

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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Served by Right Rev. Archpriest James G. Hayer, with the ministry of Deacons Charles Laskowski and Deacon Thomas Shubeck, and Cantor Patricia Dietz and Cantor Doreen Plahovinsak

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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021**

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS**

Propers: 156-157, 243-244 / 251

**Saturday, September 11th (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM** Divine Liturgy  
for our parish family

**Sunday, September 12th (live streamed)**

**10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy  
+Helen Waricka  
by ESMC Team

**Monday, September 13th**

No Public Liturgy

**Tuesday, September 14th**

**Solemn HOLYDAY**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**7:00 PM** +William Fitzula  
By Family and Friends

**Wednesday, September 15th**

No Public Liturgy

**Thursday, September 16th**

No Public Liturgy

**Friday, September 17th**

No Public Liturgy

The most valuable antiques  
are old friends!

**NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021**

**SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS**

Propers: 156-157, 243-244 / 251

**Saturday, September 18th (live streamed)**

**5:00 PM** Divine Liturgy  
for our parish family

**Sunday, September 19th (live streamed)**

**10:00 AM** Divine Liturgy  
+Eleanor Dietz  
by the Shubeck Family

**FESTIVAL NEWS!** The 2021 Annual Slavonic Festival will be **"Take-out" only on Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th.** A full menu including troika (stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, and pirohi) dinners, as well as homemade goulash, chicken paprikash with dumplings, and other Slavic treats will be available! **PASS the WORD and DISTRIBUTE the FLYERS!** Thanks!



**BINGO IS BACK!** We will resume bingo games at St Thomas on Monday, September 27th at 7:30PM! Pass the word!



FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDA ...we have some Shoprite GIFT CARDS that may be used for groceries or a HOT MEAL! See one of the deacons after Liturgy, or stop at the parish office during regular hours. They can be for you or a neighbor in need. Each gift envelope contains a Prayer, a note, and a Gift Card. During times like this, we are ALL Good Samaritans!

**Slavonic Food Fest at St Michael's Cathedral** Chapel (445 Lackawanna Ave, Woodland Park)—**Saturday, September 18th 11AM—4PM**, drive through or walk-in. For info or pre-orders, text 201-370-2656 or email [vlasta.berry@gmail.com](mailto:vlasta.berry@gmail.com). *All your favorite foods!*

**M**any Thanks to the holubki makers! Thanks to the dedication of our crew of volunteers, over 2,000 holubki were made with love and care in preparation for our "Take Out" Slavonic Festival on **Saturday, September 25th (12 Noon—7PM) and Sunday, September 26th (10AM to 2PM)**. Mark your calendars, pass out the flyers, and tell your friends! All your favorite foods to go! Plus, some great desserts, including homemade kolachi and more!



**S**unday School (ECF) begins on Sunday, October 3rd at 9AM! Registration forms will be available next week (September 19th). To enroll your child in ECF, please contact Colleen Horniacek at [Colleenah82@gmail.com](mailto:Colleenah82@gmail.com) or call her at 908-420-5189.

**"Safe Environment Certification"**—reminder that ALL Sunday School teachers and assistance, as well as all those who work with youth in our parish must participate in the Safe Environment Certification program on Sunday, September 19th, immediately after Liturgy.

**OUTDOOR PET BLESSING, Saturday, September 18th, 10AM!** Annual blessing of pets will take place (rain or shine) on Saturday, September 18th at 10AM. Gather in the large parking area by the main entrance of the Social Hall; remain in your cars and tune in to 90.5 FM to hear the blessing prayer, then drive to the rotunda for a blessing! *Public invited! Everyone tail welcome!*

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

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1238.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	312.00
Candles	\$	75.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	96.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	50.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Retired Religious	\$	15.00	Total	\$	1786.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.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.*