

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2019

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 152/153

Saturday, November 16th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
+Ann Marie Policay  
By Irene and Michael Kuzma

Sunday, November 17th—TAYLOR HAM

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, November 18th – No Liturgy

Tuesday November 19th

8:30 AM +Dorothy Hayer  
by Pete and Shelly Kowal

Wednesday, November 20th

8:30 AM +Mary Ann Sakalas  
by Amelia Pinkowski

Thursday, November 21st  
HOLYDAY VIGIL (Solemn)

Entrance of the Theotokos  
7:00 PM +Joseph Simko  
by the Shubeck Family

Friday, November 22nd

8:30 AM +Dorothy Javick  
By Joe and Arlene Komnath

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2019

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 156, 268/158, 269

Saturday, November 23rd

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, November 24th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
+Keith Wancea  
By the Devitt Family



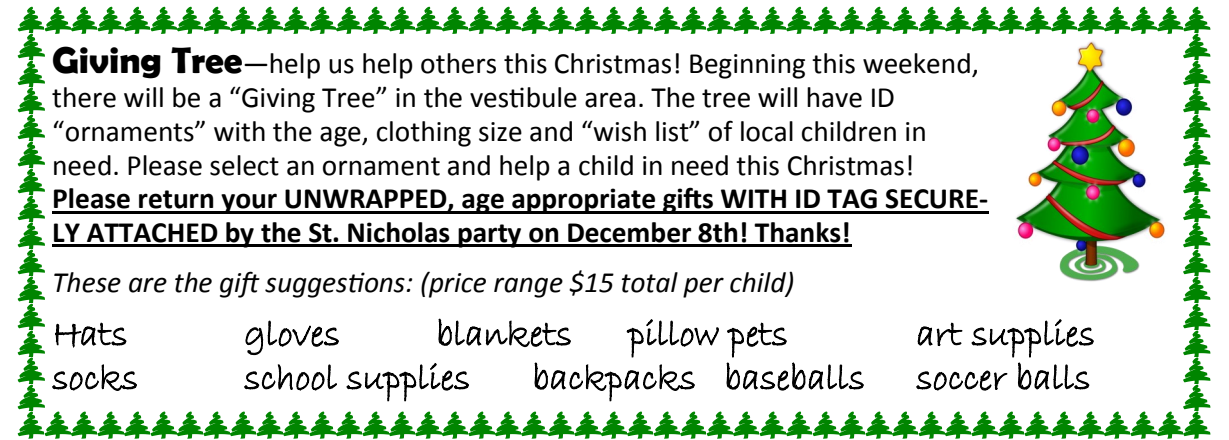
### Give the gift of Warmth this year

A collection is being made of NEW hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks. Please be generous and think of those less fortunate than ourselves this year, especially as the weather grows colder! Items may be collected in the special collection box located by the Gift Shop. They will be delivered to and distributed by Divine Mercy Parish. Thanks! God bless you!

### Words of Wisdom...

Bill Kucher says, "You can't keep trouble from coming, but you don't have to give it a chair to sit in."

Anna Yurko says, "Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile!"



**Giving Tree**—help us help others this Christmas! Beginning this weekend, there will be a "Giving Tree" in the vestibule area. The tree will have ID "ornaments" with the age, clothing size and "wish list" of local children in need. Please select an ornament and help a child in need this Christmas!

**Please return your UNWRAPPED, age appropriate gifts WITH ID TAG SECURELY ATTACHED by the St. Nicholas party on December 8th! Thanks!**



These are the gift suggestions: (price range \$15 total per child)

Hats gloves blankets pillow pets art supplies  
socks school supplies backpacks baseballs soccer balls

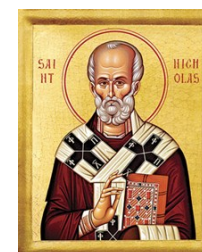
**M**any Thanks to the Festival Committee for their recent donation of \$6,000.00 to St. Thomas Parish for maintenance, care and ongoing support! Thanks to a successful Troika Dinner, charitable donations, as well as the residual festival income, our Festival account balance had grown to \$11,323 following the Troika Dinner. Retaining what is needed for anticipated Festival expenses in May 2020, a generous donation was recently made to the parish of \$6,000.00! Well done! *Many thanks to all those of within our parish, as well as the Friends of St. Thomas Parish, who made this day a success!*

**FLEA MARKET INCOME**—Many thanks to our hard-working Flea Market organizers, volunteers and patrons! Thanks to their collective hard work and support 59 tables were sold(\$1,475), the Parish Table earned \$400.00; and the Kitchen earned \$906.00 for a total of \$2,781.00! God bless you for a job well done! *Our Christmas theme Flea Market is Saturday, December 14th*

### INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1366.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	240.00
Candles	\$	104.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holy days	\$	109.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	201.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Catholic Charities	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 2020.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$788.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**



### St. Nicholas Celebration Registration for Sunday, December 8th

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Adults at \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ #Seniors at \$8 \_\_\_\_\_ #Students at \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (under 12) at \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (under 5) free!

**Please return by Sunday, December 1st (drop in collection basket)**  
**Make checks payable to "St. Thomas Church."**

**M**any 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!*

**W**e 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!