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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 2021 **19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Propers: 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 Funeral of +Carmella Schill 10:00 AM Eternal Memory!

Monday evening, October 4th **BINGO!**

7:30 PM

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** Propers: 135-136 / 137

Saturday, October 9th (live streamed) **Divine Liturgy** 5:00 PM For our Parish Family

Sunday, October 10th (live streamed) 9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School) 10:00 AM **Divine Liturgv** +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) .

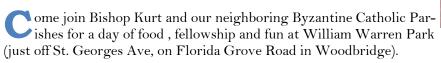
Festival RAFFLE WINNER! Congratulations to Kathy Robles (ticket #1371) who won \$580!

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





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!

< 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.

D urrrfect Pet Blessing—many thanks to Lora Rayner and her helpers who hosted our annual Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St Mammas! About 25 pets from around the parish and around the neighborhood were blessed with a prayer, plus a certificate and a keepsake keychain with an icon of St Mammas and a Praver 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/ www.saintthomastheapostle.org/ (website) 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	1	Гotal	\$ 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*.