



# St. Nicholas Cathedral

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Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

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ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON & NEW YORK  
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Sunday Lessons

This Week – Tone 8: Heb. 9:11-14 – Mark 10:32-45

Heb 2:11-18 – Luke 1: 24-38

Next Week – Palm Sunday Phil.4:4-9 – John 12:1-18

### Schedule of Services

Great Fast Ends March 30<sup>th</sup>

Passion Fast March 31 – April 07

<b>Wednesday</b>	March	28	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy (E)	Pot Luck Supper
<b>Thursday</b>	March	29	7:00 pm	Holy Unction Service (S)	
<b>Friday</b>	March	30	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy (S)	Pot Luck Lunch
			7:00 pm	Matins of Lazarus Saturday	
<b>Sat.</b>	March	31	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (E,S,G)	Lazarus Saturday
			5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S,G)	Private Confessions
<b>Sunday</b>	April	01	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (E)	Palm Sunday
			10:45 am	Divine Liturgy (S)	
			1:00 pm	Akathist	

**E=English, S=Slavonic, G=Georgian**

*General Confession in English is held on the first and third Saturdays of the month.*

*General confession in Russian is held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.*



*The month of March's bulletins are donated  
in loving memory of Mile and Ljubica Gjurich. Memory Eternal!*

**Attention Parishioners!** Please remove all items you have stored in the church freezers **today!** The Guild will need the freezers to store items for next weekend's bake sale! Thank you for your understanding!

**\*\*\* VISITORS \*\*\***

A warm welcome to St. Nicholas Cathedral! We are glad to have you worship with us today. Please join us downstairs following liturgy for our coffee hour.

*Note: Service to St. Mary of Egypt is omitted today due to the feast.*

**Troparia (Tone 8):** Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

**Annunciation (Tone 4):** Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion Annunciation (Tone 8):** O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

**Prokeimenon (Tone 8):** Pray & make your vows before the Lord our God! Vs. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel!

**Feast (Tone 4):** From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God.

**Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14:** Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Feast:** Hebrews 2:11 – 18: For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

**Alleluia (Tone 8):** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior. Vs. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**Feast (Tone 1):** He shall descend like rain upon a fleece, like raindrops that water the earth.

**Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45: At that time they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your at your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it had been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; But whoever would be great among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**Feast:** Luke 1:24 – 38: And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be

called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**Hymn to the Theotokos:** As you are a living Temple of God, let no impure hand touch you, O Theotokos! But let the lips of all believers sing, constantly magnifying you in joy with the angelic salutation: Truly you are above all creatures, O Pure One!

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the highest. The Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Bulletin Messages**

This year during Great Lent, the St. Nicholas Cathedral Outreach Committee is sponsoring a special charitable drive for a needy family in our own parish. Donations can be made in the form of cash or checks (made payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral, with "Special Paschal Collection" on the check's information line). Points of contact for this project are Claire Nobles, Svetlana Moser, and Marty McGuigan, as well as Fathers Constantine and Valery.

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all for their prayers and kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of our sister, Mary. May her memory be Eternal.  
Elizabeth and Apollo Manchuk

**Pussy Willows – Attention all Parishioners! Please remember to start collecting pussy willows for Palm Sunday services as soon as the trees break bud.**

**PASCHA PREPARATION DAY** - Start planning to attend the Lazarus Saturday Annual Children's Crafts Workshop on Saturday 31 March following the 10am Liturgy. Please bring Lenten dishes for the potluck lunch. Crafts Workshop starts by noon - ends 2:30pm. Children will make Pascha crafts (e.g., Pysanki eggs, Paschal Candles, Lazarus Stones, etc.) to take-home and prepare gift baskets for our parish shut-ins. Parents please be available to supervise children under 6. Bring hard boiled eggs for decorating. Other craft materials are supplied. Contact Andrea Lutov 202-387-1097 [alutov@ngs.org]

The Nation's Capital "R" Club will be hosting a Paschal Celebration dinner/social (no business) meeting on Thursday evening, on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm in the church hall. We are always looking for new members. Won't you join us for an evening of celebration during BRIGHT WEEK with other parishioners and find out more about the "R" Club. All are welcome to attend. Members: Please contact Lisa Morris with what dish you will be bringing to the Social!

