

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2024

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
COMMEMORATING ST MARY OF EGYPT**
Propers: 125-126, 230-231/ 231-232

Saturday, March 16th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
+John Mytrowitz
By Tom and Nora Drew

Sunday, March 17th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

4:00 PM FUNERAL of +FR JOHN ZEYACK
With Bishop Kurt presiding

Monday, March 18th

7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O!

Tuesday, March 19th—Lenten Service

8:30 AM LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, March 20th—Lenten Service

7:00 PM LITURGY OF ST GREGORY
(+Florence Gretskey
by Family and Friends)

Thursday, March 21st—No Liturgy

Friday, March 22nd—Lenten Service

7:00 PM VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY
FOR LAZARUS SATURDAY

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2024

THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM
Propers: 235-238 / 239

Saturday, March 23rd

9AM-3PM FISHERMAN'S FLEA MARKET

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
For our Parish Family

Sunday, March 24th

9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
with **BAPTISM**
+Joseph and +Catherine Lesczuk
By Joe and Joan Bresnock

**Sanctuary Lamp NEXT Week,
March 23/24, 2023**

In Memory of
+JOHN AND +LOUISE SURMAY
By Susan and Douglas Wood
Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!



Flea Market Report ... the Spring Flea Market earned \$1365 in table revenue; the kitchen (always busy!) earned \$1362 (after expenses) and the Parish Table mad a terrific \$767 for a total of **\$3,494.00!! Great job!!**

**FUNERAL SCHEDULE FOR +FATHER JOHN ZEYACK,
St Thomas Pastor from 1975 - 2003**

All Services on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

2:00 PM—4:00PM Visitation (in church)
4:00 PM Divine Liturgy with

Final Farewell, Panachida, Prayer of Absolution,
and Pouring of Oil

6:00 PM Dinner (St Thomas Social Hall)
Catering by Ill Amici's
BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!



S'Bohom! Go with God, Fr Yurii, Pani Yana and Dominika and Anastasia! Early Tuesday morning, Fr Yurii and his family departed for Florida to begin their new assignment at *All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church 10291 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917*. We wish him all the best in his new assignment! What a joy it was to have him and his family in our parish for the past few months! Father received various gifts, including official St Thomas Kitchen and Bingo aprons, a keepsake memory book, some handmade pocket crosses, as well as some other items, including a delicious lunch and YOUR prayers! You can follow him at www.allsaintsbyzantine.com.

2023 Slavonic Festival Report

Thanks to everyone's hard work, sacrifices of personal time, and culinary and creative talents, our Annual Slavonic Festival was both a blessing to the parish and to the community! Many thanks to Pete Kowal and to all parishioners and friends of St Thomas who pitched in and helped in so many ways! It might be a little late (the Festival was in October), but here's the breakdown...

Event Donations	\$13,296	homemade treats)	\$18,469
Food Income (including eat-in, take-out, of all the delicious		Expenses (all)	\$ 9,988
		Net Profit	\$21,777

THE FIFTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST is dedicated to the memory of St Mary of Egypt, a woman of extremes, who went from extreme self-indulgence to extreme self-denial. She lived for many years in solitude in the desert as an example of humility and repentance. St Mary shows the power of the virtue of humility and complete trust in God—important life lessons for OUR journey through the solitude and desert of life!

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: Including online e-giving.

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	2147.00	Monthly/Initial/Gifts	\$	269.00
Candles	\$	296.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	10.00
Flowers	\$	50.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	490.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	150.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	6.00
Retired Religious	\$	20.00	Total	\$	3438.00

Additional Income: Bingo \$ 1773.00

Bingo Kitchen: \$ 303.00 **God Bless You!**