



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
SUNDAY OF MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**

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TONE 2**

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Holy Myrrhbearing Women. Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117 A.D.). Ven. Arsenius the Great (449-450). Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor (14th c.) and Pimen the Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—12th c.).

EPISTLE: Acts 6:1-7; 1 John 1:1-7 (St. John)

GOSPEL: Mark 15:43-16:8; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (St. John)

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Saturday, May 14

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Great Vespers 5 PM

Sunday, May 15

Sunday of the Paralytic

Typica Service (Slavonic) 8:30 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Happy Mother's Day: We congratulate and wish Many Blessed Years to all the mothers of St. Stephen Cathedral. May our Lord richly bless you for all your sacrifices and for all love and care that you give to those near you. We also want to thank the youth from our Junior OCF for sponsoring the flowers that are being distributed to the women of our parish in honor of Mother's Day.

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.

Help Requested at the Coffee Hour on Mother's Day: this is a special appeal to the men of our parish to help with serving and cleaning up after the Coffee Hour today. The ladies of our Sisterhood take care of the Coffee Hour that we all enjoy every Sunday and it would be a very nice gesture from the men of our parish if they helped out on this one Sunday a year in recognition of all the hard work that the ladies of our parish provide. Thank you!

Graduate Recognition: 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM ST. STEPHEN'S OCF - The members of St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter 82, wish all of the mothers in the parish a Happy Mother's Day. As is our custom, the chapter is honoring the those special women in our lives by making a contribution to Fox Chase Cancer Center, which will be specifically earmarked toward breast cancer research. Many Years to the living mothers in the parish and Memory Eternal to those mothers who continue to live in our memories.

MEMORIAL DAY BUS TRIP TO ST. TIKHON'S - 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.

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.