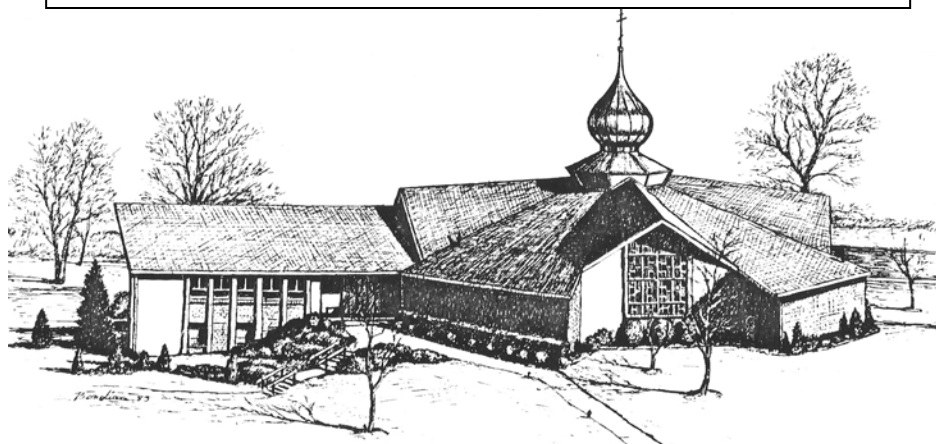


# THE PROTOMARTYR

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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!  
TONE 8**

**25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8 (11th of Luke).** Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306). Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994). Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.).

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17:12-19

**Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:**

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| Monday, Dec 5     | <b>Great Vespers (St. Nicholas) 7:00 PM</b>  |
| Tuesday, Dec 6    | <b><i>Feast Day: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</i></b><br><b>Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM</b>  |
| Wednesday, Dec 7  | <b>Akafist to St. Nicholas 7:00 PM</b><br><b>Bible Study 7:30 PM</b>   |
| Saturday, Dec. 10 | <b>Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM</b><br><b>Great Vespers 5:00 PM</b><br>Confessions   |
| Sunday, Dec. 11   | <b>Divine Liturgy(Slav) 8:30 AM</b><br><b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b><br><br><b>Akafist to St. Herman of Alaska 4 PM</b><br><b>Lecture by Dr. Albert Rossi:</b><br><b>“Purity of Heart” 5 PM</b> |

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY WISH LIST PROJECT** - Thank you to all of the parishioners who took gift tags from the Christmas tree and brought them today for delivery to seminarian families at St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's. May the Lord bless all of you for your generosity!

**St. Herman's Lecture:** next Sunday our Cathedral will host annual St. Herman's Lecture for Philadelphia Deanery. This year Dr. Albert Rossi will give lecture "Purity of Heart: Helping parents and pastors with Christian upbringing of our youth". The lecture is scheduled for 5 PM with Akafist service to St. Herman of Alaska at 4 PM. All parents of our Sunday School children are encouraged to attend.

**2012 Stewardship Drive:** It is that time of the year when we need to start preparing our parish budget for 2012. As was done in the past, we are sending Stewardship Pledge Cards to all our parishioners. We ask you to give a prayerful consideration to the amount of financial support that you plan to dedicate to St. Stephen's. Also, included with the card is a Time and Talent survey that we ask you to fill out as well. Please return the cards, in confidence, by middle of December. If you have any questions regarding the stewardship drive for our parish, please see Fr. Victor or Janice Kolea.

**75th Novogodny Ball** sponsored by our St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter 82 FOCA, will be held on Sunday evening January 15, 2012. You should not miss this milestone celebration of perhaps the longest standing example of Orthodox Christian fellowship in the U.S. For details call Paul Fedoronko at (610) 328 – 6911 or email [novogodnyball@verizon.net](mailto:novogodnyball@verizon.net)

**75th Novogodny Ball Floral Tributes:** During October you should have received information about sponsoring a floral centerpiece or two for the guest tables at the Ball. Please return these forms to Kate Cox as soon as you are able. If you did not receive this information, please see Paul Fedoronko after Divine Liturgy on Sundays in the Church Office or call him at (610) 328 - 6911.