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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!  
TONE 2**

**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2 (10<sup>th</sup> of Luke).** Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (767). Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste (303). Bl. Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov (1394). Martyrs Timothy and Theodore—Bishops; Peter, John, Sergius, Theodore, and Nicephorus—Presbyters; Basil and Thomas—Deacons; Hierotheus, David, Chariton, Socrates, Comasius, and Eusebius—Monks; and Etymasius, at Tiberiopolis (8<sup>th</sup> c.).

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 6:10-17

**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:10-17

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

Thursday, December 2	<b>Vespers 7:00 PM</b> <b>Bible Study 7:30 PM</b>
Saturday, December 4	<b>Great Vespers 5:00 PM</b> <b>Confessions</b>
Sunday, December 5	<b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b> <b>Great Vespers (for feast of St. Nicholas) 1:00 PM</b>
Monday, December 6	<b>Feast Day: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM</b>

**2010 Seminarian Wish List Gift Drive:** We want to thank all our parishioners who participated in our annual Seminarian Wish List Gift Drive. Every year our parishioners buy Christmas gifts for seminarian families from St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's and Wal-Mart gift cards for seminarians from St. Herman's in Alaska. We had a good response from our parish this year and most of the gift tags were taken last Sunday. There are still a couple of gifts that might be purchased if you didn't get a chance to do it yet. Please check the Christmas tree in the vestibule of the church to see if any gift tags are still available. The gifts will need to be delivered to South River by Dec. 3 to make sure the families will get them by St. Nicholas Day, so if you didn't bring the gifts today, please contact Larry Skvir at lskvir@aol.com to see what can be arranged. Thank you!

**74th Annual Novogodny Ball** - A semi-formal event for the benefit of deserving charities and sponsored by our St. Stephen OCF (FOCA #82) will take place on Sunday evening January 16, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia NE. Please see Lisa Lelo, Paul Fedoronko or Larry Skvir for information & tickets for dinner and/ or dancing. You can also email novogodnyball@verizon.net or call Paul at (610) 328 - 6911. Please come celebrate the New Year with us!

**Charity for November:** this month's charity collection is designated for the support of the work of the Orthodox Church in Indonesia. Fr. Daniel Byantoro, a priest from that country visited us last year and gave a very important presentation on the work that he and other priests are doing in this predominantly Muslim country. If you didn't get a chance to contribute to November Charity, please consider supporting this cause. Thank you.

**Philadelphia Deanery Advent Lecture:** On Sun, Dec. 12 our Cathedral will host an Annual St. Herman's Lecture that is sponsored by Philadelphia Deanery. Following the Vesper's service for St. Herman of Alaska (at 4 PM) there will be a lecture by Dr. Harry Boosalis, a professor of theology from St. Tikhon's Seminary. The title of the lecture is "St. Silouan of Mount Athos and Orthodox Spiritual Life." Dr. Boosalis is a well-known speaker and we hope that many of our parishioners will use this opportunity to learn about the life and teachings of this important saint of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Confessions during Advent Season:** this is a reminder to all the parishioners that during this time of preparation for the celebration of the feast of Nativity it is important to make an effort to come to a private confession either on Saturday evening or before the service of Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

**Stewardship Pledge 2011:** it is that time of the year when our Parish Council will begin preparing the budget of our Cathedral for the year 2011. First of all we want to thank all our parishioners and friends whose generous contributions continue to support the work that we do here at St. Stephen's. Most of this support came from our parishioners who submitted their stewardship pledge in the beginning of 2010 and were consistent in their donations throughout this year. Our parishioners should have received Stewardship Pledge Cards for the year 2011. We ask all those who participate in the life of St. Stephen Cathedral to prayerfully consider their level of support of our parish. We pray that through the generosity of our faithful we will be able to continue this important work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and sustaining the spiritual life of the Orthodox people in our area. Thank you for your support!

**Contribution Envelopes for 2011** are ready to be picked up. Please help us save on postage by coming downstairs and picking up your set of contribution envelopes. You can find them on the table by the door to the office. Please refer to the label on top of the box to find your set of envelopes. If you have any questions please talk to Fr. Victor or Janice Kolea.

**St. Stephen's Christmas Cards:** If you would like to extend your Christmas greetings to your church family, please do so by dropping your card with donation in the holiday bag provided in front of the large bulletin board. Your card will be displayed for all to enjoy. If you have any questions, please see Janice Kolea. Thank you.

**St. Stephen's Day Celebration and Visit of Kursk-Root Icon:** on Monday, December 27 we invite all our parishioners and friends to join us for the celebration of the Patronal feast of our Cathedral, the Day of St. Stephen the Protomartyr. His Grace, Bishop Tikhon will join us for Great Vespers the night before and for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy that will be served on that day. Also, this year our celebration will be marked with a special visit by Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. This miracle-working icon played an important part in the history of Russia and is connected with many saints, most importantly St. Seraphim of Sarov. We ask you to invite your friends and family to join us on this special occasion.

**Help needed at St. Stephen's Day Brunch:** We are asking our parishioners to make a casserole or bring something for the brunch on St. Stephen's Day (Mon. Dec. 27). Please see Connie Skvir or Nina Rapak to sign-up to help out at this parish event.