

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD, 2021

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Propers: 152, 309-310 / 311

Saturday, January 2nd

5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy**
+Charles Dudas
by Family

Sunday, January 3rd

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
(live streamed)
Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, January 4th

No Public Services

Tuesday, January 5th—VIGIL of THEOPHANY (Obligation) with Blessing of Water

7:00 PM **Divine Liturgy**
(live streamed)

Wednesday, January 6th—HOLYDAY

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**
+Peter Dietz by Eleanor

Thursday, January 7th

No Public Services

Friday, January 8th

No Public Services

NEXT 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)

Next week, 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!

In Blessed Repose ... Please remember the soul of **+Sr Pius Yavor, OSBM**, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from St Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Perth Amboy on Monday. Sister Pius was well known to many here at St Thomas Parish and her informative and spiritual discussions were enjoyed by many! *May her memory be eternal!*

In Blessed Repose ... Please remember the soul of **+Father Anthony Skurla, OFM**, uncle of Archbishop William Skurla, who fell asleep in the Lord and will be buried on Saturday. Father Anthony, a Franciscan Friar at Holy Dormition Monastery in Sybertsville, was well-known to many over the years as a speaker and retreat master and pilgrimage director. *May his memory be eternal!*

The Parish Library is now catalogued ONLINE!! We have 300 titles! Although the library is temporarily "off limits", you can select a title through on-line browsing, and then use our NEW library email address to request a book, and our Librarians will have it ready and waiting for you after liturgy! **BooksOfStThomas@gmail.com.**



River Blessing—Yes, even THIS year we will proceed to the Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River and ask God's Blessing upon it! The blessing will take place immediately following the Divine Liturgy NEXT Sunday, 10AM. Wear good shoes for walking! HOUSE BLESSING will be done in a "special way" (Father will stand OUTSIDE the house). Make requests by phone or email.



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! NEW members, and those wishing to JOIN the parish can call the parish office at 732-382-5300 and leave a message with AnnMarie or EMAIL her at StThomasByz@aol.com. You can also inquire about ONLINE giving options. We can email you information. It's very easy! *The Wall Calendar lists the holydays, fasting days, the Saint of the day, as well as the daily Scripture readings, and a beautiful color Icon on the cover! Whether you are a member here or not, you're welcome to a calendar!*

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	\$	1859.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	20.00
Candles	\$	227.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	65.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	3690.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	34.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Peters Pence	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	5895.00

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.*