

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2017

SUNDAY OF DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES

Propers: pg. 143, 302-3-3/pg. 304

Saturday, December 30th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
For Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
+Anna Rudo By Gloria Ryan  
and Joan Gautreau

NEW YEARS EVE, December 31st

VIGIL of SOLEMN HOLYDAYS

(Circumcision of Our Lord and Feast of St. Basil)

4:00 PM SOLEMN HOLYDAY LITURGY  
followed by POTLUCKSOCIAL

Monday, January 1st—No Liturgy

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:30 AM +Mary Kosick by Estate

Wednesday, January 3rd—No Liturgy

Thursday, January 4th—No Liturgy

Friday, January 5th—Vigil of Theophany

SANCTIFICATION OF WATER  
7:00 PM +Paul Shubeck  
by Ann Marie Howlett

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2018

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Propers: pg. 152, 317 /pg. 317-318

Saturday, January 6th—THEOPHANY

9:00 AM +Peter Dietz  
by St. Thomas Men's Club

Saturday Evening, January 6th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
For Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 7th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
+Helen Waricka By ESMC Team

10:30 AM FESTIVAL MEETING

11:00 AM RIVER BLESSING

(Procession to Robinson Branch of  
Rahway River on Central/St Georges Ave.)



Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

In Memory of

+ROBERT YELENOVSKY

By Sandra Yelenovsky

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!



## ANNUAL RIVER BLESSING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH 11AM

It is a custom in the Byzantine Catholic Church to ask God's Blessings upon the local tributaries on the Sunday following Theophany. Therefore, following the Celebration of the Divine Liturgy on January 7th, we will process to the Robinson Branch of the Rahway River on the corner of Central Ave and St. Georges Ave. And bless the river. The highlight of which will be the insertion of a Cross made of ice into the River.

All are invited to attend! Please dress warmly (especially children!) and wear boots and gloves! We will then return to the church for some HOT CHOCOLATE to warm up!

Bus Available for the Annual "March for Life"—January 19, 2018



Come join us and celebrate life! A bus will leave St. John the Apostle Church in Linden after the 6 AM Liturgy to depart to Washington DC for the March for Life. This annual event commemorates the Holocaust of abortion since 1973 when the Supreme Court passed *Roe v. Wade*. The bus is free, but there will be a freewill offering. A bag lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. The bus will drop off Marchers at the National Mall, and will also visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those who would like to remain and pray. The bus returns to Saint John immediately after the March. Please reserve your seat by calling 908-486-6363.



Knitters and Crocheters—will meet in the Library on Wednesday, January 10th at 6PM to work on projects which will be donated to the needy. Everyone is welcome!

Holubki Dates—Come learn the fine art of making "holubki" (stuffed cabbage) on Saturday, January 13th and 20th, from 8AM to 1PM each day!

BCY Ski Trip Weekend—Friday, January 26th through Sunday, January 28th!



VOCATION ICON— This week the Vocation Icon goes from the home of Samuel W. Doman to the home of Lisette Ramos. Please sign up in the vestibule to take home the icon for one week. The sign-up sheet for 2018 is now ready!

### INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering	\$	1208.00	Monthly Offering	\$	5.00
Candles	\$	56.00	Maintenance	\$	xxx.00
Christmas	\$	xxx.00	Holy Days	\$	32.00
Flowers	\$	45.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Fuel	\$	5.00	Total	\$	\$ 1351.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.00

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!