



THE PROTOMARTYR



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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
34TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!
TONE I**

34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter. Bl. Maxim of Tot'ma, Fool-for-Christ (Vologdá—1650). Martyrs Speusippus, Eleusippus, and Meleusippus, brothers, their grandmother, Leonilla, and with them Neon, Turbo, and the woman, Jonilla (Vovilla), in Cappadocia (161-180). Martyr Danax the Reader, in Macedonia (2nd c). St. Honoratus, Archbishop of Arles and founder of the Abbey of Lérins (429). Hieromartyr Damascene of Chilandari (Mt. Athos—1771).

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:4-11

GOSPEL: Luke 18:18-27

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Wednesday, January 19

(Theophany O.C.)

Divine Liturgy (Slav) 9:00 AM

Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 22

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Great Vespers 5:00 PM

Confessions

Sunday, January 23

Divine Liturgy (Slav) 8:30 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

March For Life: every year many people from all parts of our country come to Washington DC asking to repeal the decision of the Supreme Court to legalize the killing of unborn infants through abortion. Many Orthodox Christians participate in this March for Life which this year will take place on Monday, January 24. We would like to know if there is any interest from the members of our Cathedral to possibly have a carpool to this event. Please talk to Fr. Victor if you are interested in going and continue to pray that Christian values will be restored in the hearts of many of our fellow citizens of United States.

Diocesan Teen Retreat: young members of our parish are invited to attend annual Diocesan Teen Retreat which will be held on February 4th-6th 2011. The retreat will be in Pocono area at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA. The speaker is Fr. John Onofrey and the topic that will be discussed is Angels and Demons. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join. Space is limited, and registrations is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please make reservations as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is January 21st. For more information, check website www.ocayouth.org!

Charity Collection for January: will be directed towards various charitable purposes among which is our yearly pledge to St. Vladimir's Seminary Endowment Fund in memory of Fr. Schmemmann and Fr. Skvir. Please be generous.

Altar Wine Sponsors Needed: our Cathedral recently purchased additional supply of altar wine for the services of the Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to consider sponsoring wine for the use in the Church. The cost of one case (12 bottles) is \$100. Thank you.

Retreat on Church Growth and Administration: will take place on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 1 PM at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Wilmington, DE. It will be presented by the Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary, Fr. Alexander Atty. All those who would like to be more involved in various aspects of parish life are encouraged to attend. See poster downstairs for more information.

Blessing of Homes After the Feast of Theophany:

As it is a custom, after the feast of Theophany a priest visits the faithful of the parish 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.

Troparion of the Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

When Thou, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan
The worship of the Trinity was made manifest
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee
And called Thee His beloved Son.
And the Spirit, in the form of a dove,
Confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself
And hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!