

# St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

Propers: pg. 140,285-287/pg. 287

Saturday, December 23rd

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
For Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
+Agnes Lozinak By Maria Mingo

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24th

7:30 PM GREAT COMPLINE  
and Christmas Caroling  
8:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25th

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Tuesday, December 26th—HOLYDAY  
Synaxis of the Theotokos (Solemn)

9:00 AM +Mary Kosick By Estate

Wednesday, December 27th—HOLYDAY

7:00 PM +Gus Davis By Gloria Ryan

Thursday, December 28th—No Liturgy

Friday, December 29th—No Liturgy

NEXT 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 31th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
+Agnes Lozinak By Maria Mingo

NEW YEARS EVE, December 31st

4:00 PM SOLEMN HOLYDAY LITURGY  
followed by POTLUCK SOCIAL



Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

In Memory of

+GEORGE FARRARA, +KENNY KUNTZ,  
AND BABY FRANK RUSSO

By Maria Mingo

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

**R**iver Blessing — We will again  
BLESS the Rahway River at St.  
Georges Ave and Central Ave., pro-  
cessing from our Church at 11:00 AM  
on Sunday, January 7th. More details  
forthcoming! Please save the date!

## New Year's Eve Celebration 2018!

"PRAYER & POTLUCK!" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4PM

Divine Liturgy on Sunday afternoon at 4PM, followed by a Potluck Social at 5PM.  
Bring an Appetizer, a Main Course, a Side Dish, a Dessert, etc. The Sign-up Sheet is on  
the Bulletin Board in the Parish Center. Questions? Call Maryann at 908-518-0107



- ◆ 4:00 PM — Divine Liturgy (Vigil Liturgy for the Solemn Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, the Feast of St. Basil the Great, and, of course, prayers for New Year's Day!)
- ◆ 5PM-7:30 PM — Food! Bring as much as you want, eat as much as you want!

**T**HANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—The Catholic Charities of Union County extends a sincere word of thanks to all the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for their generous donation of **hats, scarves and gloves**, especially during this cold, Christmas season. Your kindness is much appreciated! *Many thanks to all who participated! God Bless You!*

**T**HE ECF PROGRAM (Eastern Christian Formation/Sunday School) would like to express their sincere thanks to the ARS for hosting the Christmas Party, to the GCU for their amazing goodie bags, and to Cantor Patricia Dietz for leading a discussion on the Nativity Icon. In their own words, "We all learned something new and had fun doing it!"

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FROM OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS—Many thanks to the **ARS (Altar Rosary Society)** for their generous Christmas donation of \$10,000 to St. Thomas Parish!

**AND, many thanks also to the Flea Market Committee** for their generous Christmas donation of \$5,000 to St. Thomas Parish! *Both of these generous donations represent many, many long hours of dedicated and committed work for our parish! We ALL say THANK YOU to each of their hard-working members! God Bless you!*

**VOCATION ICON**— This week the Vocation Icon goes from the home of Deacon Tom Shubeck and Family to the home of Samuel W. Doman. **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	\$	1669.00	Monthly Offering	\$	76.00
Candles	\$	264.00	Maintenance	\$	169.00
Christmas	\$	xxx.00	Holy Days	\$	66.00
Flowers	\$	223.00	ECF	\$	xxx.00
Fuel	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 2467.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$981.00

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**