

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2019

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Propers: 141, 290, 303 / 142, 304

Saturday, January 4th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy
+Florence Gretskey
By Dorothy and Jerry

Sunday, January 5th- TAYLOR HAM!

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday Afternoon, January 5th

VIGIL OF THEOPHANY (Obligation)

GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER

4:00 PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
With Blessing of Water
+John Surmay
By Barbara Place

Monday, January 6th

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD (Obligation)

9:00 AM +Florence Gretskey
by Peter Kowal

Tuesday, January 7th

8:30 AM +Dorothy Hayer
by Andy Lech

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE. Continued

Wednesday, January 8th

8:30 AM +Anna Sochko
by MM Tom Lishofsky

6:00 PM KNITTERS and CROCHETERS
(Library)

Thursday, January 9th—No Liturgy

Friday, January 10th

7:00 PM +Ann Marie Policay
by Family and Friends

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2020

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Propers: 152, 316-317/ 318

Saturday, January 11th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy
Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 12th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Mae Maimone
By Linda Cwiekalo

ANNUAL RIVER BLESSING

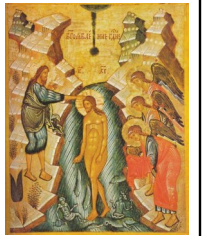
Followed by Hot Chocolate Social

12:00 Noon Christmas Party for ARS and
Men's Club Members at Amici's

NEXT SUNDAY! ANNUAL RIVER BLESSING!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, AFTER LITURGY!

Following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, January 12th, we will proceed to the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River on the corner of Central Ave and St. Georges Avenue and bless the Rahway River. The highlight of which will be the insertion of a Cross made of ice into the River. *All are welcome to participate!*



Are you anticipating marriage in 2020? If so, a preparation session (required for all Catholic weddings) will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral on Sunday, February 8th. An online assessment must be completed by January 30th. Instructors will include our own Deacon Tom Shubeck. Or, you may contact Fr. Jack Custer at St. Michael Cathedral at Passaiccathedral@gmail.com

Slavic Dinner in Hillsborough—St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will resume the Slavic Dinners on Wednesday, **January 8, 2020** from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. **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. **The February dinner will be held February 12, 2020.**

Many thanks to the Flea Market Committee of St. Thomas Church ... for their Christmas donation of \$5,000.00 to our parish for ongoing expenses, projects and charitable deeds. *God bless the cooks, helpers, organizers and patrons of our monthly Flea Markets!*



KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS will meet on Wednesday, January 8th at 6PM in the Library. Start the New Year off right by helping with these charitable projects! *(Plus, you get some good desserts!)*

REGISTRATION DUE TOMORROW! For the Annual Combined Christmas Party—for Altar Rosary Society (ARS) and the Men's Club on **Sunday, January 12th** at 12 Noon (*immediately after the River Blessing*) at Amici's, Elizabeth Ave in Linden. To attend, members of the ARS are asked to call Christie Citsay at 732-221-0698; members of the Men's Club are asked to call Bill Graham at 732-877-8004. *Please let your organization leaders know TODAY if you plan to attend! Thanks!*

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1758.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	115.00
Candles	\$	204.00	ECL	\$	3.00
Flowers	\$	50.00	Holy days/Christmas	\$	5440.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	70.00	Special	\$	20.00
Catholic Charities	\$	10.00	Total	\$	\$ 7670.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1068.00 **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!