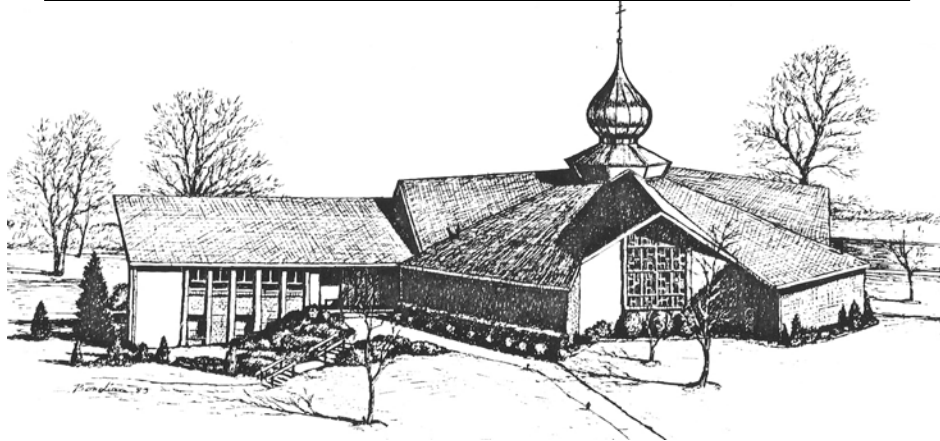


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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE 4**

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Ven. Theodora of Alexandria (474-491). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam. Martyrs Demetrius, his wife Euanthia, and their son Demetrian, at Skepsis on the Hellespont (1st c.). Martyrs Diodorus, Didymus, and Diomedes, of Laodicea. Martyr Ia and 9,000 Martyrs with her, of Persia (362-364). St. Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria (9th c.). The Weeping "KAPLUNOVSKAYA" Kazan' Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1689).

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before); 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before); Matthew 21:33-42

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Tuesday, Sept. 13	<i>Eve of the Elevation of the Cross</i> Great Vespers 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept 14	<i>Great Feast: Elevation of the Precious Cross</i> Divine Liturgy 9 AM
Saturday, Sept 17	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, Sept 18	Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM <i>Meeting with the parents of Sunday School children following the service.</i>

Beginning of Sunday School Year: today we will officially begin our Sunday School Program with a Moleben for the beginning of instructions. We ask all the parents of children of Sunday School age (ages 4 and up) to fill out registration forms for participation in the program. Please see Fr. Victor or Denise Rowe if you don't have the forms. We thank all those who participated in our Annual Sunday School picnic yesterday. Special thanks go to Vivian Radu who sponsored pizza for this event in memory of her departed brother Gerald. Next Sunday, Sept. 18th the children of our parish will begin their regular Sunday School classes. We ask all the parents to be present for a special meeting following the Liturgy, where we will discuss our program and talk about some of the goals that we would like to achieve in our Orthodox education here at St. Stephen's.

Memorial Service for Victims of 9/11: As our country marks the 10th anniversary of tragic terrorist attacks on our country that took lives of over 3,000 people, today after the Coffee Hour at 1 PM we will hold a Memorial Service (Panikhida) for those who passed away as a result of tragic event. If you know of anyone who died on 9/11, please give their names to Fr. Victor for commemoration in prayer.

Parish Newsletter: This Fall we are starting publication of quarterly newsletter of St. Stephen Cathedral. Please pick up a newsletter with your name at the candle desk to help us save on postage.

Charity for September: as it is traditionally the case, we are dedicating our charity collection this month to provide a scholarship for a seminarian at one of our Church's seminaries (this year it is St. Herman's). Our goal is to raise \$1000 - \$1500. Please be generous.

Anniversary Dinner: Please mark your calendars with the date of our Annual Anniversary Dinner. It will take place after the Divine Liturgy on Sun. Sept. 25. As always, we are looking forward to this event and hope that you, your family and your friends will join us for the celebration of the 37th year of our parish community at St. Stephen's. The tickets will be on sale starting today and you can purchase them downstairs during the Coffee Hour. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Help Needed: we also are asking people to step up and help our regular workers to help prepare the food on Saturday before the dinner as well as to prepare the tables the Sunday of Sept. 25. We also need people to help on Sunday with serving the food and with clean up. Please check with the ladies of the Sisterhood or with Fr. Victor if you will be able to help. Thank you.

Sisterhood meeting: will take place next Sunday Sept. 18th following the Liturgy. All the ladies of the parish are encouraged to participate.