## ATTENTION ALL TEENS!!

The Junior "O" Club, a teen youth group, is restarting here at St. Nick's! We are looking for all teens between the ages of 13 & 18 who would be interested in joining this fun loving, adventure seeking group. There will be a brief meeting **TODAY** after English Service and before Sunday School in the church basement. If you would like to join and can't make the meeting, please contact Donna Bergmann (301-948-1060 or [tupprdonna@aol.com](mailto:tupprdonna@aol.com)), Sasha White or Ken Kasovac for more information. We hope to see you after English service!!

**DORMITION GUILD PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE, APRIL 1, 2007. Sign up sheets to order baked goods for this fundraiser are posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Kulich, Cheese Pascha, Filled Rolls, Cheese Babka, and Bread Pascha will be available. There will be limited quantities of some of the items, so place your order early to ensure receiving them. Orders will be filled in the sequence names are listed on the sign up sheets.**

### ***Paschal Preparations are underway! Start planning now.***

- ◆ Bring your pussy willow cuttings to the church as soon as possible. Cuttings may be left on the porch of the annex.
- ◆ Dyed eggs will be needed for His Beatitude to pass out at the Paschal Liturgies and Vespers. If you are able, please bring one dozen hardboiled and dyed eggs to the church **during Holy Week** and place them in the refrigerator in the church hall. Please mark your container clearly!
- ◆ All are invited to the Paschal Pot Luck Breakfast following the Midnight services April 7/8! The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church hall. Please take a moment to let us know what you will be bringing. For more information, please contact Daria Virvan at 301-262-5984.
- ◆ Sign up sheets for the All-Night Vigil on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> are posted. If you are able to help with this church activity, please take a moment to sign up. For more information, please contact Marty McGuigan.
- ◆ Mark your children's calendars for the Cathedral's Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held following the Paschal Vespers on April 8<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). All children are welcome to attend.

**Dormition Guild Members:** Its time to start planning for the Palm Sunday Luncheon! If you would be able to bring an item for the luncheon or help with serving, please contact Lisa Morris after liturgy this morning or at [lisamik56@hotmail.com](mailto:lisamik56@hotmail.com).

The Ladies Auxiliary of SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church announces the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Fashion Show Luncheon!** Saturday May 12, 2007, \$40.00 per person. There will be raffles, door prizes, favors and more! RSVP: Rida Boulos (703-319-3415) Nadia El-Hage (301-229-0153) or Lydia Jackson (301-765-1821).

## Coffee Hour hosts by week:

Date	Restrictions	Name
25 March 2007	<b>FAST</b>	Bill and Lydia Kosar
1 April 2007	<b>FAST</b>	Dormition Guild Luncheon
8 April 2007	<b>NO FAST</b>	Sharon Osmolovsky

### *Candle Counter*

#### March

25	Daria Virvan (E) Mila Medina (S)
28*	Tom Downey
30*	Ludmila Falsafi
31	Victoria Shalaginova

### *Greeters*

Tekla Virvan & Chris Lyerly

*\*Weekday Liturgy \*\*Single Liturgy*

## UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

- ❖ Choir Rehearsal, Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm
- ❖ **Tuesday-March 27, R Club Meeting 7 PM**
- ❖ **Wed.-March 28, Presanctified Liturgy 7 pm (E) w/Pot Luck Supper**
- ❖ **Friday-March 30, Presanctified Liturgy 10 am (S) w/ Pot Luck Lunch**
- ❖ Lazarus Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Children's Crafts Workshop, 12-2:30 pm
- ❖ Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Luncheon, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ R Club Paschal Celebration Social, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 in Church Hall -- Please join us!
- ❖ R Club Post-Lenten Retreat, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Peter Gillquist

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is currently seeking two critically important volunteers to serve abroad as part of an OCMC Mission Team. A priest is needed for the youth outreach Team traveling to Guatemala from July 6<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This clergyman will provide for the sacramental needs of the community and assist with the summer camp program at the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage. Additionally, a doctor is needed for the healthcare Team going to Kenya from May 19<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> to serve at the clinics in Chavogere and Riruta. This Team will provide unique opportunities for medical professionals to be a part of the physical and spiritual healing ministry of Jesus Christ. If you are a priest or a doctor, your brothers and sisters in Guatemala and Kenya are praying that you might be moved to help them. Please answer their prayer before it is too late. Please contact OCMC Teams Director, Andrew Lekos, by phone at 1-877-463-6784 or by e-mail at [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org) to apply.

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