



# THE PROTOMARTYR



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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**

**GLORY FOREVER!  
TONE 7**

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 7. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn (1915). Ven. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis (8<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Titus, Presbyter, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1190). Ven. Titus the Soldier, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Thalelæus, Hermit, of Syria (460).**

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46

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

Thursday, March 3

**Vespers 7 PM  
Bible Study 7:30 PM**

Saturday, March 5

**Great Vespers 5:00 PM  
Confessions**

Sunday, March 6  
*Forgiveness Sunday*

**Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy w Vespers and the Rite of Forgiveness  
10 AM  
*Blini Dinner following the service***

**Annual Parish Meeting:** We thank all those who participated last Sunday at our Annual Parish Meeting. Every year we have an opportunity as a parish to gather to discuss various aspects of the life of our parish as well as to elect the Parish Council for the upcoming year. We will have the service of installation of the newly elected Council as soon as we receive the blessing of His Grace Bp. Tikhon.

**Meatfare Sunday Dinner:** as usually before Lent, today we have a special Meatfare Dinner following the Liturgy. Please purchase tickets for the Dinner and stay for this important event of fellowship. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy:** This year our Cathedral will be hosting Sunday of Orthodoxy service on March 13. Many clergy and faithful of Philadelphia area gather on this Sunday to proclaim the truth of Orthodoxy. After the service we plan on having Lenten refreshments and presentation from members of IOCC. Much help is needed to prepare for the evening's meal following Vespers service. Please see Nina Rapak, Michele Decker, Raya Merdiuszew, or Connie Skvir today to donate food or monetary contributions. Your help will be greatly appreciated as we welcome other faithful of our Philadelphia area to St. Stephens as we begin our Lenten journey.

**Gifts of Love Collection** - Today Junior members from St. Stephen's Orthodox Catholic Fellowship will be collecting donations for the annual Gifts of Love fund drive which is sponsored by the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (F.O.C.A.). This year the funds raised in the drive have been designated to go the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). This is the official collegiate campus ministry program which is under the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA). The mission of the OCF is to support fellowship among Orthodox Christians on college campuses throughout the United States. There are currently more than 300 local chapters on college campuses in America and Canada. The OCF's provide a connection to Orthodox college students who are away from their home parishes and keep them involved with the Orthodox faith. Please be generous to support this worthy cause. You can read about the OCF at its web site: [www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net).

**St. Stephen's Orthodox Catholic Fellowship Bowlers** - Congratulations to the St. Stephen's women's and men's bowling teams from Chapter #82 who recently traveled to Alexandria, VA to compete in the annual Colonial District FOCA bowling tournament. Ten chapter members made the three hour drive to spend a day of fellowship with their friends from other chapters in the district. The St. Stephen's men's team won the men's division and will get to keep the trophy this year. Individual winners from our chapter included Kate Cox and Mark Skuby for high games, and Larry Skvir who had the second highest men's series. Following the bowling, the bowling banquet was held at the sponsoring parish, St. Mark's in Bethesda, MD. Andrei Cox didn't win a bowling prize, but he did win second place in the stock award drawing.

**Charity Collection for February:** will go towards the support of a missionary work of Maria Roeber in Tanzania. Maria Roeber is a 2004 graduate of Penn Sate University and a registered nurse with a specialization in labor and delivery. She has been accepted as a candidate for a long term missionary assignment in Tanzania. Metropolitan Jeronymos of Tanzania specifically asked OCMC for medical missionaries to re-open an existing orthodox clinic in Bukoba. Maria is asking first and foremost for your prayers, and only secondly for the financial assistance she needs to secure before she can depart for Tanzania. Her stay as a medical missionary is set to last two full years. Anyone interested in supporting Maria in a long term capacity is welcome to do that as well, and can find information about that at the OCMC website.