

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2019

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 156, 268/158, 269

Saturday, November 23rd—TAYLOR HAM

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, November 24th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Keith Wancea
By the Devitt Family

Monday, November 25th

8:30 AM +Dorothy Javick

By Joe and Arlene Komnath

Tuesday November 26th

8:30 AM +Michael Lozinak

by Family

Wednesday, November 27th

THANKSGIVING EVE

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

*with Special Prayers
for Thanksgiving*
Intention: +Peter Dietz
by Marge Ribnicki

Thursday, November 28th – No Liturgy

Friday, November 29th – No Liturgy

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2019

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Propers: 161, 162 / 163

Saturday, November 30th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, December 1st

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Charles Krawec
By Ciko and Siciliano Families



Thanksgiving Day 2019

ICON FLOWERS In thanksgiving
for all God's Blessings!
By Pat and Micky Finzel

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!!

Giving Tree—two trees are conveniently located in each vestibule.

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) Here are the suggested gifts: Hats, gloves, blankets, pillow pets, art supplies, socks, school supplies, backpacks, baseballs, soccer balls.



In Blessed Repose... please remember the soul of +**STEVE HASCHIN**, originally a member of Sts Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Elizabeth, then Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church in Tom's River, and more recently, a resident in Chicago, IL, who fell asleep in the Lord last week and was buried from our parish on Saturday. To his family and friends, especially to Helen Hudak and Deacon Tom Shubeck, of our parish, we extend our heartfelt condolences. *May his memory be eternal!*

Christmas Memorial Candles Available for Sponsorship—there will be two opportunities to remember your loved ones in a special way at Christmas: five (5) Altar Candles are still available for memorial of \$75 each; and three (3) Hanging Icon Votive Candles are available for sponsorships of \$40 each. All candles will burn on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the weekend after Christmas. Please contact Ann Marie at the Parish Office, or leave a message, **before December 15th**. Please note YOUR name and the name of the person (living or deceased) you wish to remember. *Thanks!*



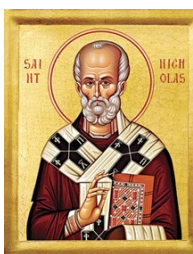


BISHOP'S APPEAL: By now, every parishioner should have received a letter from Bishop Kurt and the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. If you have NOT received a pledge card, please call Fr. Jim or AnnMarie in the Parish Office (732-382-5300) for an extra copy. Please send your donation directly to the chanery with checks payable to "Eparchy of Passaic." Or, you may go online and make your contributions directly at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on the "Giving" tab. **Our goal this year is \$12,400.** IF each family makes a pledge of \$200, we will ONCE AGAIN reach our goal AND get a guaranteed refund of \$4,960.00! That would be a great blessing for us, *as it was last year!* THANKS!

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1816.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	58.00
Candles	\$	78.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holy days	\$	97.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	117.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Catholic Charities	\$	100.00	Total	\$	\$ 2266.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$799.00 **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."

Many 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!*

We 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!