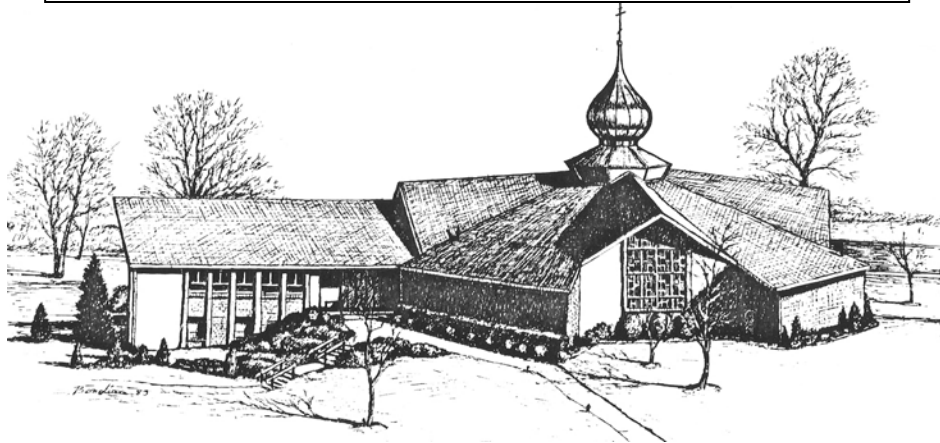


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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE 6**

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6 Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller”)—(5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

GOSPEL: Luke 18:18-27

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Monday, Jan. 16	Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Thursday, Jan. 19	Divine Liturgy (Slav) 9:00 AM Vespers 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 21	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 22	Divine Liturgy(Slav) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

75th Novogodny Ball: Tonight many of our parishioners as well as friends and family will gather for the annual Novogodny Ball, an event that celebrates its 75th Anniversary. We would like to express thanks to all the members of St. Stephen's OCF who are helping in various way at putting this event together. Special thanks go to Paul Fedoronko and Lisa Lelo who worked tirelessly during this past year to ensure that the celebration of the Diamond Anniversary of the Novogodny is a true success. Many Years!

Diamond Anniversary Novogodny Ball Raffle: Today after the Divine Liturgy is your last chance to purchase raffle tickets if you are not attending the Ball this evening. Please see Helen Davis at the Church Store after Liturgy to purchase the raffle tickets, which are on the small desk just inside the auditorium doors.

Blessing of Homes: After the celebration of Theophany, Fr. Victor will be visiting houses of our parishioners for blessing of homes. If there are certain days or time that would be preferable to you, please call Fr. Victor to schedule his visit to your home.

St. Stephen's OCF: Reminder to all members that the FOCA annual dues are payable this month. Please see Larry Skvir regarding this. Anyone who is not currently a member, but interested in becoming part of the chapter should see Larry about more information.

January Charity Collection: 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.

Sisterhood Meeting: Sisterhood will be having a short meeting to discuss upcoming events for the new year on January 22, 2012 after coffee hour. All ladies that are interested in helping with the work of the Sisterhood are asked to attend.

Souper Bowl Sunday: The St. Stephen's chapter of the OCF will sell soup from the kitchen on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 5th. The Sunday School will be collecting canned goods and we hope that each student can contribute at least one can. Canned goods will go to our church Seminary and monetary donations will go to Philabundance. We hope everyone will participate.

March For Life: annual March for Life will take place on Monday, January 23 in Washington DC. We hope to offer a carpool from St. Stephens for those who are interested. Please contact Fr. Victor if you would like to attend.

Blessing of Homes: As it is a custom, after the feast of Theophany a priest visits the faithful blessing their homes. Please get in touch with Fr. Victor to arrange for the time of pastoral visit and blessing of your house.

To prepare for the priest's visit to bless your home:

- Make a list of the first names of those family members you wish to pray for when the priest arrives, with the living and the deceased in separate columns.
- On your dining room table or family altar, place a lit candle, a Theophany icon or icon of Christ, and a wide bowl (to hold the holy water). Be sure your prayer list is there as well!
- Turn on a light in each room, so the priest can see where he is going.
- Turn off all TVs, stereos, and computers.

Everyone in the house when the priest arrives should gather around the table/icon corner and join in the singing of the litany responses and troparion.