St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Served by Right Rev. Archpriest James G. Hayer, with the ministry of Deacons Charles Laskowski and Father Thomas Shubeck, and Cantors Patricia Dietz, Doreen Plahovinsak and George Birchack

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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday January 29th, 2023

SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Propers: 125, 215/127

Saturday, January 28th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)

Sunday, January 29th, 2023

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School) 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Barbara Brutka
By Knitters and Crocheters

Monday, January 30th—HOLYDAY

Three Holy Hierarchs

10:00 AM +Michael Karol

By Family and Friends **7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O**

Tuesday, January 31st

8:00 AM +M3

+Mary Ann Policay
By Family and Friends

Wednesday, February 1st—No Liturgy

Thursday, February 2nd—HOLYDAY Presentation in the Temple (Solemn)

with Blessing of Candles

7:00 PM +Anna Chornoboy
By Family and Friends

Friday, February 3rd—No Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023

SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON

Propers: 130, 216/132

Saturday, February 4th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)

Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 5th, 2023

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School) 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Isabel Banko
By Family and Friends

Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

January 28/29, 2023

In Memory of +Robert Yelenovsky

By Sandy Yelenovsky

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

Sanctuary Lamp Next Week.
January 21/22, 2023

In Memory of

+Louise Ann Surmay

By Susan and Douglas Wood

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

arish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner TODAY at Amici's! ...All parish Volunteers (and guests) who signed up are asked to meet at Amici's (Elizabeth Ave. in Linden) before 12:30 PM. Payment for guests may be placed in an envelope marked "Parish Appreciation Guest" and sent to the parish office. God Bless you and THANK YOU for all you do! See you at Amici's!

Bishops Appeal—we are very close to attaining our goal for this year's Bishops appeal, with less than \$2,000 more to go! If we attain (or exceed) our goal, we get a refund of almost \$5,000! We've done this every year so far, let's do it again! *Please help if you can!*

It's Holubki time again! ... In preparation for our first Flea Market of the new year, we will be making Holubki (stuffed cabbage) on **Thursday, February 9th at 9AM**. *New recruits welcome!*

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE—The first All Souls Liturgy is Friday evening, February 10th at 7PM. Please submit your names (via phone 732-382-5300, or email StThomas-Byz@aol.com) so that your loved ones may be commemorated. *Vicnaja Pamjat! Eternal Memory!* **NOTE—NAMES NEED TO BE UPDATED EACH YEAR.**

Donation to Ukraine sent to Sisters of St Basil ... thanks to the generosity of "nickels and dimes" (all our tips, large and small from Monday Bingo and Sunday Coffee social) another \$300.00 in donation was collected in support of the suffering refugees and others in Ukraine. The donation was once again sent to help through the Sisters of St Basil the Great in Uniontown, PA.

End-Of-Year 2022 Offertory Statements are available. They will be distributed after liturgy on Saturday or Sunday for all who request. You may also call the Parish Office and have one sent to you. Please contact the parish office if there are any discrepancies or errors.

Candles will be blessed on Thursday for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. When Our Lord was 40 days old, He was taken to the temple to be blessed by the Righteous Simeon who recognized the Child Jesus as the Messiah, declaring, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." (Luke 2: 29-32) As Simeon acknowledged Jesus as the "light" of the world, by the blessed candles remind us of the light of Christ that we, too, must reflect to others and see in ourselves!

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$ 1663.00	Monthly/Initial	\$ 675.00
Candles	\$ 150.00	Special Gifts	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$ 220.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$ 56.00	Catholic Charities	\$ xxx.00
ECL	\$ 39.00	Total	\$ 2808.00

Additional Income: Bingo \$ 939.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$ 283.00 God Bless You!