

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

Propers: 152, 250-251 / 252

Saturday, September 12th

5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy**

+Anna Kuzma

By JoAnn and Richard Lozak

Sunday, September 13th

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

(live streamed)

Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, September 14th—HOLYDAY

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn)

7:00 PM +Irene Jaros

By Family and Friends

Tuesday, September 15th

No Public Services

Wednesday, September 16th

No Public Services

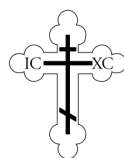
Thursday, September 17th

No Public Services

Friday, September 18th

No Public Services

Zoom Coffee Social - every Sunday after Liturgy via Zoom! Join us!



NEXT SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020

SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Propers: 156-157, 254-255 / 259

Saturday, September 19th

5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy**

+Theodore G. Loya

By John and Chris Szyphulsky

Sunday, September 20th

9:15 AM **FIRST CONFESSION**

(Ethan Faricelli)

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

(live streamed)

Intentions of our Parishioners

12 Noon **BAPTISM (George Hofmann)**

Delivery Assistance— If you need assistance with grocery / pharmacy pickup let us know.



IMPORTANT — Stay up to date with current announcements by checking our Facebook Page as well as our website and your email!

<https://www.facebook.com/saintthomastheapostlebyz/>

<https://saintthomastheapostle.org/>

Man of the Year—Congratulation to **JOHN SZPYHULSKY**, recently honored as “Man of the Year” by our Men’s Club! Since retiring from the Postal Service, where he held the position of Mail Processing Manager, John has been extremely active at St Thomas Church as a volunteer! In addition to overseeing the Monday Night Bingo Kitchen, John has supervised and coordinated numerous projects and activities around the parish, including the recent “summer quarantine” project of repainting and sealing the parking lot. Each project is undertaken with enthusiasm and without hesitancy. He has a knack of working well with people and making them feel welcome! His and his wife Chris have three children, John, Karen, and Andrew, and one grandchild. *Congratulations!*

Pet Blessing—NEXT Saturday, September 19th at 10AM!! Our Parish will host our annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, September 19th at 10AM! This year, the service will be held outdoors in the parking lot! Please stay in your cars with your four-legged friends! *Rain or shine!* Blessing starts promptly at 10AM. **PASS the word! Public is invited to attend!**



Friendly (but important) reminder—PLEASE make sure that your face masks cover your mouth AND your nose when inside church! Sometimes they slip off with our even realizing it, but please don't be offended if the ushers remind you to cover your nose! *Thanks!*

On-Line Giving—If you've not yet re-registered for Online giving please consider doing so! Our new host is “My E-Offerings”. You make your offering through our website, and its quite easy to register! If you're traveling or unable to attend weekend services, our church still has a source of regular support. This is very helpful and appreciated! Please consider it! *Thanks!*



Reserve your seat for Liturgy Each Week! The Saturday evening Divine Liturgy is celebrated at 5PM; the Sunday Liturgy is celebrated at 10AM. Here's how to reserve your seat:

- ◆ **Reserve by email!** We send out a reservation email each week around Wednesday. The first people to respond will be seated in the Church; everyone else will be seated in the Hall. Your reservation and seating location will be confirmed by email. MASKS are required!
- ◆ **Call the Parish Office** (*ONLY if you don't have email*) and reserve a seat with AnnMarie.
- ◆ **Other options**—watch us on **Facebook**, or listen on the FM radio from the church parking lot on channel **90.5 FM**.

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

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	2546.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	379.00
Candles	\$	62.00	ECL	\$	6.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	117.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	25.00	ECF	\$	10.00
Charities	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$3145.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

Many Thanks for the following donations... a few kind parishioners have made some very generous donations for improvements around the parish! They wish to remain anonymous, but *we must acknowledge their kindness!* The first is a donation of approximately \$7,000.00 for the installation of new partitions and an ADA-compliant commode in the Parish Hall Ladies Room. The second donation is \$4,000.00 for the installation of new partitions (coming *very soon!*) for the Parish Hall Men's Room. Both donations were unexpected and were motivated by people who just want to do something nice for their parish and to help everyone! *May Our Lord bless them for their acts of kindness!*

We also gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$14,500.00 from our dedicated **BINGO VOLUNTEERS** (*and patrons!*) to offset the cost of some major electric work done around the parish (inside and outside) to maintain safety and security! This includes replacement of over 20 security lights, repair to outdoor parking lights, new outlets in the parish kitchen, emergency lighting in the new library, sacristy, brighter exterior lighting by the doorways, and more!