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Glory to Jesus Christ
32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Glory Forever!
Tone 7

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Sunday of Zacchæus. Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356). Ven. Anthony of Dymsk (Novgorod—ca. 1224). Ven. Anthony of Chernoezérsk (16th c.).

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Hebrews 13:17-21 (Saint)

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10; Luke 6:17-23 (Saint)

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Tuesday, January 19	<i>(Theophany O.C.)</i> Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Thursday, January 21	Daily Vespers 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 23	Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, January 24	Divine Liturgy 10 AM <i>Publican and Pharisee</i>

Welcome Archbishop Nathaniel: we are blessed to have with us today His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Archdiocese of the Orthodox Church in America. His Eminence was present at the wedding of Michael and Katie Jones and was able to also

join us today for the celebration of Divine Liturgy. We wish Archbishop Nathaniel many blessed years of good health serving the Orthodox Church.

January Charity Collection to go towards Haiti relief efforts: Although we originally planned to dedicate the Charity Collection this month to our yearly pledge towards FOS, there is an urgent need for us to respond to the tragedy in Haiti that was a result of devastating earthquake that took many lives and destroyed much of the capital of the country. His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah has called for all parishes to conduct collections this Sunday to be sent to IOCC that is providing a much-needed relief effort in Haiti. Also, His Grace, Bp. Tikhon asked for volunteers who could put together health kits and bring them to church to be sent to IOCC. We need donations of the following items for the health kits: hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail files or nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes and band-aids. Please be generous.

Meatfare Sunday: as usually before Lent we will have a special dinner after the Liturgy during the Sunday of Meatfare, February 7th. Please purchase tickets to the Meatfare dinner during the coffee hour after Liturgy. The menu consists of roasted beef, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. See Nina Rapak for the tickets.

Bishop Tikhon's talk to a local Orthodox Christian Fellowship group: will take place this Monday, Jan. 18 at the University of Pennsylvania at 6:30 PM. The theme of the talk will be "THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE UNIVERSE IN THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY: DIVINE OR VIRTUAL REALITY?" Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please see our Cathedral web-site.

CHAPTER MEETING: ST. STEPHEN'S ORTHODOX CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA), will hold a chapter meeting on Saturday, January 23, following Vespers. Topics to discuss will include the recent 73rd annual Novogodny Ball which was held on Sunday, January 17, and the ever popular ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS. It's been too long since our last regularly scheduled meeting so all members are strongly encouraged to attend. The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, a 75 year old national organization of active Orthodox Christians, is officially recognized by the Orthodox Church in America. If you are even a little bit curious or would like to join us in fellowship, please come to our meeting. You will be welcomed.

St. Stephen's OCF dues are now due. Please see Larry Skvir.

Junior OCF Meeting: will take place on Jan. 24th. There will be election of officers. Any new members ages 10 to 18 who would like to join are welcome to attend.

Ordination of George Zlatkowski and St. Tikhon's Choir visit: also on Sunday of Meatfare we will have a special occasion of Bp. Tikhon presiding at the Divine Liturgy and performing ordination of George Zlatkowski into Deaconate. St. Tikhon's Choir will also be present to sing responses. As it was in the past, we will need help from our parishioners to host seminarians overnight. Please contact Fr. Victor if you would like to help with making these accommodations for our visitors from St. Tikhon's.

March For Life Trip: on Friday, Jan. 22 many citizens of our country will gather in Washington DC for Annual March for Life in witnessing to sanctity of all human life,

especially of those unborn. Every year Orthodox Church is represented by a number of bishops, clergy and faithful. This year His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah made a special appeal to the faithful of our Church to show their support by coming to the capital of our country on that day. The clergy of our Diocese have been able to arrange for a bus that will be going from Scranton area with a stop in Harrisburg. If there is anybody from our parish who is interested in coming to March for Life, please let Fr. Victor know. We will consider car pool either to Harrisburg or DC from Philadelphia.

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. The children may lead the priest around the house with a lit candle.

Popcorn: will be sold by Junior OCF next Sunday, Jan. 24. Due to the increase in the cost of supplies the price will now be 75 cents a bag. To attention of Sunday school parents, if you would like your children to buy popcorn, please give them money before they go to Sunday School.

Teen Winter Retreat 2010: will be held on Feb. 12 - 14 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. Students from grades 7 through 12 are invited. Tuition fee is \$100 per person and Jan 22 is the deadline for registration. For more information please contact Fr. Victor or Kim Metz at 610-554-1079.

St. Stephen Shirts: orders for St. Stephen Cathedral polo shirts are now being taken. The shirts are gray with red lettering and are available in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large. The cost for each shirt is \$25. Please stop downstairs to see a sample and place your orders with Nina Rapak.