



# THE PROTOMARTYR

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

**ИИДЕА НС ИС РИСН!  
ТОНЕ 5**

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man.** Prophet Isaiah (8<sup>th</sup> c. B.C.). Martyr Christopher of Lycia, and with him Martyrs Callinica and Aquilina (ca. 250). Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari (1087). Ven. Shio of Georgia (6<sup>th</sup> c.).

**EPISTLE:** Acts 16:16-34

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-38

## Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:

Tuesday, May 11	<b>Vespers 7:00 PM</b> Inquirer's Class 7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 12	<b><i>Eve of Ascension</i></b> <b>Great Vespers with Lytia 7 PM</b>
Thursday, May 13	<b><i>Great Feast: Ascension of Our Lord</i></b> <b>Divine Liturgy 9AM</b>  <b>Vespers 7 PM</b> Bible Study 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 15	<b>Divine Liturgy 9 AM</b>  <b>Great Vespers 5 PM</b> <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday, May 16	<b><i>Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council</i></b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10 AM</b>

**Mother's Day:** We congratulate all the mothers of St. Stephen Cathedral on Mother's Day. May our Lord richly bless you for all your sacrifices and for all love and care that you give to those near you. Many Blessed Years! We also want to recognize the efforts of Junior OCF in purchasing flowers that are being distributed to the women of our parish in honor of Mother's Day.

**Diocesan Spring Teen Retreat at St. Stephen's:** we are happy to announce that a special Spring Teen Retreat is planned for this 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.

**High School Graduate Recognition Grant is Charity for May:** since we have a large number of high school students that will be graduating this year, the Parish Council decided to continue our fundraising for High School Graduate Recognition Grant by dedicating May's charity collection for this cause. Please be generous. Also, if anyone from our parish is graduating from college or university, please let Fr. Victor know since we would like to recognize them as well.

**MOTHER'S DAY WISHES FROM ST. STEPHEN'S OCF** - As has been our recent practice, St. Stephen's OCF, Chapter 82 of the F.O.C.A., is honoring the living and departed mothers in the parish by making a contribution to Fox Chase Cancer Center for breast cancer research. We think this is a fitting way to honor that special person in our lives who has given us her love and support in all of our endeavors. To the living mothers at St. Stephen's, "Many Years". To the departed mothers, May their Memory be Eternal".

**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.

**Church Dinner** will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2010 following Liturgy. Menu by Chef Igor and Dr. George consists of roast pork, potatoes, red cabbage, and dessert. Cost is: Adults- \$10 Children 4-17- \$5 Children Under 4- Free. Clean -up crew needed!

**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. This year will be marked with the presence of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God. We hope that we will have enough interest from our parish in this trip. 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 you are interested, please put your name and phone number on the sign up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board. We need to make arrangements with a bus company and we need to know if we have enough people to proceed with this trip. Please sign-up downstairs immediately if you would like to go.

**FLEA MARKET** - The weekend of our flea market is approaching rapidly. If you want to support St. Stephen's OCF, rent a space and/or a table and come on out on Saturday, May 22. The cost of a space is \$10 and you can rent a table for an additional \$5. Refreshments will be available. See Larry Skvir or sign up downstairs on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. All senior and junior St. Stephen's OCF members are encouraged to come and help out that day.

**Flea Market Donations Requested:** Both the Sisterhood and the OCF would appreciate donations to their tables for the Flea Market to be held on Sat., May 22. If you are spring cleaning, any unwanted treasures will be appreciated by either group.

**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. 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.

**Benefit Concert at Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Medford, NJ:** the Parish Choir of Holy Cross Orthodox Church and the Seneca High School Chamber Singers will give a concert on Pentecost Sunday, May 23 at 7 PM at Holy Cross Church (11 Wilkins Station Rd., Medford, NJ). The concert is free of charge and there will be a free-will collection for the benefit of Covenant House.