form of the unexpected deeds of generosity done "behind the scenes" in the spirit of Christ, Our Lord, who said "let your good deeds be done in secret and your Father in Heaven Who sees in secret will repay you!" (Mt. 6:4)

GLORIA RYAN - Over the years, Gloria has provided and taken a leadership role in hospitality, service, bible study, cleaning and organizing, kitchen coordination and numerous other activities coming from an awareness that "to serve God is to serve others." As a Hospice Nurse, she often spent many late night visits to the hospitals or home of the sick, suffering and dying, putting the needs of others before her own.

**CONGRATULATIONS! MAY GOD BLESS THEM BOTH!**



**Annual Combined Christmas Party**—for Altar Rosary Society (ARS) and the Men's Club will be **Sunday, January 12th** at 12 Noon (*immediately after the River Blessing*) at Amici's, Elizabeth Ave in Linden. To attend, members of the ARS are asked to call Christie Citsay at 732-221-0698; members of the Men's Club are asked to call Bill Graham at 732-877-8004.

### INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1812.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	35.00
Candles	\$	636.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holy days	\$	398.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	156.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Catholic Charities	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 3037.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$507.00 **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!