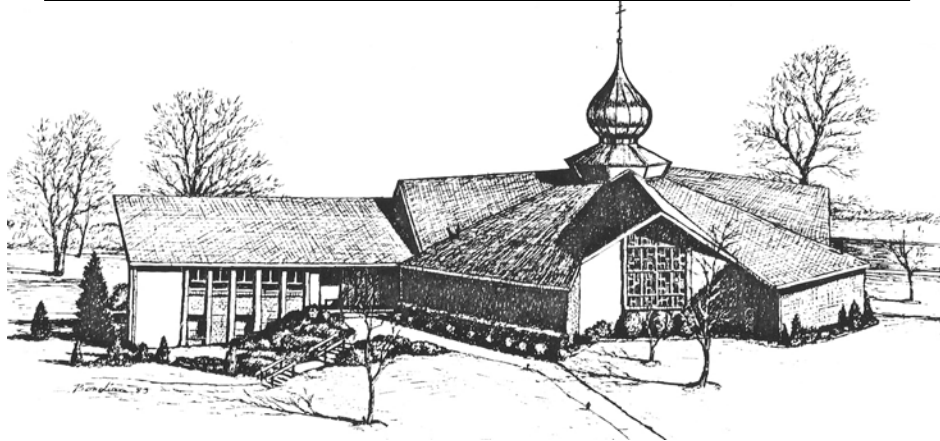


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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE 5**

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5 (8th of Luke). St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407). Martyrs Antoninus, Nicephorus, and Germanus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Manetha of Cæsarea in Palestine (307-8). Monk Martyr Damascene of the Lavra (Mt. Athos—1681). Monk Martyr Damian of the Lavra (Mt. Athos).

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18; Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. John)

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37; John 10:9-16 (St. John)

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Monday, Nov. 14	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 15	<i>Beginning of Nativity Fast</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Akafist to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 19	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, Nov. 20	Divine Liturgy(Slav) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Great Vespers of Entry 1:00 PM

Christmas Bake Sale: The Sisterhood is planning on making poppyseed and nutroll as a fundraiser for the Christmas holidays. They will be accepting orders from our parishioners, please see either Connie Skvir or Michele Decker for the order forms that need to be filled out and returned by November 27th. If possible, please pay cash or checks at the time of the order.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY WISH LIST PROJECT - Once again, St. Stephen's OCF, chapter #82 of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America is participating in the annual St. Nicholas Day "Wish List" project sponsored by the FOCA. This year, we have two seminarians and their families from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary for whom the members of our cathedral parish will be purchasing gifts which will be delivered to the families on St. Nicholas Day. When you see the Christmas tree next to the Chapel doors, please stop to take one or two ornaments, which are marked with the name and age of the family member. The wrapped present must be returned by Sunday, December 3, for it to be delivered to South River, NJ, on its way to the seminary. You will experience the pure joy of giving to a stranger. Thank you.

St. Herman's Lecture: please mark you calendars on Sun. Dec. 11 as a date for 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. All parents of our Sunday School children are encouraged to attend.

Charity for November: will be dedicated to the missionary efforts of Christina Semon. Christina is currently serving as an OCMC missionary in Moldova. Please be generous.

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

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.