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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
Sunday of the Paralytic**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!
Tone 3**

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (1st c.).
Ven. Sylvester, Abbot of Obnora (1379). St. Vasile of Poiana Marului (Romania).

EPISTLE: Acts 9:32-42; 1 Peter 5:6-14 (Saint)

GOSPEL: John 5:1-15; Mark 6:7-13 (Saint)

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Tuesday, April 27	Vespers 7:00 PM Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 29	Vespers 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 1	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Vigil Service 5 PM <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday, May 2	<i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i> Divine Liturgy 8:30 AM (Slavonic) Divine Liturgy 10 AM

2010 St. Stephen's Stewardship Survey: We are asking all parishioners to fill out a survey regarding Church activities and involvement. We ask you to fill out your survey and return it by May 31, 2010 by mail, by placing it in the basket in the auditorium, or returning the form to Danalisa Radu. All responses will be confidential and we will have a report summarizing your feedback in June. This will help us plan future groups and activities.

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.

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.

Memorial Day Bus Trip to St. Tikhon's: - As a service to our parishioners, St. Stephen's may once again charter a bus for the trip to St. Tikhon's Monastery for the annual pilgrimage this year. The date of the pilgrimage is MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY MAY 31. The bus will only be chartered if we have a minimum of 35 persons signed up and the cost will be \$30 per person. If fewer than 35 persons sign up for the trip we will either cancel the bus or the cost will be more than \$30 per person. The parish will not subsidize the cost of the trip. The bus will either be paid for by the riders or we will not have a bus. If you are interested, please put your name and phone number on the sign in sheet on the downstairs bulletin board and pay either Fr. Victor or Larry Skvir by SUNDAY, MAY 16.

FLEA MARKET: time to empty out your garage or your closets and turn those unwanted items to cash! St. Stephen's OCF is sponsoring a Flea Market in the church parking lot on SATURDAY, MAY 22 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Spaces will be \$10 each and an additional \$5 to rent a table for that space. Refreshments will also be available. If you are interested in renting a space, please call Larry Skvir at 856-461-9474 to reserve yours. All senior and junior St. Stephen's OCF members are encouraged to come and help out that day.

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!

Trip to Byzantine Art and Architecture Exhibit at Princeton: We would like to know how many of our parishioners are interested in attending an exhibit at Princeton University titled "Architecture as Icon". This exhibition is first of its kind devoted to the topic of Byzantine architectural representation, providing new ways of understanding Byzantine art and architecture from A.D. 300 to the early nineteenth century. Among the approximately ninety works on view will be seldom-seen objects and icons from thirty-four public and private collections in eleven countries. Currently we are planning to attend this exhibit on Thur, May 20 instead of the Bible class. We can carpool to Princeton, but if we have enough interested we might be able to get a bus. Please talk to Fr. Victor if you are interested in attending.

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.