



THE PROTOMARTYR



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Glory to Jesus Christ

Glory Forever!

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Tone 6

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 6. Veneration of the Cross. The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus (4th c.). Ven. Paul the Simple, disciple of Ven. Anthony the Great (4th c.). St. Paul the Confessor, Bishop of Plusias in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Emilian of Rome. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “**SURETY OF SINNERS**” in Odrina (Orlovsk—1843) and Moscow (1848).

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-9:1

Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Tuesday, March 9	Daily Vespers 7:00 PM Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 10	Confessions 6:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM <i>Agape meal following the service</i>
Thursday, March 11	Daily Vespers 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM
Friday, March 12	Akathist to Precious Cross 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 13	Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM <i>Sunday School Lenten Project (Grades 3 – 12) 1:30 PM</i> Vigil Service 5:00 PM Confessions
Sunday, March 14	Sunday of St. John Climacus Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Sisterhood Meeting: will take place today following the Coffee Hour. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

“Gifts of Love” Collection: This year's "Gifts of Love" was transferred to the month of March and is earmarked for Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). The OCF will be collecting donations for this on Sunday, March 14th, after liturgy.

ST. STEPHEN'S OCF CHAPTER MEETING - The next regularly scheduled meeting of St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter #82 of the F.O.C.A., will be held on Saturday, March 20. All members are asked to attend and any interested guests are always welcome. Members are asked to bring a lenten pot luck snack to share. We will be discussing the upcoming Colonial District Bowling Tournament which will be held in Trenton.

Sunday of Orthodoxy and Mission Services of Great Lent: Following is the schedule of Mission Vespers services that will be served every Sunday of Lent at 4 PM at various churches in the Philadelphia area. Our parishioners should make a special effort during this Lenten season to attend these services to spend time in prayer and fellowship with other Orthodox Christians in our area:

Mar. 7 , Sunday of the Cross Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 1023 5 th St., Catasauqua, PA	March 14, Sunday of Saint John Climacus St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 4 th & Fairmount Sts. Philadelphia, PA
March 21, Sunday of St Mary of Egypt St. Herman's Orthodox Church 1855 Middletown Rd, Gradyville, PA	

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL COMMITTEES - One of the ways that a parish member can offer his or her stewardship to the parish is to serve on one of the seven parish committees at St. Stephen's. The committees provide an important function because they help accomplish work that needs to be done between the monthly parish meetings. Please refer to the enclosed sheet for a list of the committees and a brief description. Better yet, please contact Fr. Victor or Larry Skvir, Warden to tell them you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee.