

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY IMAGES**

*Propers: 146, 220/ 221*

**Saturday, February 20th**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
*Intentions of our Parishioners*

**Sunday, February 21st**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
**(live streamed)**  
+Louise Surmay  
*by Family and Friends*

**Monday, February 22nd**

*No Public Services*

**Tuesday, February 23rd**

*No Public Services*

**Wednesday, February 24th**

**LENTEN SERVICE**

**7:00 PM** Divine Liturgy of St Gregory  
*(Intention: +Agnes Lozinak  
by Marianne Sailus)*

**Thursday, February 25th**

*No Public Services*

**Friday, February 26th**

*No Public Services*

**NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

*Propers: 152, 222/ 223*

**Saturday, February 27th**


**9:00 AM ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
*Intentions of our Parishioners*

**Sunday, February 28th**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
**(live streamed)**  
+Marge Sokol  
*by Family and Friends*

*This week, February 20/21, 2021*

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

**BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!**

 **BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020:**  
Please mail in your pledge card, or go  
on line at [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com),  
then click on the "Giving" tab. **Our**  
**goal this year is \$12,400.** *Together* we  
can reach our goal and get a rebate of almost  
\$5,000 as we've done every year so far!

**Foodless Food Drive update**— thanks to your generosity, the Foodless Food Drive has raised over \$1,200 in donations! These were used to make food purchases for Divine Mercy Food Pantry; to purchase grocery store gift cards; and to make 50 bag lunches consisting of sandwiches, fruit and homemade cookies! Because of the recent snow event, we will be extending the Foodless Food Drive for ONE MORE WEEK— *so, if you didn't get a chance to make your contribution, you may still do so! Thank you and GOD BLESS YOU!*

**Valentines Cheer!** - the children of our ECF program recently sent Valentines Day cards to the patients at RWJ Rahway Hospital! What a thoughtful thing to do! Assisting the ECF students were the Girl Scouts of Anna and Teagen Chapman's troop. Also, because of snow, Liam Horniacek delivered his cards to a nursing home to bring a smile to the residents there! Good work!

**Remember**—we fast from meat products TWICE a week during Lent—on Wednesday and Fridays! BUT, we *never* fast from prayer and good works—we do this ALL the time! But, some extra kindness and prayer during Lent is good too! ☺

**Next All Souls Commemoration** is **Saturday, February 27 at 9AM.** If you've not yet submitted the names of your loved ones for remembrance, please do so by Wednesday of this week. You can call, mail, drop in the mail box or email at [StThomasByz@aol.com](mailto:StThomasByz@aol.com). *Thanks!*

**HOME HEALTH ASSISTANCE?** Terry Goldfarb, a home health care aid with 30 years experience, is available Monday through Friday, from 10AM to 3PM. Services include light cleaning, meals, showering, administration of meds, shots, etc. [53TerryG@gmail.com](mailto:53TerryG@gmail.com) or 732-668-4752.

**Covid-19 Vaccine**—To schedule a vaccination, or to see when you will be eligible for the vaccine, visit <https://ucnjvaccine.org> OR <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>. OR call our parish office for a registration form that you can place in a city drop-off box.

**AVOID CONFUSION! Reserve your seat for Weekend Divine Liturgies!** Here's how: Invitations are emailed on Sunday and confirmations are sent on Friday. Spill over is in the Church Hall. MASKS are required in both locations and at all services. No email? Call the Parish Office and reserve a seat. with AnnMarie, OR watch us on **Facebook**, or **YouTube** or listen on the FM radio from the church parking lot on channel **90.5 FM**. (Reservations REQUIRED on Sunday)  
<https://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/> <https://saintthomastheapostle.org/>

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1823.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	85.00
Candles	\$	124.00	Missions	\$	25.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	47.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	57.00	ECL	\$	12.00
Retired Religious	\$	20.00	Total	\$	2193.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

**BYZANTINE MONASTERY CLOSING**—Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary, in Sybertsville, PA will close as of January 2021. Father Jerome, OFM stated that this is mainly due to the lack of available Friars. **On January 31, at 2pm, they will have a final prayer service to close the chapel**, with a reception if conditions permit. The friars are still able to honor all intentions and memorials; and will continue to pray for all of their benefactors. *They ask for your prayers at this difficult time.*