

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 2021**

**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Proprs: 130-131 / 132

**Saturday, October 2nd (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM**

**Divine Liturgy**

For our Parish Family

**Sunday, October 3rd (live streamed)**

**9:00 AM**

**ECF (Sunday School)**

**10:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

+Mary Dietz

By Cantor Patricia Dietz

**Monday, October 4th—FUNERAL**

**10:00 AM**

Funeral of +Carmella Schill

Eternal Memory!

**Monday evening, October 4th**

**7:30 PM**

**BINGO!**

**Tuesday, October 5th**

No Public Liturgy

**Wednesday, October 6th**

No Public Liturgy

**Thursday, October 7th**

No Public Liturgy

**Friday, October 8th**

No Public Liturgy



**NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 2021**

**20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Proprs: 135-136 / 137

**Saturday, October 9th (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM**

**Divine Liturgy**

For our Parish Family

**Sunday, October 10th (live streamed)**

**9:00 AM**

**ECF (Sunday School)**

**10:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy**

+Eleanor Dietz

By Altar Rosary

## Festival THANK YOUS!

To all hard-working volunteers, friends and patrons! It was a huge success! A report will be available within 2 weeks! THANKS again from the Festival Committee and Peter Kowal!

**Festival Dessert THANKS** ... a HUGE thanks you to all of the generous and talented bakers who supported our Slavonic Food Festival! It would not have been a success without you. Thank you again! (from Patti Dudas, Dessert Chair) .

**Festival RAFFLE WINNER!** Congratulations to Kathy Robles (ticket #1371) who won \$580!

**Yellow Cake Mix Needed for BINGO!**

(yes, its that time again!)

**In Blessed Repose**—please remember the soul of +HANNA ALNAJAR, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from our parish on Wednesday. He joins his beloved daughter, +Dina, in the arms of the Lord! To his wife, Najla, of our parish, as well as to his children and grandchildren, family and friends, we extend our heartfelt condolences. *May his memory be eternal!*

## BYZANTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PICNIC!

**Sunday, October 3rd at 12 Noon, William Warren Park**

**Picnic Grove 1A at Florida Grove Road (off St. Georges Ave), Woodbridge**



**C**ome join Bishop Kurt and our neighboring Byzantine Catholic Parishes for a day of food, fellowship and fun at William Warren Park (just off St. Georges Ave, on Florida Grove Road in Woodbridge).

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, but we are also requesting donations of homemade desserts (individually wrapped), other foods and treats. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs, as seating at the picnic site is very limited.

*The picnic will be held on October 3rd, 2021 at 12 Noon, at Warren Park, Picnic Grove 1A, Florida Grove Road, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.*

No charge to attend! Activities for ECF Students! **PETS WELCOME!**



**S**unday School (ECF) begins TODAY Sunday, October 3rd at 9AM! **WELCOME BACK!** Gather at the ICON CORNER outside the CHAPEL (in the back vestibule) for prayer and to meet the teachers! Please contact Colleen Horniacek at Colleenah82@gmail.com or call her at 908-420-5189.

**P**urrrfect Pet Blessing—many thanks to Lora Rayner and her helpers who hosted our annual Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St Mammias! About 25 pets from around the parish and around the neighborhood were blessed with a prayer, plus a certificate and a keepsake key-chain with an icon of St Mammias and a Prayer for Pets! Well done!

**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/](http://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/) [www.saintthomastheapostle.org/](http://www.saintthomastheapostle.org/) (website)  
[www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/](http://www.instagram.com/stthomastheapostlebyz/)

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1419.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	75.00
Candles	\$	63.00	ECL	\$	3.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	45.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	25.00	ECFL	\$	10.00
Retired Religious	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	1640.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1364.00 **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.*