

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2019**

**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Propers: 135, 136/137

**Saturday, August 31st**

**5:30 PM Divine Liturgy**

*Intentions of our Parishioners*

**Sunday, September 1st**

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

+Dina Al Najar

*By Parents and Family*

**Monday, September 2nd—No Liturgy**

**Tuesday, September 3rd**

**8:30 AM +Michelle Evans**

*by Grandma, Dolores Evans*

**Wednesday, September 4th—No Liturgy**

**Thursday, September 5th**

**7:00 PM +Deceased of Hando Family**

*by Irene Hando*

**Friday, September 6th**

**8:30 AM +Elizabeth Skrepenak**

*by George Wudmaska*

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019**

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

**BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Propers: 141,243 / 247,244

**Saturday, September 7th**

**5:30 PM Divine Liturgy**

+William Fitzsimmons

*By Friends at St. Thomas Church*

**Sunday, September 8th**

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

*Intentions of our Parishioners*

A lady was pondering her many troubles one day when suddenly an Angel appeared to her and told that the Lord would grant her one wish! She said, "Ask the Lord if He would build me a private bridge to Hawaii so I could drive there anytime I want to!" The Angel said, "Your request is rather selfish. Why don't you take a little more time and think of something else." After a while, the lady said, "Ok, then please ask the Lord to help me understand my husband, my kids, and to know what I should believe in the news." After a few minutes the Angel said, "The Lord wants to know if you would like that bridge with two lanes or four?" ☺

**Happy New Church Year!** This Sunday (September 1st) marks the Byzantine New Year of 7526! It is ALSO the beginning of the new liturgical year. That's the time when the cycle of Holy Day celebrations "resets" itself, and we once again begin the journey to the Birth and Crucifixion and Resurrection of Our Lord and await the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon us!!

Feeling Stressed? Need to think and pray? Want to recharge?  
Visit at the "Mary Theotokos Center" in Vermont!



**M**ary Theotokos Monastic Retreat Center is a Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic retreat center in northeastern Vermont. The Retreat Center is situated on some of the most pristine, natural, and beautiful landscape in the country, far removed from the noise and distractions of the world. They are located on 280 acres of beautiful forest, pasture and trout streams, all available for exploration. They have a small working farm that welcomes participation. They are open to host an individual, group or youth retreat for a day, weekend or a week. They are open year

round. They also have a *poustinia* (hermitage) available for quiet reflection.

Mary Theotokos Monastic Retreat Center was founded in the early 1980's, and has hosted retreatants from all over the world, large varieties of lay groups, college students, parishes, youth groups as well as religious orders, individual priests and nuns. **What a perfect way to begin the new year!** *Mary Theotokos Center is located at 572 Lake Road, Newark, VT 05871. Call for more information 802-467-3009. Visit them online at <https://marytheotokosvt.org/home-page>.*

**Slavic Dinners are Here Again!** - St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, will resume the Slavic Dinners on Wednesday, **September 11, 2019** from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under)** and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615.

- ◆ **Saturday, September 14th—Trivia Night! HURRY! Only three tables left!**  
*Food & Fun! 7:30PM (Call Lora at 732-221-3104)*
- ◆ **Sunday, September 15th— Wedding Jubilee Celebration (3PM at Hillsborough Parish)**
- ◆ **Saturday, September 21st—Annual Pet Blessing (10AM in Social Hall)**
- ◆ **Sunday, September 29th—Parish Festival in Elizabeth, and YOU'RE invited!** *Our neighbors of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 309 Grier Ave, in Elizabeth, invite you to enjoy food, beverages, games of chance and fun for children of all ages! The festivities will be in the Church Hall and in front of the Church on Grier Ave, which will be closed to traffic until 6PM!*



### INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1114.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	55.00
Candles	\$	86.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Fuel	\$	5.00	Holy days	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	20.00	Flowers	\$	xxx.00
Seminary/Peter's Pence	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 1330.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1045.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**