

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JULY 4TH, 2021

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Propers: 146-147 / 148

Saturday, July 3rd (live streamed)

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

Sunday, July 4th (live streamed)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
In Thanksgiving
by Anonymous

Monday, July 5th

No Public Liturgy

Tuesday, July 6th

No Public Liturgy

Wednesday, July 7th

No Public Liturgy

Thursday, July 8th

No Public Liturgy

Friday, July 9th

No Public Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 11TH, 2021

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 152 / 153

Saturday, July 10th (live streamed)

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
+Joanne Marie Daly
By Michael Daly

Sunday, July 11th (live streamed)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

This week, July 4th Weekend



**ICON FLOWERS for
Independence Day**

by Micky Finzel

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



Patriots Ball Game! Sunday July 11th at 1:05! If you are interested, please let Deacon Charles know- 908-821-2296, cjlaskowski@aol.com. Altar servers are guests of St Thomas Men's Club. There are additional tickets available, at \$25.00 per seat, but going quickly. *Please commit early!*



Upcoming events

Car Blessing—July 20th!

Wedding—July 23rd!



God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty and you are a gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong so that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. [USCCB prayer]



“Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the declaration of independence to say, “we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain alienable rights.” *John F. Kennedy*

TAKE NOTE: The Pilgrimages are ON! SLOATSBURG—The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate 67th Annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, August 14th will be held at St Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, NY. Schedule is available at www.ssmi-us.org. **UNIONTOWN**—The Sisters of St. Basil the Great 87th Annual Pilgrimage will be held at Mount St. Macrina on Sunday, September 5th. Schedule is available at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

COMBINED wedding Jubilee this year! For those who celebrated a milestone anniversary LAST year (2020) or this year (2021) the Bishop would like to invite you to be guests of honor at the **Annual Eparchial Wedding Jubilee celebration at St. Mary Church in Hillsborough on Sunday afternoon, September 26th** Please contact Ann Marie at the parish office (732-382-5300) so that your name may be submitted to receive an invitation!

NEW Covid protocols for weekend Divine Liturgies... In light of the Governor's recent mandates, MASKS are no longer mandatory indoors for persons who have been vaccinated. Masks are recommended for those unvaccinated. Safe-distancing is recommended inside our churches. Hand sanitizing stations are still in place. The dispensation for life-streaming is revoked by Bishop Kurt. Live-streaming remains in place for the sick and immobile. **Read the weekly BULLETIN, and watch LIVE on social media!** Watch us on... **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **YouTube** www.facebook.com/sainthomastheapostlebyz/ www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/ (website) www.sainthomastheapostle.org/

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1473.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	505.00
Candles	\$	99.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	87.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	5.00	ECL	\$	38.00
Peter's Pence/Seminary	\$	40.00	Total	\$	2247.00

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.*