



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
35TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE 2**

35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312). Ven. Gennádii of Kostromá (1565). Translation of the relics of St. Theóctist, Archbishop of Novgorod (1786). Ven. Mausimas the Syrian (4th c.). Ven. Salamanes the Silent of the Euphrates (ca. 400). St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bishop of Nola (431). Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680-681).

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:12-16

GOSPEL: Luke 18:35-43

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Thursday, January 27

Vespers 7:00 PM

Bible Study 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 29

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Great Vespers 5:00 PM

General Confessions

Sunday, January 30

Feast Day: Three Saints

Divine Liturgy (Slav) 8:30 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

March For Life: every year many people from all parts of our country come to Washington DC asking to repeal the decision of the Supreme Court to legalize the killing of unborn infants through abortion. Many Orthodox Christians participate in this March for Life which this year will take place on Monday, January 24. We would like to know if there is any interest from the members of our Cathedral to possibly have a carpool to this event. Please talk to Fr. Victor if you are interested in going and continue to pray that Christian values will be restored in the hearts of many of our fellow citizens of United States.

ST. STEPHEN'S OCF CHAPTER ANOUNCEMENTS: The next chapter meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ on Saturday, February 5 at 6:30 PM. The Crowne Plaza is located on Rte 70 East at Cuthbert Boulevard in Cherry Hill. The meeting venue will give us the opportunity to visit the facility and see the ballroom. We will also hold the annual election of officers at this meeting. National FOCA dues are now payable; \$30 per adult member and \$10 for students who belong to the senior chapter. Colonial District Stock awards are being handed out to members today. Please return the money for the purchased stock awards to Larry Skvir NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6. The drawing for the stock awards will be held at the District Bowling Tournament which will be hosted by St. Mark parish in Bethesda, MD on Saturday, February 12. We need junior and senior bowlers who would like to have an afternoon of fellowship and bowling.

Novogodny Ball - St Stephen's OCF would like to thank everyone who attended the 74th Annual Novogodny Ball last Sunday. We had a good turnout and a GREAT time was had by everyone. It was wonderful to see the growing number of young people from near & far together with our long-time friends. We encourage everyone to mark their calendars for the 75th Novogodny Ball on Sunday, January 15, 2012. We are planning an extraordinary event! If you have heard of the Novogodny Ball, but have never attended or you have stopped attending for some reason, we would be interested to know what would draw you to the event or why you stopped attending. Please see Paul Fedoronko, Lisa Lelo, Larry Skvir or any of the members of the OCF to share your thoughts. Thanks again.

Charity Collection for January: will be directed towards various charitable purposes among which is our yearly pledge to St. Vladimir's Seminary Endowment Fund in memory of Fr. Schmemann and Fr. Skvir. Please be generous.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: On February 6 our Sr. and Jr. OCFs will be participating in this national program that raises money to help feed the hungry across the United States. Over the past 20 years more than \$70 million has been raised to fight hunger in local communities like ours. You can be a part of this program by donating \$ to our soup pot collection, buying a cup of our own Chef Sergio Rabaca's homemade soup at our kitchen window, and /or donating canned goods to the Seminarian Food Drive Collection Boxes. All monetary profits will go to Philabundance. We hope you will be generous and thank you for your participation in this worthy cause.

Diocesan Teen Retreat: young members of our parish are invited to attend annual Diocesan Teen Retreat which will be held on February 4th-6th 2011. The retreat will be in Pocono area at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. The speaker is Fr. John Onofrey and the topic that will be discussed is Angels and Demons. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join. For more information, check website www.ocayouth.org!

Lecture by Fr. Daniel Byantoro: St. Philip's Orthodox Church is inviting everyone for the lecture on Orthodoxy and Islam by Fr. Daniel Byantoro which will take place there on February 5th starting at 3 PM. Fr Daniel is a convert to Christ from the Muslim faith and leader of the Orthodox Church in Indonesia. We hope this lecture could be an opportunity for you to hear about Fr. Daniel's Orthodox mission work in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim-majority nation in the world.