



THE PROTOMARTYR



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CHRIST IS RISEN!
Holy myrrhbearing women

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Tone 2

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Holy Myrrhbearing Women. Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (9th c.). Martyrs Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindynus, and Severian, of Nicomedia (303). St. Cosmas, Bishop of Chalcedon, and his fellow ascetic, St. Auxentius (815-820). New Martyr John the New of Epirus (1526). Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Enlightener of Karelia.

EPISTLE: Acts 6:1-7

GOSPEL: Mark 15:43-16:8

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Monday, April 19	Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Tuesday, April 20	Vespers 7:00 PM Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 122	Vespers 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 24	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5 PM <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday, April 25	<i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i> Divine Liturgy 10 AM

April Charity Collection: this month's collection which will be taken today is dedicated to our \$1000 yearly pledge towards the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewarts (FOS). This charitable organization of OCA raises funds for various outreach projects that help bring the light of Christ to the people of our country. Thank you for your support.

Blessing of the Graves: After the feast of Pascha it is a custom in the Orthodox Church to bless the graves of departed members of our families. Please contact Fr. Victor to make arrangements for the blessing of the graves of your loved ones.

Diocesan Spring Teen Retreat at St. Stephen's: we are happy to announce that a special Spring Teen Retreat will take place on Saturday, May 15 at our Cathedral. This retreat is organized by the Diocesan Office of Young Adult Activities. We hope that many of the teens from our Cathedral will use this wonderful opportunity to get together, meet new friends from the Orthodox parishes in the area and learn more about their faith. Fr. Dn. Joseph Edwards from St. Nicholas Church in Philadelphia will lead the youth in workshops and breakout discussions throughout the day. The retreat will start with registration at 8:30 AM followed by Divine Liturgy at 9 AM and various activities throughout the day. It will be concluded with our regular Great Vespers at 5 PM followed by dinner at 6 PM. For more information and registration form please see Fr. Victor and check the bulletin board downstairs.

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 the Coffee Hour on Mother's Day. 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. Please talk to Fr. Victor if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

SENIOR AND JUNIOR ST. STEPHEN'S OCF MEMBERS: The Colonial District Bowling Tournament will be held on May 1, sponsored by the Trenton "R" Club. Bowling will take place at Bristol Lanes in Cryoydon, followed by a dinner at the Trenton church hall and vespers. For details, please see Larry Skvir today or next Sunday at the latest so the Trenton chapter can plan for the number of people who will attend. This is a good opportunity to have an afternoon of fun and fellowship with FOCA members from other chapters. Let's get together for some fun.

Russian Festival for the benefit of St. Tikhon's Seminary: will take place on Sunday, April 25 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA. The event will start at 3:30 PM and will feature traditional Russian Cuisine, the Kauriga Balalaika Orchestra (concert at 6 PM), door prizes etc. All the profits from this event will go towards the support of St. Tikhon's Seminary. Please see the bulletin board for more information on this event. For reservations call Sarah Jubinski at 610-691-8777.