

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 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
Intentions of Our Parish Family

Monday, March 27th
7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O!

Tuesday, March 28th
8:00 AM Typika with Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 29th—LENTEN SERVICE
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of St Gregory
+Ann Marie Policay by Friends

Thursday, March 30th—No Services

Friday, March 31st—HOLIDAY
VIGIL of Lazarus Saturday
7:00 PM +Msgr. Raymond Misulich
By Cantor Patricia Dietz

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 2ND, 2023
PALM SUNDAY—ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM
Propers: 235-238/ 239


Saturday, April 1st
12:30 PM PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
With Father Jim Spera,
All welcome!

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (live streamed)
Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
With BAPTISM
 +Joe Gyenes
By Men's Club

EASTER CONFESSIONS 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!)*

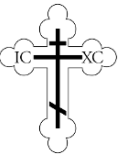
This week, March 26th, 2023

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

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!



Lenten Retreat Saturday, April 1, 2023
St Thomas Church—ALL WELCOME!
Father James Spera, Retreat Master



12:30 PM to 5PM, concluding with Confession and Divine Liturgy celebrated by Father Spera. Lunch included! *RSVP by March 28th* Call: Church Office: 732-382-5300 or SIGN-UP in church vestibule. NO CHARGE TO ATTEND.

Palm Crosses Available! - Once again we will have HANDMADE Palm Crosses (2 styles, including 3-bar Cross and 2-bar cross styles!) on a "first come, first served" basis! Perfect for cemetery or home use! They will be available THIS SUNDAY while supplies last! *Only \$20 each!*

Memorial Candles for Easter! - Please call the Parish office if you would like to offer a Memorial Candle for your loved ones for Easter. Altar Candles are \$95 each and Standing Icon candles at \$50 each. Names will be printed in the Easter Bulletin. Please call Ann Marie 732-382-5300 or StThomasByz@aol.com

THE FIFTH SUNDAY WITH THE GREAT FAST is dedicated to the commemoration of the St Mary of Egypt, a fourth-century Alexandrian saint. The most unexpected circumstances led her from a life of debauchery in a large city to the solitary life in the desert. Her life was characterized by extremes: going from extreme self-indulgence to extreme self-sacrifice and holiness. She is a model for each of us in our daily struggles. *St Mary of Egypt, pray for us!*

March Flea Market Update—56 tables were sold at our recent February Flea Market at \$30 each (\$1,680); the Parish Table netted \$731, the Kitchen earned \$1,163.40, for a total of \$3,574.40 for the day! God Bless you all!

Operation Warm Heart Extended through April—our partnership with Zion church in supporting their homeless shelter extends through April. We recently received an anonymous donation of \$1,000! Cash ALWAYS needed for last-minutes supplies! 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	\$	1379.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	705.00
Candles	\$	205.00	Special Gifts	\$	xxx.00
Missions/ Retired Religious	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	30.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	xxx.00	Flowers	\$	5.00
ECL	\$	17.00	Total	\$	2341.00

Additional Income: Bingo \$ 1177.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$ 310.00 God Bless You!

