

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2019

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Propers: 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

Monday, December 30th—No Liturgy

Tuesday, December 31st - NEW YEARS EVE and VIGIL of SOLEMN HOLYDAYS

Circumcision of Our Lord and Feast of St. Basil

4:00 PM **Divine Liturgy**
+Paul Shubeck
By Anna Rampello
followed by **POTLUCKSOCIAL**

Wednesday, January 1st (SOLEMN)

10:00 AM +Stephen Haschin
by Family and Friends

Thursday, January 2nd—No Liturgy

Friday, January 3rd

8:30 AM +Elizabeth Skrepenak
by Regina Roberts

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2019

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Propers: 141, 290, 303 / 142, 304

Saturday, January 4th

5:30 PM **Divine Liturgy**
+Florence Gretskey
By Dorothy and Jerry

Sunday, January 5th

9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday Afternoon, January 5th
VIGIL OF THEOPHANY (Obligation)
GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER

4:00 PM **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**
With Blessing of Water
+John Surmay
By Barbara Place



Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

December 27/28

In Memory of

+Husband, +Richard,

Daughter, +Donna,

and Sisters, +Irene and +Betty Jane

By Suzanne Voynik

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

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.*

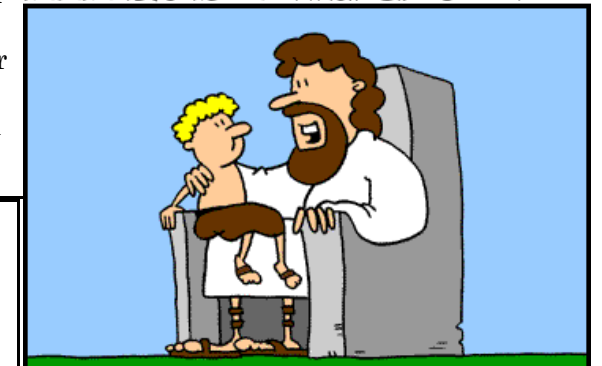
- ♦ **4:00 PM**—Divine Liturgy (Vigil Liturgy for the Solemn Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, the Feast of St. Basil the Great, and, of course, prayers for New Year's Day!)
- ♦ **5PM-7:30 PM**—Food! *Bring as much as you want, eat as much as you want!*



Many thanks to the Altar and Rosary (ARS) of St. Thomas Church ... for their Christmas donation of \$10,000.00 to our parish for ongoing expenses, projects and charitable deeds. *God bless the helping hands and happy hearts of the ARS and all our clubs and organizations and parishioners!*

2020 Envelopes and Calendars are in the back vestibule of the church—look for a box with your name on it! Can't find one? No one picked it up for you? No worries! Call or leave a message for AnnMarie in the Parish office (732-382-5300) and one will be ready for you next weekend!

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

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	\$	1551.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	10.00
Candles	\$	156.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	50.00	Holy days	\$	2692.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	15.00	ECF	\$	5.00
Catholic Charities	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 4479.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1029.00 **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!