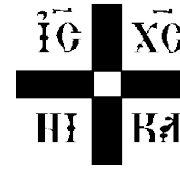


## Weekly Schedule

<b>Wednesday</b>	Acathisto de María, 3:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Reading of Hours, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

**The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople** took place about the year 428. After the holy Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen was stoned by the Jews, they left his holy body unburied to be devoured by the beasts and birds. After a day and a night the renowned Jewish teacher of the Law, Gamaliel sent people to take up the body of the Protomartyr. Gamaliel buried him on his own property, in his own tomb, not far from Jerusalem. When Lord's secret disciple Nicodemus died, Gamaliel also buried him near the grave of St Stephen. Afterwards Gamaliel himself, who had been baptized with his son Abibas, was buried near the grave of the Protomartyr Stephen and St Nicodemus. In the year 415 the relics of the saint were uncovered in a miraculous manner and solemnly transferred to Jerusalem by Bishop John and the bishops Eutonium of Sebaste and Eleutherius of Jericho. From that time healings took place from the relics. Afterwards, during the reign of holy Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), the relics of the holy Protomartyr Stephen were transferred from Jerusalem to Constantinople and placed in the church of the holy deacon Laurence (August 10). When a church dedicated to the Protomartyr Stephen was built, the relics were transferred there on August 2. St Stephen's right hand is preserved in the Serapionov chamber of the Trinity-Sergius Lavra.



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### **Troparion (Tone 7) (Resurrection)**

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,//granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion (Tone 4) (Saint)**

Your relics have risen from the depths of the earth, like a treasury for the immortal life of all creation. The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them, duteously honors you, Protomartyr Stephen.// Preserve us from error and heresy by your intercession!

### **Kontakion (Tone 7) (Resurrection)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith;//enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

### **August 2, 2009 8th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 7**

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428)

### **Kontakion (Tone 4) (Saint)**

You were the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one. You were the first to shed your blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed one. You were the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven,//Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

### **Prayers for our beloved Living and Departed:**

Robert, Fred, all the parishioners of our parish, Zara, Emelie, Margaret, Albert, Kavalkovivh family and friends, Mikayla, Kenny, Anastasia, Alexander. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Peter, Sonya, Anna, Mary. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

## Epistle Reading

### **I Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## Gospel Reading

### **Matthew 14:14-22**

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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## Welcome to our Visitors!!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Invite Someone to Church!

It has been said that the number one way to find new parishioners is simply to invite them. I would ask all of you to invite any friends, family, or acquaintances to come and pray with us. This does not mean that we coerce anyone; but it does mean that we mustn't shy from our duties to evangelize. Whether or not these invitees come is up to them. I ask only that you invite them.

### Bulletin board

Please do periodically check the bulletin board. I will post cultural events and the like there for any who are interested.

### Website

Our new website continues to evolve and is looking wonderful. The address is **www.holyassumptionphilly.org**. Posted on the website will be a variety of information, which includes among other things a monthly calendar, worship times, and a photo gallery. This is also a great way to have your relatives who live outside our area to keep abreast of the goings-on at Holy Assumption.

### New Sign-up sheets (coffee hour, cleaning, Readers)

Please check the bulletin board downstairs, on which I've placed two sign-up sheets. The first is for those of you who might like to host coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy, and the second is for those of you who might like to vacuum after the Divine Liturgy. The third is for those who will be reading the Epistle. Thank you to all who have volunteered for this Church ministry! Please see me if you were to have any questions.

### Collections

Our first weekly collection is as follows:

1st Sunday	Centennial Fund
2nd Sunday	Youth Group
3rd Sunday	Property Management
4th, 5th Sunday	Charity

### Announcements?

Do you have any announcements for the parish that you would like to see included in the weekly bulletin? If so, please email or call Fr. Matthew by Tuesday.