

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH, 2021

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Propers: 157, 316-317 / 318

Saturday, January 9th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 10th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Panachida
(live streamed)

+Helen Chohey by Family

BLESSING OF RIVER (after Liturgy)

Safe-Distancing Procession to Central Ave to the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River!

Monday, January 11th

No Public Services

Tuesday, January 12th

No Public Services

Wednesday, January 13th

No Public Services

Thursday, January 14th

No Public Services

Friday, January 15th

No Public Services

Delivery Assistance— If you need assistance with grocery / pharmacy pickup let us know.



NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH, 2021

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Propers: 161-162 / 162-163

Saturday, January 16th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 17th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(live streamed)

+Michael Smolin by Chase and Gabby Padnusiak

Today, JANUARY 9th / 10th, 2021

SANCTUARY LAMP Burns for the eternal memory of **+HELEN CHOPEY**
By Her Family

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020:

Please mail in your pledge card, or go on line at 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!

TODAY! ANNUAL RIVER BLESSING!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH - AFER LITURGY!

Following the Divine Liturgy today, Sunday, January 10th, we will proceed to the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River on the corner of Central Ave and St. Georges Avenue and bless the Rahway River. The highlight of which will be the insertion of a Cross made of ice into the River. *All are welcome to participate! Please SAFE-DISTANCE while you process!*



In Blessed Repose ... Please remember the soul of **+ELIZABETH ("BETTY") CIMBALA TERRYBERRY**, mother of Fr. Ed Cimbal, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from St Therese Byzantine Catholic Church in St. Petersburg, FL on Sunday. *May her memory be eternal!*

House-Blessings 2021— House Blessings during Covid will be done from OUTSIDE. Father will NOT enter your home, but stand outside in front of your house, and offer the Prayer of Blessing and sprinkle Holy Water upon your home. You may remain INSIDE at the open doorway. To schedule a house-blessing—at your convenience—please call the parish office (732-382-5300) or email at StThomasByz@aol.com. Please suggest a convenient time and day for Father to come. *Thanks!*

MANY THANKS to all Deacons, Cantors, Servers, Ushers, cleaners and decorators, streamers and ALL those who made Christmas so special and beautiful for the rest of us! AND with GREAT APPRECIATION—thank your for the generosity shown to Rio (and me!) with such kind cards, gifts, treats, and promises of prayer! The kind notes and updates were awesome!

2021 Offertory Envelopes and Calendars are IN! They are available for pick up after Liturgy this weekend. Don't see yours? Call the Parish Office at 732-382-5300 and leave a message with AnnMarie or EMAIL her at StThomasByz@aol.com.

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	\$	854.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	676.00
Candles	\$	72.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	57.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	514.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	12.00	ECL	\$	44.00
Peters Pence	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	2229.00

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.*