



# THE PROTOMARTYR



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**MAY 15, 2011**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

**ИИДЕА НЕ ИС РИСЕН!  
TONE 3**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic.** Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Coenobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). St. Isaiah, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov (1090). The slain Crown Prince Dimitry of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius — Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus), Abbot and Wonderworker of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov — 1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4<sup>th</sup> c.).

**EPISTLE:** Acts 9:32-42

**GOSPEL:** John 5:1-15

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Monday, May 16	Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Thursday, May 19	<b>Vespers 7:00 PM</b> <b>Bible Study 7:30 PM</b>
Saturday, May 21	<b>Readers Vespers 5 PM</b>
Sunday, May 22	<b><i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i></b> <b>Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10 AM</b>

**Graduate Recognition Sunday:** Please mark Sunday, June 5 as our Graduate Recognition Sunday. On this day we will recognize our parishioners that are graduating from High School and other educational institutions. We will also recognize all the children who participated this year in our Sunday School program. We are still collecting the names of our parishioners that are graduating this year. If you know of anyone who will be completing their education (High School, College or University), please give the names and institution information to Fr. Victor.

**MEMORIAL DAY Pilgrimage:** As a service to our parishioners, St. Stephen's may once again charter a bus for the trip to St. Tikhon's Monastery for the annual pilgrimage this year. The date of the pilgrimage is MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY MAY 30. The bus will only be chartered if we have a certain minimum number of persons signed up. We hope we will be able to keep the cost at around \$30 per person. If you are interested, please put your name and phone number on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs or talk to Fr. Victor.

**Charity for May:** This month charity is dedicated for the support of Martha and Mary House, an Orthodox Christian Maternity Home for pregnant women in crisis – providing confidential help and housing and letting them choose life and adoption for their unborn child as an alternative to abortion. Please support this important ministry of our Church.

**Blessing of the Graves:** In these days following Pascha it is a custom in the Orthodox Church to bless the graves of our departed loved ones. If you would like to schedule a grave blessing please call Fr. Victor to make an appointment.

**Relics of St. Nectarios of Egina:** will be available for veneration on Tuesday afternoon May 31, 2011 at HOLY TRINITY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH in Philadelphia (located at 230 Brown Street, Phila. PA 19123). Recognized for their healing powers, the relics of St. Nectarios of Egina, which are preserved at the Radu Vodă Monastery in Bucharest, will arrive at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH Tuesday afternoon around 4 pm. There will be Akathist to St. Nectarios at 6 PM and the relics will remain for veneration until late at night. St. Nectarios is best known as a healer of one of the most devastating illnesses: cancer.