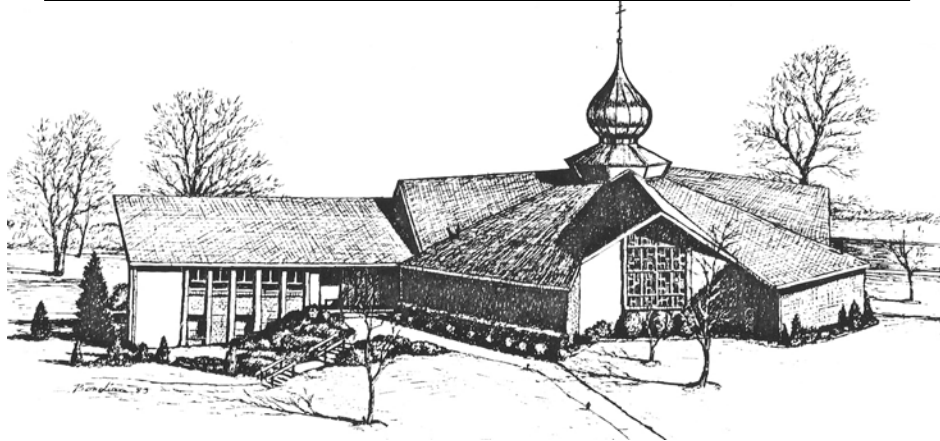


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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE 4**

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday Before the Theophany. THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (379). Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362).

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Sunday Before Theophany); Colossians 2:8-12

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday Before Theophany); Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Thursday, Jan. 5 <i>Eve of Theophany</i> <i>(strict fast)</i>	<i>Holy Supper of Theophany Eve 6 PM</i> Great Compline and Blessing of Waters 7:00 PM
Friday, Jan. 6 Holy Theophany (Baptism of our Lord)	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Saturday, January 7	Divine Liturgy (Slav) 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 8	Divine Liturgy(Slav) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Wishing a Blessed and Happy New Year: As we begin a New Civil Year, we wish all parishioners of St. Stephen and their families to have a blessed and happy New Year. May our Lord send you all the things that are necessary for salvation and may we all spend this coming year serving the Lord with zeal, patience and love.

St. Stephen Day Celebration: We thank all who joined us for the Hierarchical Liturgy on the day of St. Stephen, the Patronal Feast of our Parish. Special thanks to all who helped with providing food for the brunch after the service.

Holy Supper on the Eve of Theophany: This Thursday, January 5th, the Eve of Holy Theophany, is a strict fast day, just like the eve of Nativity. It is a tradition to close this fast with a Lenten meal. We will have a Holy Supper meal at our church at 6 PM on Thursday, which will be followed by services of Great Compline and Great Blessing of Water at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for fellowship at the Holy Supper. We also would like to thank Cox family for making this event possible.

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.

SEMINARIAN WISH-LIST PROJECT: St. Stephen's Senior OCF wishes to thank everyone in the parish who contributed to the success of this annual campaign. Thanks to the generosity of those families and individuals, the Horstman and Paez seminarian families at St. Vladimir's and seminarian families at St. Herman's seminaries, respectively, had a brighter holiday for themselves and their children. They received wrapped presents and gift cards which were certainly appreciated. Giving to strangers out of a sense of love and sharing is a wonderful thing, for the strangers and for the givers. May God bless you for your caring for these seminarians and their families as they continue their studies. For a list of the contributors and for pictures of the gifts that were sent, please look at the downstairs bulletin board. Larry Skvir, President, St. Stephen's OCF.

December Charity Collection: a last reminder that the charity collection for December was dedicated to St. Tikhon's Married Student Housing Project. The seminary recently made some concrete steps in making this a reality by purchasing a property that will be remodeled to have apartments for seminarian's families. If you didn't get a chance to give your charity contribution for December, St. Tikhon's Seminary community will be grateful for your support of this project. Thank you!

75th Novogodny Ball: Reservations: Please see Paul Fedoronko in the Church Office any Sunday.
Raffle Tickets: Now on sale in the auditorium every Sunday at the Diamond Jewelry Prize Display.

Diamond Anniversary Novogodny Ball Raffle: If you received raffle tickets via mail, please mail them back by January 6th with your check payable to St. Stephen's OCF to Diane Bender in the return envelope you were also sent. If you did not receive them in the mail, please purchase your tickets in the church auditorium after Liturgy where the 1st & 2nd Prize Diamond Jewelry is on display.