

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, 2020**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Propers: 141-142 / 142

**Saturday, July 4th—No Services**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Sunday, July 5th**

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

**Monday, July 6th**

No Public Services

**Tuesday, July 7th**

No Public Services

**Wednesday, July 8th**


No Public Services

**Thursday, July 9th**

No Public Services

**Friday, July 10th**

No Public Services

 **Zoom Coffee Social - every Sunday** after Liturgy via Zoom! Want to participate? Send your email address to StThomasByz@aol.com

**NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12TH, 2020**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Propers: 146-147 / 148

**Saturday, July 11th**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy**  
+Dorothy Hayer  
By Pete and Shelly Kowal

**Sunday, July 12th**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**  
**(live streamed)**  
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### SATURDAY EVENING LITURGY

resumes at **5PM** beginning on **July 11th!**

**Delivery Assistance**— If you need assistance with grocery / pharmacy pickup let us know.



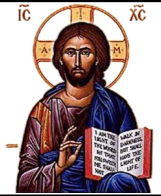
**IMPORTANT — Stay up to date with current announcements by checking our Facebook Page as well as our website and your email!**

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

<https://saintthomastheapostle.org/>

**Check website and Facebook regularly for important messages!**

True Liberty is *Independence* from sin and *Dependence* on God!  
Have a Happy Independence Day and a Blessed Dependence Day.....this day and EVERY day! Because God loves Y-O-U!



**Independence Day thought** ... "Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited!

Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Utopia, what a Paradise would this region be."

*President John Adams, Second President of the United States*

**NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY LITURGY ATTENDANCE! HOORAY!** The Saturday evening Divine Liturgy will resume on July 11th at 5PM. The Sunday Liturgy will be celebrated at 10AM. Because seating is limited, due to spacing limitations reservations are required. It's easy! Here's how...:

- ◆ **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**. Work at your own pace, keep social distance and bring a mask. *Thanks.*

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1206.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	305.00
Candles	\$		ECL	\$	14.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	44.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	5.00	Seminary	\$	
Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 1574.00

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

**M**any 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!*

**W**e 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!