

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 2021

FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proprs: 141, 263 / 264

Saturday, October 16th (live streamed)

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

Sunday, October 17th

9:00 AM NO ECF (special event today!)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Lucinda Alepis
By Ann Rampello

11:15 AM **ECF HALLOWEEN PARTY!**

Monday, October 18th

7:30 PM BINGO!



Tuesday, October 19th

No Public Liturgy

Wednesday, October 20th

No Public Liturgy

Thursday, October 21st

No Public Liturgy

Friday, October 22nd

No Public Liturgy

Yellow Cake Mix Needed for BINGO!

New helpers always welcome for Bingo!

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 24TH, 2021

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proprs: 146-147 / 148

Saturday, October 23rd (live streamed)

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
For our Parish Family

Sunday, October 24th

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+James Richard Strickland
By Theresa Chapman



This week, October 17th, 2021

The SANCTUARY LAMP burns

For the Blessed memory of

+ANTHONY PREGO

By Andrea and Wayne Kobelas

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!

Knitters & Crocheters will re-sume meeting October 20th!

Our Knitters and Crocheters will re-sume their ministry on **Wednesday,**

October 20th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall!

New folks welcome! No experience necessary!

They make nice things for people in need! A

great ministry! See Lora Rayner for details!



Praying for Vocations—A copy of the Vocation Icon was given to Anna Yurko last weekend as she promised to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life for one week. The original icon remains in church. A copy (*yours to keep*) is entrusted to everyone who commits to a week of prayer. A copy of a booklet of daily prayers (*also, yours to keep*) is also given to everyone who commits to pray. *If YOU would like to make such a prayer commitment, simply refer to the sign-up sheet in the vestibule and pick a date!*

ByzanTEEN Retreat! Co-leaders Mike Hessler and Deacon Tom are happy to announce that the ByzanTEENS will have a Philip's Fast Evening of Recollection on Sunday evening, November 14th! The special guests leading the evening will be Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from the Newark Friary. They will also be doing something in support of the Friars' Thanksgiving food give-away for the poor in their Newark neighborhood. Please pass the word to all ByzanTEENS and save the date! *Good things are happening!*

2021 St Thomas Festival Report ...

Thanks to everyone's hard work, and sacrifices of personal time, and culinary talents, our Annual Slavonic Festival was an event that was both a BLESSING to the parish and GREATLY appreciated by our local community! It was non-stop all day long! MANY THANKS to Pete Kowal and ALL who helped in so many ways! *Here's the breakdown:*

Event Donations	\$1,249.00
Food Income (including walk-ins/pre-orders of Kielbasa, Holubki, Pirohi, Chicken Paprikash, Goulash, Barley Soup, Borscht, Haluski, Troika Platters, Potato Pancakes, Desserts, etc.)	\$12,874.50
50/50 Raffle	\$ 580.00
Less expenses	\$ 2,500.00
Net Profit	\$12,203.50

Many thanks to Flea Market Vendors and Helpers! Our FIRST Flea Market in 19 months had 40 tables (\$1,000), the hard-working volunteers of the Parish Table netted \$334 in sales, coupled with proceeds from an earlier Yard Sale of \$487.00; and the dedicated chefs of the Parish Kitchen sold \$800.00 in food sales, for a grand total of \$2,621 for the first Flea Market since early 2020! Great job!

NEW Covid protocols for weekend Divine Liturgies... In light of the Governor's recent mandates, MASKS are no longer mandatory indoors for persons who have been vaccinated. Masks are recommended for those unvaccinated. Watch us on... **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **YouTube**
www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/ www.saintthomastheapostle.org/ (website)
www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1310.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	307.00
Candles	\$	81.00	ECL	\$	27.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	65.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	130.00	ECF	\$	10.00
Catholic Charities	\$	30.00	Total	\$	1960.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1892.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

BYZANTINE MONASTERY CLOSING—Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary, in Sybertsville, PA will close as of January 2021. Father Jerome, OFM stated that this is mainly due to the lack of available Friars. **On January 31, at 2pm, they will have a final prayer service to close the chapel**, with a reception if conditions permit. The friars are still able to honor all intentions and memorials; and will continue to pray for all of their benefactors. *They ask for your prayers at this difficult time.*