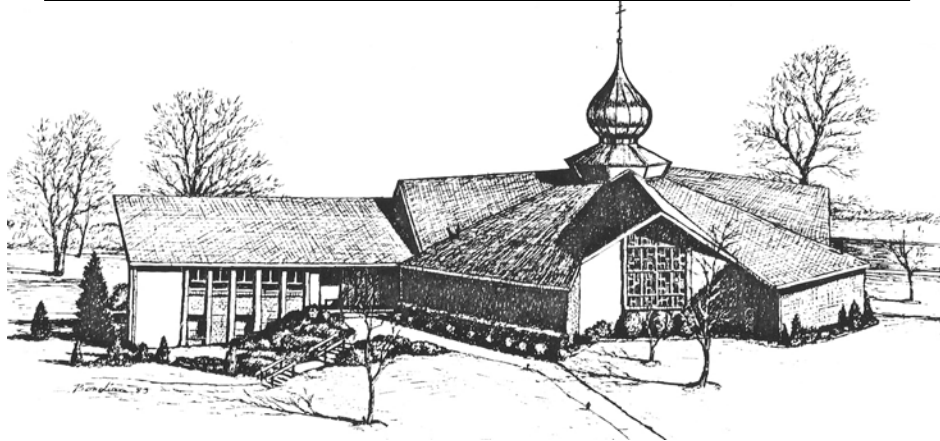


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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE 2**

**27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2 (13th of Luke). SUNDAY
BEFORE THE NATIVITY** Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions:
Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoë, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius,
Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus (ca. 287).

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40 (Sunday Before)

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1-25 (Sunday Before)

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Monday, Dec 19	Divine Liturgy (Slav) 9:00 AM Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Akafist to Theotokos 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 23	Royal Hours of Nativity 9:00 AM
Saturday, Dec. 24 <i>Eve of Nativity</i>	Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Vigil of Nativity 7:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 25 Nativity of Our Lord	Divine Liturgy(Slav) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Monday, Dec. 26 <i>Synaxis of Theotokos</i>	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers (St. Stephen) 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 27 <i>St. Stephen Protomartyr</i>	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

St. Nicholas Pageant: Our Sunday School teachers and children are inviting all our parishioners to attend our Annual St. Nicholas Pageant which will take place today following the service. We want to thank all our Sunday School children, their parents and teachers for their work on this event.

St. Stephen Day Celebration: on Tuesday, December 27 we invite all our parishioners and friends to join us for the celebration of the Patronal Feast of our Cathedral, the Day of St. Stephen the Protomartyr. His Grace, Bishop Tikhon will join us for Great Vespers the night before and for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy that will be served on that day. The Sisterhood needs help to prepare the St. Stephen's Day Brunch to be held following the Liturgy. A set menu has been organized and parishioners are asked to see Connie Skvir following the service today to donate items needed. The menu consists of a breakfast casserole (easy recipe provided), fruit cup, Danish, mini-bagels or croissants, juice and coffee. Donations can be brought in on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day before Liturgy. Since many of the Sisterhood Ladies will be working that day, help is also requested in the kitchen setting up and cleaning up following the brunch.

Christmas Bake Sale Orders: are ready to be picked up in the freezer downstairs. Please see ladies from the Sisterhood if you have any questions.

December Charity Collection: this month's charity is dedicated to St. Tikhon's Married Student Housing Project. The seminary recently made some concrete steps in making this a reality by purchasing a property that will be remodeled to have apartments for seminarian's families. St. Tikhon's needs our continuing support in this project and ask you to be generous with your charity contribution next week. Thank you!

75th Novogodny Ball: Reservations: Please see Paul Fedoronko in the Church Office any Sunday.

Raffle Tickets: Now on sale in the auditorium every Sunday at the Diamond Jewelry Prize Display.

Floral Centerpiece Donations: Complete Sponsor Form & return to Kate Cox with payment by December 18th.

Program Book Greetings/ Ads: Mail Order Form with payment to Mark Skuby or give to Paul Fedoronko by December 18th.

Diamond Anniversary Novogodny Ball Raffle: If you received raffle tickets via mail, please mail them back by January 6th with your check payable to St. Stephen's OCF to Diane Bender in the return envelope you were also sent. If you did not receive them in the mail, please purchase your tickets in the church auditorium after Liturgy where the 1st & 2nd Prize Diamond Jewelry is on display.