

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, January 18th

No Public Services

Tuesday, January 19th

No Public Services

Wednesday, January 20th

No Public Services

Thursday, January 21st

No Public Services

Friday, January 22nd

No Public Services

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

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 24TH, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Propers: 125, 215 / 127

Saturday, January 23rd

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 24th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(live streamed)
+Ronald Pavlechko
by Barbara and
Adrian Zapotocky

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.



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!



Many thanks to all who served, sang, PRAYED, photographed and participated in EVERY or ANY way at last week's annual River Blessing! Nearly everyone in at-



tendance last week processed (or drove) to the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River to ask God's blessings upon the flowing waters! Numerous photos were posted—many can be seen on our parish Facebook page—**check them out!** <https://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/>

REMINDER! The First ALL SOULS Commemoration is **Saturday, February 6th!** Please submit the names of the deceased loved ones you wish to have remembered by name at the Divine Liturgy. Use the special envelope in your box of envelopes and send to the parish office ASAP. *Thanks!*

End-of-Year Offertory Statement for tax season are **now available.** Please call the Parish Office (732-382-5300) or email (StThomasByz@aol.com) to request a copy. Or, other arrangements may be made for pick up. Due to Covid protocols, please do **NOT** visit the Parish Office **without prior notification.** Thanks!

Bishop's Appeal UPDATE—\$8,660 of our \$12,400 goal has been raised, with 47 families participating. We're counting on everyone to participate in some way to reach our goal! Thanks!

House-Blessings 2021— House Blessings during Covid will be done from OUTSIDE. Father will NOT enter 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!*

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	\$	1685.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	356.00
Candles	\$	116.00	Missions	\$	15.00
Flowers	\$	50.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	880.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	126.00	ECL	\$	54.00
Retired Religious	\$	35.00	Total	\$	3317.00

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.*