

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY MARCH 19TH, 2023**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

Propers: 161, 226/ 226-227

**Saturday Morning, March 18th**

**Saturday Vigil, March 18th**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)**

+Charles Dudas

By Dudas Family

PANCACHIDA for +John Timko by daughters

**Sunday, March 19th, 2023**

**9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

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**5PM-8PM TEEN RETREAT**

**Monday, March 20th**

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

**Tuesday, March 21st**

**8:00 AM Typika with Holy Communion**

**Wednesday, March 22nd—LENTEN SERVICE**

**7:00 PM** Divine Liturgy of St Gregory  
+Helen Hudak by Family

**Thursday, March 23rd—No Services**

**Friday, March 24th—HOLIDAY  
VIGIL of the ANNUNCIATION (Solemn)**

**7:00 PM** +Eleanor Dietz  
By Helen Sikoriak

**NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 26TH, 2023**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

Propers: 125-126, 230-231/ 231

**Saturday Vigil, March 25th**

**5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)**

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By Pete Kowal

**Sunday, March 26th, 2023**

**8:30 AM PYSANKY CLASS**

Traditional Egg Decorating

All welcome!

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

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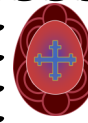
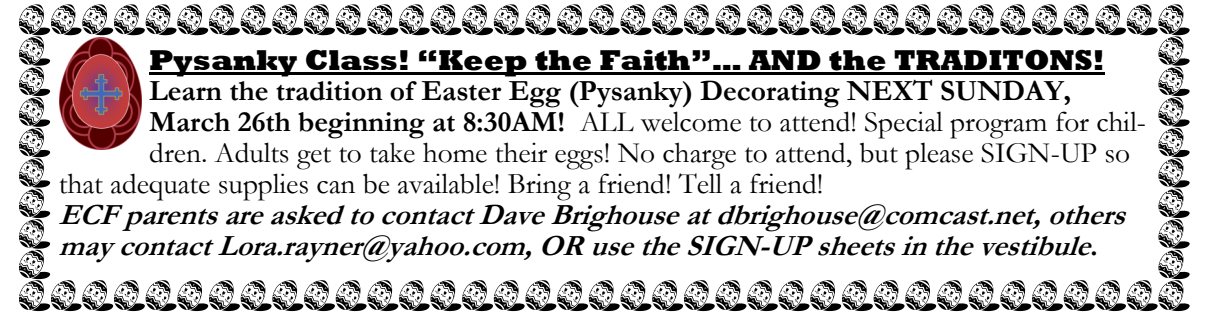
*Next week, March 26th, 2023*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

For the Blessed memory of  
+John N. and +Louise A. Surmay  
By Susan and Douglas Wood

**BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!**

**Bishop's Appeal UPDATE**—thanks to your generosity—and a final donation last week that “put us over the top”, we MADE our Bishops appeal goal this year and will receive a rebate of almost \$5,000!



**Pysanky Class! “Keep the Faith”... AND the TRADITONS!**

Learn the tradition of Easter Egg (Pysanky) Decorating **NEXT SUNDAY, March 26th beginning at 8:30AM!** ALL welcome to attend! Special program for children. Adults get to take home their eggs! No charge to attend, but please SIGN-UP so that adequate supplies can be available! Bring a friend! Tell a friend!

*ECF parents are asked to contact Dave Brighthouse at [dbrighthouse@comcast.net](mailto:dbrighthouse@comcast.net), others may contact [Lora.rayner@yahoo.com](mailto:Lora.rayner@yahoo.com), OR use the SIGN-UP sheets in the vestibule.*

**Spiritual health and wellness—EASTER CONFESSIONS!** Prepare for Easter by going to Confession! Once again, area Byzantine Catholics will have TWO opportunities for sacramental Confessions with visiting priests prior to the Easter season. The dates and locations are: **Tuesday, March 28th at 7PM at St Mary Church, 1900 Brooks Blvd., HILLSBOROUGH and Thursday, March 30th at 7PM at RAHWAY (our parish)**

**T**he Fourth Sunday with the Great Fast is dedicated to the commemoration of the St John Climacus. “Climacus” is not a name, but a title which means “of the ladder.” He was a 6th century monk who lived in a monastery in Mt Sinai. He wrote a classic treatise on a ladder with thirty steps, each representing a virtue on the pathway to heaven, known as the “Ladder of Divine Ascent”. *O venerable John, your venerable deeds show you to be a divine ladder leading us to heaven!* (tropar)

**WELCOME TEENS, TODAY!!** St Thomas ByzanTEENS welcome the teens of Divine Mercy and St Elizabeth for a Lenten retreat, TODAY, Sunday, March 19th from 5PM to 8PM with the CFR Friars of Newark! *Welcome!*

**ALL INVITED to our Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1st** Fr Spera will return to enlighten us from 12:30 PM (registration and lunch) to the Divine Liturgy at 5PM. *Pass the word! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Everyone welcome!*

**Operation Warm Heart Extended through April**—our partnership with Zion church in supporting their homeless shelter extends through April. Hot meals, cash donations and helping hands are needed and appreciated! See the list on display in church. Contact Christie Citsay with questions. **GOD BLESS YOU all!**

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1513.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	365.00
Candles	\$	317.00	Special Gifts	\$	xxx.00
Missions/ Retired Religious	\$	25.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	10.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	195.00	Flowers	\$	20.00
ECL	\$	6.00	Total	\$	2451.00

*Additional Income: Bingo \$ 1008.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$ 355.00* **God Bless You!**

