

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**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**  
**8:45 AM PYSANKY CLASS**  
**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with BAPTISM**  
+Joseph and +Catherine Lesczuk  
By Joe and Joan Bresnock

**Great and Holy Monday, March 25th—**  
**HOLYDAY—Feast of the Annunciation**  
**4:00 PM Holyday Liturgy**  
**7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O!**

**Great and Holy Tuesday, March 26th**  
**8:30 AM Typika with Holy Communion**

**Great and Holy Wednesday, March 27th—** Liturgy with Holy Anointing (Healing Service)  
**7:00 PM** Divine Liturgy of St Gregory

**Great and Holy Thursday, March 28th—** Institution of the Holy Eucharist  
**7:00 PM** Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

**Great and Holy Friday, March 29th—** The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus  
**7:00 PM** Vespers of the Crucifixion with Children's Passion Play and Procession  
**ALL NIGHT VIGIL BEFORE THE TOMB** - Friday evening through Saturday morning.

**EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST, 2024**  
**THE GREAT DAY—THE RESURRECTION!**  
Propers: 164-166 / 166-168

**Easter VIGIL, Saturday, March 30th**  
**7:00 PM PROCESSION/ RESURRECTION**  
**MATINS/ LITURGY/ BLESSING of BASKETS**

**EASTER Sunday, March 31st**  
**10:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy**  
followed by Basket Blessing

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*  
*Christos Voskresel Voistinnu Voskresel!*

**Sanctuary Lamp this Week:**  
**March 23/24, 2024**

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



**Baptized in the Lord ...** With great joy, our parish family welcomes the newest Child of God, **CHLOÉ MARIE MAIR WILDER**, who was Baptized and Chrismated in the Lord today, March 24th! To her parents Leeneka and Michael, as well as to her brother Jaiden, God-parents, Patrice and Wayne, and to all her family and friends we extend our joyful congratulations! *May God grant her many blessed and happy years!*



**FR JOHN'S FUNERAL**—Many thanks to helpers, volunteers and each one of YOU who came to Fr John's Funeral. About 200 people were in attendance, including almost 40 priests and deacons. Remarks were offered by Bishop Kurt, Bishop James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, Father Joe Loya and Father Taras Lovska. A delicious meal was served by Giovanni from *Amici's*, a dear friend of Fr John, as well as some traditional ethnic cuisine courtesy of St Thomas kitchen! Everything was truly a labor of love on that day! No doubt, +Fr John was smiling!

**Bible Study Announcement**—due to Fr John's funeral and the pysanky event, please note that the NEXT scheduled Bible Study will be Sunday, April 7th at 9:00 AM. Studies will resume with a discussion of the Gospel of St Matthew, Chapters 5 and 6. EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

**GREAT AND HOLY WEEK IS A MORE INTENSE TIME OF PRAYER AND FASTING.** In fact, it is not really even part of Lent. It is an intense and intimate journey with Our Lord as He prepares for His voluntary acceptance of the Cross. *Even if Lent wasn't everything it could have been for us, let us make every effort to make Holy Week a true journey with Our Lord to His Cross—and to the Resurrection!*

**All Night Vigil**—YES, we will once again have an “in-person” all night vigil before the Tomb of Our Lord on Good Friday evening through Holy Saturday morning. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule to see which hours are unattended. We would like to have at least TWO persons (or families) in church, every hour, all night long! Our Lord asks, “Can you not stay with me for just one hour?”



**Blessing of Easter Food Baskets** will take place in the Social Hall on Saturday, March 30th following the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Saturday evening. We will also bless baskets following the Easter Sunday Divine Liturgy. *Should you need Basket cover, candle, egg wrap, Lamb Butter mold, etc for your basket, Our Parish GIFT SHOPPE is OPEN after all Divine Liturgies and Lenten Services for your Easter shopping and liturgical needs!*

### INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: Including online e-giving.

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1455.00	Monthly/Initial/Gifts	\$	135.00
Candles	\$	211.00	Charities/Missions/Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	260.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	68.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	65.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	3.00
Retired Religious	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	2197.00

Additional Income: Bingo \$ 1690.00

Bingo Kitchen: \$ 283.00 **God Bless You!**