

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2019

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Proprs: 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

Monday, December 23rd—No Liturgy

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24th

7:30 PM Compline and Caroling
8:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25th

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

Thursday, December 26th

HOLYDAY—Synaxis of Theotokos
7:00 PM +John Paster by Friends

Friday, December 27th

HOLYDAY—Feast of St. Stephen
10:30 AM Intentions of Stephen Griscti,
one of God's Special Children
by Parents, Joseph and Margaret Griscti

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2019

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Proprs: 141, 290, 303 / 142, 304

Saturday, December 28th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy
+Carl Nelson
By Kathi Cobb and Kevin Cannon

Sunday, December 29th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Intentions of our Parishioners



Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

December 21/22

In Memory of
+Harry and +Suzanne

By Anna Sausnock

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

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.



In Blessed Repose ... please remember the soul of +VERY REVEREND CONAN TIMONEY, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from his parish of Holy Protection of the Mother of God in Baltimore (Arbutus), MD on Tuesday by Bishop Kurt. To his family and friends, as well as to his parishioners in Maryland we extend our heartfelt condolences. Father Conan also served as regional Protopresbyter of the Middle States Protopresbyterate, and will be deeply missed! *May his memory be eternal!*

New Year's Eve Celebration 2020!

"PRAYER & POTLUCK!" TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4PM



Divine Liturgy on Tuesday afternoon, December 31st, at 4PM, followed by a Potluck Social at 5PM. *Bring an Appetizer, a Main Course, a Side Dish, a Dessert, etc. See the Sign-up Sheets in the Vestibules.*

- ◆ 4:00 PM—Divine Liturgy (Vigil Liturgy for the Solemn Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, the Feast of St. Basil the Great, and, of course, prayers for New Year's Day!)
- ◆ 5PM-7:30 PM—Food! *Bring as much as you want, eat as much as you want!*



PEACE ON EARTH WILL COME TO STAY, WHEN WE LIVE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY. *Heleen Steiner Rice*

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho!

Many thanks to all those with a sweet tooth! - not even a crumb remains from our Holiday Cookie Sale! Sandy Yelenovsky, Cookie Coordinator, reports that thanks to the generous donations of homemade cookies—as well as all those who purchased the cookies, all cookies were sold and a total of \$700 was donated to our parish! God bless you and many thanks from a grateful parish ... *and your dentist!* ☺



Christmas Flea Market Report—The Christmas Flea Market was a wonderful success! Thanks to the organizers, helpers, kitchen crew, vendors and patrons there were 61 tables rented (at \$25 each) at \$1,525; the Parish Table earned an impressive \$502; the kitchen was extraordinarily successful (and busy!) with \$1,250 in food sales, for a total of \$3,277 earned for our parish! A special thanks to all the NEW volunteers as well!

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1292.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	20.00
Candles	\$	155.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	352.00	Holy days	\$	122.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	20.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Catholic Charities	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 1961.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$444.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

Many 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!*

We 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!