



St. Nicholas Cathedral
Orthodox Church in America

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 April 6, 2008

4th Sunday of Great Lent
St John Climacus (of the Ladder)

St Eutychius the Patriarch of Constantinople

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

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

Sunday Lessons

This Week – Tone 4 Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31
Next Week – Tone 5 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45

Schedule of Services

Sunday	April	6		No Vigil	
Monday	April	7	10:00 am	Liturgy (S) Annunciation (Old Calendar)	
Wednesday	April	9	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy (E)	Memorial Saturday
Friday	April	11	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy (S)	
			7:00 pm	Matins and Akathist Hymn (E,S)	
Saturday	April	12	10:00 am	Liturgy (E, S)	No Commemoration of the Dead
			5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S,G)	
Sunday	April	13	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (E)	Mary of Egypt
			10:45 am	Divine Liturgy (S)	
			1:00 pm	Prayer Service	

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.

Attention Parishioners: Thank you for your generous support for the Maslenitsa in early March.
Over \$50,000.00 was collected!

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored in memory of Matushka Galina and Father Dmitry Grigorieff. May their memories be eternal.

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored by Jeff King in memory of his wife, Svetlana on the first anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord.
 May her memory be eternal.

***** 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!

ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL Our Cathedral is entitled to two lay delegates and two lay alternates and a number of observers for the All American Council to be held in Pittsburgh on November 10-13. The parish will compensate for travel, lodging and per diem for the two lay delegates. No compensation will be offered for the alternates. The parish will pay for the registration fees for the lay delegates and the lay alternates. If you are interested in serving as either a delegate or an alternate, please submit your name to the candle counter by Sunday, April 6. Also, if you are not selected as a delegate, please let us know if you are willing to serve as an alternate. Please let us know if you are interested in being an observer; you will be provided with registration forms to complete and you are responsible for your expenses.

The new Divine Liturgy books from St. Tikhon's (in English) are available at the gift corner and the candle counter. Cost is \$19.95. Get them while they last!

Coffee Hour hosts by week:

Date	Restrictions	Name
6 April 2008	Fast	Bill and Lidia Kosar
13 April 2008	Fast	Irina Burgener
20 April 2008	Fast	Catherine Vangellow
27 April 2008	HOLY PASCHA	Daria Virvan -- Paschal Breakfast – Volunteer Needed for Sunday after Vespers

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

- ❖ 6 April, Sunday, 10:45 AM Liturgy (S)
No Vigil
- ❖ 7 April, Monday 10:00 AM Liturgy (S) Annunciation (Old Calendar)
- ❖ 9 April, Wednesday 7:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy (E) Pot Luck Supper
- ❖ 11 April, Friday. 10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy (S) Pot Luck Lunch
7:00 PM Matins and Akathist Hymn (E,S)
- ❖ 12 April, Saturday 10:00 AM Liturgy (E, S) No Commemoration of the Dead
5:00 PM Vigil (E, S, G)
- ❖ 13 April, Sunday 9:00 AM Liturgy (E) Mary of Egypt
10:45 AM Liturgy (S)
1:00 PM Prayer Service (G)
- ❖ 16 April, Wednesday 7:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy (E) Pot Luck Lunch
- ❖ 18 April, Friday 10:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy (S) Pot Luck Lunch
7:00 PM Matins (E, S)
- ❖ 19 April, Saturday 10:00 AM Liturgy (E, S) Pascha Preparation Day
5:00 PM Vigil (E, S, G)
Pascha Preparation Craft Day for Children

***See Bulletin Board**

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

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Troparia (Tone 4): When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ our God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

St. John (Tone 1): O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body! You were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John! You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!

Kontakia (Tone 4): My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

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

St. John (Tone 4): The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our Father and Teacher John!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 6): Steadfast Protection of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator, despise not the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith, hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4): O Lord, how manifold are Thy works/ In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13 – 20: Brethren: When God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become the High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia (Tone 4): Go forth, prosper & reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness & truth. Vs. For Thou lovest righteousness & dost hate iniquity.

Gospel: Mark 9:17 – 31: At that time, one of the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And He answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said unto him, “If you can believe! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And He said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He would not have any one know it; for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He is killed, He will rise the third day.

Hymn to the Theotokos: All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace, the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lords from the Heavens. Praise Him in the highest. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Bulletin Messages

Today we welcome Peter Polychroni of the International Orthodox Christian Charities!

DORMITION GUILD PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sign-up sheets to order baked goods 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 items. Orders will be filled as listed on the sheets.

Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Agape Canister:

The OCMC Agape Canister (<http://www.ocmc.org>) posted on the candle counter raised \$21.76 last week! Thank you for your generous support!

Easter Egg Hunt: This year our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and younger will be held on **St. Thomas Sunday, May 4, 2008**, following each liturgy. A Volunteer is needed to help with coordinating the event on that day following the Slavonic liturgy. Please contact Daria Virvan if you would be able to help out. All supplies will be provided and the Hunt will be set up, just supervision and clean up are needed. Sponsored by Therapia Psychotherapy Services.

Stewardship Committee apologizes for the mistakes made in the Lenten Cook Book and hopes that everyone will pick up the page with corrections at coffee hour. Again, mea culpa and I hope you enjoy the cookbook. More books (corrected) will be for sale in the church hall.

The St. Mark Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, FOCA, has planned for a first annual golf tournament for Friday August 22, 2008. Dr. Tony Ngo has headed up the planning team and arranged the event. For more information, please see the bulletin board downstairs.

NEW ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE RETREAT: Fr. Peter Gillquist will lead a retreat on Saturday, April 12th, 2008, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Clarlyn Road Falls Church, VA 22041. His visit is timed to coincide with the release of the new Orthodox Study Bible which will include the Old Testament and the Apocrypha. Fr. Gillquist is one of a group of Orthodox clergy and laymen that has produced the Orthodox Study Bible. The retreat will focus on Orthodox Study Bible: how it is used in the liturgical life of the Church and how it can be used in our personal lives- with special emphasis on the Old Testament and the prophecies concerning Jesus. The new Orthodox Study Bible will be available for purchase at the retreat. Join us for this inspirational experience. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Although the retreat is free, please register to reserve a seat. To register for the retreat, please Email: John Demakis at jgd11@erols.com, Antonia Chelpon at achelpon@aol.com, or Betty Slanta at slanta@verizon.net.



Pussy Willows – Attention all Parishioners! Please remember to start collecting pussy willows for Palm Sunday services as soon as the trees break bud. Cut pussy willows may be placed on the annex porch for storage if needed.

Sixth Annual Ladies Fashion Show and Luncheon

Luncheon is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854, will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. The cost of the luncheon and fashion show is \$40.00. Contact Mrs. Rida Boulos at 703-319-3415 or Email: frita18@aol.com, to reserve a seat! The fashions are provided by Helias of 1338 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. A portion of the proceeds will benefit a local women's shelter.

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 jlmagruder@verizon.net or call church office 410-276-3422 not later than 6 April 2008

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank Irina Panyutin for organizing such a successful Lenten Carry-out feast! We thank all of the women who cooked, served and cleaned after the event. It would not have been possible without their smiling faces and aching feet. We are looking for ideas from the *men* for projects they would like to organize, execute and get credit for.

Reminder! On Saturday, April 12th from 12 Noon to 5pm we are looking for people to join in the effort to clean the church and church hall. We are preparing our spiritual home for the greatest feast of the year. **Your help** is needed. No experience necessary! Just bring a good attitude (as you did last time) and the work will go quickly. If you have any questions please call Irina Burgener at 301-933-9043.