



St. Nicholas Cathedral Orthodox Church in America

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**First and second finding of the Honorable Head
of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and
Baptist of the Lord, John**

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

METROPOLITAN HERMAN,
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON & NEW YORK
V. Rev. Constantine White, Dean
Rev. Valery Shemchuk, Associate Pastor

Sunday Lessons

This Week – Tone 6: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32

Next Week – Tone 7: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46

Schedule of Services

Meat Fast

Saturday	March	1	10:00	Divine Liturgy	Memorial Saturday
Saturday	March	1	5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S,G)	General Confession (E)
Sunday	March	2	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (E)	Meat Feast
			10:45 am	Divine Liturgy (S)	

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.

This week's bulletins are donated anonymously!

Today there will be collection after both Liturgies for the Annual OCA Mission Appeal. This helps our church to support missions in the OCA. Holy Cross Mission in Stafford, VA is one recipient of the support. Thank you for your generosity!

*** VISITORS ***

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

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers: This year the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will take place at 5 PM on Sunday March 16 at St. Sophia Cathedral at 5 PM. This year the Orthodox Church in America is coordinating the after vespers reception. Please contact the OCA's coordinator from St. Mark, Coy Williamson, at 410-884-9282 if you are able to help with bringing a dessert for this event

Annual Blini Luncheon Will be Sunday March 9th. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare for this event on the Friday evening around 6:00 PM for the preparation of the batter and Saturday from around 10:00 AM to fry the blinis and of course we are looking for donations of desserts!. Please contact Mark Pietrzykoski, (w) 202 533-3993, (h) 202 319-0914, mpietrzykoski@analysisgroup.com



St. Stephen OCF – Philadelphia, Pa Invites you to the 2008 Colonial District FOCA Bowling Tournament **Saturday, March 22, 12 noon – 3 pm** at Laurel Lanes: 2825 Route 73 South Maple Shade NJ 08054, 856-778-PINS (7467) Cost for the day - \$25 / \$15 (juniors). For more details see bulletin board.

ASL Table

Interested in learning American Sign Language? Come join us at coffee hour after English Liturgy!

Coffee Hour hosts by week:

Date	Restrictions	Name
24 February 2008	None	Robert Holman
2 March 2008	None	Sharon Osmolovsky

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

- ❖ 1 March, Saturday, Memorial Saturday, 10:00 AM Liturgy Of the Dead
- ❖ 6 April, Sunday, IOCC representative at both Liturgies
- ❖ 8 March, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM “How to be a Missionary abroad and a Witness at Home” Fr.David Rucker, at St.Katherine Greek orthodox Church*
- ❖ March 16th, 9 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Ordination (Deacon Maximus Urbanowicz to the Priesthood)
- ❖ 22 March, Saturday 12 noon – 3PM, St.Stephen OCF, Philadelphia, Pa 2008 Colonial District FOCA Bowling Tournament*

***See Bulletin Board**

...those who have given their lives for their homeland...”

Memory Eternal.

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Troparion (Tone 6): The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

Troparion Tone 4: The head of the Forerunner has shone from the earth, sending forth rays of incorruption and healings to the faithful. It gathers together a multitude of Angels above and summons the human race below to send up glory with one voice to Christ our God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion Tone 2: O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace, we have found your head as a sacred rose. Therefore we always receive healings from it, and, as in times past, now you preach repentance to the world.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Prodigal Son/Kontakion (Tone 3): I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Prokeimenon (Tone 6): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Verse: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O My God, be not silent to me.

Epistle: 1Corinthians 6: 12-20: Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Food for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Alleluia (Tone 6): He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. Vs. He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God in Whom I trust!

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32: The Lord spoke this parable, “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the

younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into the fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive, he was lost, and is found.’”

Communion: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest! Alleluia....

BULLETIN MESSAGES

“How to be a Missionary Abroad and a Witness at Home “

With Fr. David Rucker , Associate Director of Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)
Saturday, 8 March 2008 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Divine Liturgy begins at 9:00 am, followed by a light lunch, followed by the retreat:

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

**3149 Glen Carlyn Road
Falls Church, VA 22041**

A free-will offering will be taken for the retreat. Please contact one of the following for information and to reserve a seat at the retreat:

Dr. John Demakis, jgd11@erols.com or 1-703-319-1610

Antonia Chelpon, achelpon@aol.com or 1-703-258-5437

Betty Slanta, slanta@verizon.net or 1-703-354-3242

Today the Stewardship committee presents the Meat Feast for our parish to taste of Delicatessen Meat Dishes before Great Lent

So far we will be serving:

Roast beef, pork, duck and chicken.

Meat stuffed cabbage, squash and red pepper.

Meatballs, meatloaves and chicken liver pate.

Homemade pelmeni and variety of side dishes.

You can taste our freshly prepared homemade dishes made by our excellent cooks here, take it home and treat your family and friends for the last week before Great Lent and save your time for cooking.

LENTEN RETREAT

“HOLY WEEK – our journey to Pascha”

Retreat Speaker:

Very Reverend Paul Lazor

John and Paraskeva Skvir Lecturer in Practical Theology

Saint Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary

on Saturday, 12 April 2008, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Great Vespers at 6:00 PM

At Saint Andrew Orthodox Church

2028 East Lombard Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Registration \$5.00 begins at 12:30 PM Includes a light snack

To register: please email: James Magruder at jmagruder@verizon.net or call church office 410-276-3422 not later than 6 April 2008

If you are interested in *sponsoring the Sunday Bulletin*, please contact the church office (202-333-5060, ext.10) for the dates you want. Immediate payment is not required, but advance reservations are needed.

Attention Parishioners: Corrected end of year contribution statements are being sent out. If you think you should have received one and have not by March 1st please contact Ann Nartsissov (703-425-7044).

Maslenitsa

Russian Mardi-Gras

At the Russian Embassy

Deadline Is Rapidly Approaching

The annual charity event sponsored by both our parish and St. John the Baptist on March 7, 2008, will feature zakuski, (appetizers) blini, caviar, dancing, music, and entertainment. The Festivities will be held in the golden hall of the Russian embassy starting 7 PM.

Please call Marina Poutiatine at 301 530 9281 as soon as possible to get your invitation

In the event you cannot attend, please remember that any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Only 2 weeks left!!!

Tickets available for purchase downstairs following liturgy

MASLENITSA RAFFLE 2008

Drawing to be held at the Russian Embassy March 7, 2008

Tickets \$5.00 each 5 for \$20.00

GRAND PRIZE

PowerShot A570IS Digital Camera

Second Prize

National Geographic Atlas of the World (8th Ed.)

Third Prize

Amber Jewelry Set (Necklace, Bracelet & Earrings)

Get your tickets while they last!!!