

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 31ST, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Proprs: 130, 216 / 132

Saturday, January 30th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
+George Yacik
by Carol and Justin Yacik

Sunday, January 31st

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

Monday, February 1st
HOLYDAY Vigil (Solemn)
Encounter with Simeon

7:00 PM +Louise Surmay
By Marge Sokol

Tuesday, February 1st

No Public Services

Wednesday, February 3rd

No Public Services

Thursday, February 4th

No Public Services

Friday, February 5th

No Public Services

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021

SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Proprs: 135-136, 217/ 137

Saturday Morning, February 6th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
All Souls Commemoration

Saturday Evening, February 6th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, February 7th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(live streamed)
+Peter Dietz
by Surmay Family

Do you or does someone you know need 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 or 732-668-4752.



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!



Flag Pole Repair! Did you notice that the flag is once again flying high at St Thomas Church? The flag pole filial and cord was damaged several months ago in a storm. "Do it yourself" repairs seemed unlikely because of the nature of the damage and the height. Recently, a flag pole repair service was on site to repair and to replace the damaged parts and to install a new flag! Hooray! Many thanks to Bill Graham, for accommodating the repair service people.

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!*

"Food-Less" Food Drive—Our parish is organizing a food drive to support our friends and neighbors during these difficult times. **Due to the ongoing pandemic, this will be a "food-less" food drive.** CASH or CHECKS only are being collected until February 14th. *Make checks payable to "St Thomas Church"* Volunteers will use all the money raised to purchase food in bulk for distribution to those in need. If you are interested in contributing, please bring your donations to St. Thomas between January 24th, and February 14th and drop envelopes marked "Food Drive" in the regular collection basket. You may also mail envelopes directly to the church at: St. Thomas Church 1410 Church St. Rahway, NJ 07065.

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.

Covid-19 Vaccine—Rahway has been designated a vaccination center in Union County. 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	\$	1057.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	255.00
Candles	\$	36.00	Missions	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	180.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	25.00	ECL	\$	9.00
Retired Religious	\$.00	Total	\$	1562.00

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.*