

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 6 COUNCILS

Propers: 152, 341 / 342

Saturday, July 18th

10:00 AM ORDINATION of Deacon Paul West to the Priesthood (Hillsborough)

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
+Anne Kapiec
By Family and Friends

Sunday, July 19th

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

Monday, July 20th—HOLYDAY (Simple) Feast of St Elias

9:00 AM +Susan Kayser
By Shubeck Family

Tuesday, July 21st

No Public Services

Wednesday, July 22nd

No Public Services

Thursday, July 23rd

No Public Services

Friday, July 24th

No Public Services

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, 2020

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST


Propers: 156-157 / 158

Saturday, July 25th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
+Joseph Simko
By Julie Simko and Family
BLESSING OF CARS

Sunday, July 26th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
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Delivery Assistance— If you need assistance with grocery / pharmacy pickup let us know. 

IMPORTANT — Stay up to date with current announcements by checking our Facebook Page as well as our website and your email!

<https://www.facebook.com/sainthomastheapostlebyz/>

<https://sainthomastheapostle.org/>

Zoom Coffee Social - every Sunday after Liturgy via Zoom! Join us!

AXIOS! Congratulations to Father Paul West who was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Saturday morning, July 18th at St Mary Church in Hillsborough! May God grant to His newest priest and his family peace, health and happiness for many years in the Vineyard of the Lord! *Mnohaja L'ita!*



Praying for our Graduates!—Are you or a family member graduating High School or College this year? Please write down your name, school attended, major and future plans, etc. on a paper and drop it in the collection basket, or email it to us and we will be proud to recognize you in the parish bulletin and PRAY for you at the Divine Liturgy! *Let us honor you! You earned it!*

Blessing of Cars—In the Byzantine Church, we have the custom of Blessing Cars on the Feast of St. Elias, who was taken up into Heaven on a fiery chariot. Therefore, our “chariots” will be blessed on the Holyday, as well as following the weekend liturgies for whoever wishes.

SLOWLY, BUT SURELY AND SAFELY, we are resuming indoor weekday services, starting with the Feast of St. Elias on Monday at 9AM! (Services will be in the main church, not the chapel)

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE! The Saturday evening Divine Liturgy is celebrated at 5PM; the Sunday Liturgy is celebrated at 10AM. Here’s how to reserve your seat...

- ◆ **Reserve by email!** We send out a reservation email each week around Wednesday. The first people to respond will be seated in the Church; everyone else will be seated in the Hall. Your reservation and seating location will be confirmed by email. MASKS are required!
- ◆ **Call the Parish Office** (*ONLY if you don't have email*) and reserve a seat with AnnMarie.
- ◆ **Other options**—watch us on **Facebook**, or listen on the FM radio from the church parking lot on channel **90.5 FM**.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED—Painting, sealing, repairing at your own pace with safe distancing concerns! We’ve done A LOT with a limited number of dedicated volunteers! Can YOU help, too? Please contact **John Szpyhulsky at (732) 283-3911**. *Thanks.*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1336.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	264.00
Candles	\$	20.00	ECL	\$	25.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	584.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	76.00	Seminary	\$	20.00
Peter’s Pence	\$	20.00	Total	\$	\$ 2345.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

Many Thanks for the following donations... a few kind parishioners have made some very generous donations for improvements around the parish! They wish to remain anonymous, but *we must acknowledge their kindness!* The first is a donation of approximately \$7,000.00 for the installation of new partitions and an ADA-compliant commode in the Parish Hall Ladies Room. The second donation is \$4,000.00 for the installation of new partitions (coming *very soon!*) for the Parish Hall Men's Room. Both donations were unexpected and were motivated by people who just want to do something nice for their parish and to help everyone! *May Our Lord bless them for their acts of kindness!*

We also gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$14,500.00 from our dedicated **BINGO VOLUNTEERS** (*and patrons!*) to offset the cost of some major electric work done around the parish (inside and outside) to maintain safety and security! This includes replacement of over 20 security lights, repair to outdoor parking lights, new outlets in the parish kitchen, emergency lighting in the new library, sacristy, brighter exterior lighting by the doorways, and more!