

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Proprs: 146, 220 / 221

Saturday, February 29th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy

+Florence Gretskey

By Joan Gautreau

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, March 2nd—No Services

Tuesday, March 3rd—No Services

Wednesday, March 4th

6:00 PM KNITTERS and CROCHETERS

7:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE

Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory

(Presanctified Liturgy)

Intention: +Irene Surgent

By Family and Friends

Thursday, March 5th—No Services

Friday, March 6th

7:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE

Followed by LENTEN

LEARNING PRESENTATION

on book "Come and See"

(Book Provided) (Dn. Tom)

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH 1ST, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Proprs: 152, 222 / 223, 148

Saturday, March 7th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, March 8th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Gregory Geynes

By Bingo Workers



Cemetery Palm Cross Sale!

Palm Crosses for the Cemetery will be available on the **Week-end of March 14th and 15th.**

Please plan ahead. "First come first served." **Only \$10 each.**

Questions? See Pat Ciko.

Two important meetings today

- The ARS Officers and invited attendees will meet in the Library to review documentations given to them at the last meeting.
- Also, a Festival Meeting has been Scheduled at 10:30. Church Hall. Please try to attend both meetings, if possible. They're both important.

Easter Nut/Poppy/Apricot Roll Orders are now being taken. See special insert in this weeks bulletin. **Pick up will be on the weekend of March 28/29.** Please place your order TODAY on the sign-up sheet in the church, or CALL your order in to Ann Marie in the Church office on Monday. Payment in full is due NEXT weekend. **Questions? Call Christie Citsay at 732-221-0698**

Many thanks to all who participated, served, prepared, organized, cantored, set-up and cleaned up, and donated foods or desserts for our annual Pre-Lenten Brunch and Vespers of Forgiveness. About 35 people were in attendance, including Fr. Vitalij and some parishioners from St. George in Linden. What a prayerful and delicious way to begin the Great Fast! *Thank you!*

Annual Parish Lenten Retreat—Due to a scheduling conflict, the Annual Parish Retreat will be held at St. George Church in Linden this year on **Saturday, March 21st**. From 12:30 to 4PM. Once again, Fr. James Spera will conduct the retreat. St. George Church is located at 417 McCandless St, in Linden. More information will be in next week's bulletin, but for now, *save the date!*

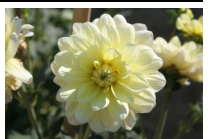


CPR Course at St Thomas—There are still opening for TWO more persons to attend the CPR/AED Certification Course on Saturday, March 28th from 9AM to 11:30 AM. We have been awarded a grant to pay for the cost of the program, so there is no charge to attend. If you are interested, please see Deacon Tom Shubeck or Caroline Shubeck ASAP, or leave a message with the parish office (732-382-5300).

Lenten Speaker Program at Hillsborough Parish - Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, will present a special Lenten Series on the remaining Fridays of Lent (March 6, 13, 20) at 12Noon and 7PM each day. The program will begin with a short Lenten Service celebrated in the church, followed by a Lenten Soup meal in the Parish Center with guest speakers. There is no charge to attend. **For more information call 908-725-0615.**

Mark your calendars! The next Flea Market is Saturday, March 14th, from 9AM to 3PM!

Are you hurting from the loss of a loved one? Fall Bereavement Group—at Robert Wood / Rahway Fitness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plains, beginning Wednesday March 11th through Wednesday, April 29th (7 consecutive Wednesdays). The group will meet from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. No fee to attend, but registration is REQUIRED.



For additional information, or to register, call Jane Dowling at 732-0247-7490

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1666.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	10.00
Candles	\$	408.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	5.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	22.00	Missions	\$	70.00
Retired Religious	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 2181.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1358.00 **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!