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Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
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 3: Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17
Next Week - Holy Cross: 1Cor. 1:18-24; John 19:5-11, 13-20, 25-28.

Schedule of Services

Sunday	7 September	6:00 pm	Vigil (E, S) Nativity of Our Lady
Monday	8 September	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S)
Thursday	11 September	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S) Beheading of the Baptist (O.C.) & the Departed of 9/11
Saturday	13 September	5:00 pm	Vigil (E, S, G)
Sunday	14 September	9:00 am	Liturgy (E) Elevation of the Holy Cross
		10:45 am	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.

Bulletins today are donated in honor of Major Irina Stahovich, by Anna Mighell, in recognition of Irina's life of service to her country and the Orthodox faith. She is now residing in the Soldiers Home.

Sponsorship of the Bulletin: 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. The donation is \$20 a week; \$80 a month (English); \$15 a week; \$60 a month (Russian). **Sponsors for the Russian bulletin are greatly needed!**

To place a notice in the church bulletin: Call the church office and leave a message - press 10 at menu, or e-mail the church at office@stnicholasdc.org. Notices must be submitted no later than **Wednesday** for the following Sunday. *****Please note change in email address for messages!*****

***** VISITORS *****

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

Coffee Hour hosts by week:

Date	Restrictions	Host
7 September	None	Susan Rudy
14 September	Fast	Anna Mighell
21 September	None	Robert Holman
28 September	None	Gillian Butler

Candle Counter/Greeters

Gillian Butler
Gillian Butler
Victoria Shalaginova

Saturday 6
Sunday 7
5:00 Vigil
9:00am -
10:45 am

Upcoming Events

Saturday	September 6	5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S,G)
Sunday	September 7	9:00 am	Liturgy (E)
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S)
			Sunday School Picnic
		6:00 pm	Vigil
Monday	September 8	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S) Nativity of the Theotokos
Thursday	September 11	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S)
		7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting - annex
Saturday	September 13	5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S,G)
Sunday	September 14	9:00 am	Liturgy (E) Elevation of the Holy Cross (Strict Fast)
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S)
Wednesday	September 17	9:00 am	Liturgy (O.C. - S)
		7 PM	Adult Education with Fr. Valery & Marilyn Swezey on "Bishop Basil Rodzianko."
Saturday	September 20	5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S,G)
Sunday	September 21	9:00 am	Liturgy (E)
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S) O.C. - Nativity of the Theotokos
Saturday	September 27	10:00 am	Liturgy (O.C. - S) Elevation of the Holy Cross
Sunday	September 28	9:00 am	Liturgy (E)
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S)
Tuesday	September 30	7:00 pm	Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries on Bioethics

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

St. Nicholas Cathedral - the National War Memorial Shrine
3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007
Phone: 202-333-5060 FAX: 202-965-3788

Troparia (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

Theotokos (Tone 4): Today from the stem of Jesse and from the loins of David, the handmaid of God Mary is being born for us. Therefore all creation is renewed and rejoices. Heaven and earth rejoice together. Praise her, you families of nations, for Joachim rejoices and Anna celebrates crying out://“The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos the Nourisher of our life!”

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

Kontakia (Tone 3): On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

Now & ever & unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokos (Tone 3): Today the Virgin Theotokos Mary, the bridal chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom, by the will of the God is born of a barren woman, being prepared as the chariot of God the Word.// She was foreordained for this, since she is the divine gate and the true Mother of Life.

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

Epistle: (Sun. before Elevation) Gal. 6:11-18: Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. As many as walk according to this rule, peace & mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia (Tone 1): I have exalted one chosen out of My people. Vs. For My hand shall defend him & My arm shall strengthen him.

Gospel: (Sun. before Elevation) John 3:13-17: At that time, Jesus said, “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

Communion Verses:

(Sunday): Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Adult Education: Father Constantine will begin the “Orthodoxy through the Liturgy” class (formerly known as the Inquiry Class) on Saturday September 13 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Annex. All are welcome to attend!

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who cooked and helped set up the **Carry-Out Lunch** on August 24. Without all of the work put in by a small group of people we would not have had such a successful event. After \$100 in expenses we cleared \$1,280. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts by buying their lunch in church that day.

Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries will present a talk on September 30, 2008 at 7 PM at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in the church hall. The presentation by Helen and Peter Evans as a part of their studies with the St. Stephen’s Program will be on “Bioethics: the Christian Perspective on the Difficult Questions New Technology Poses for our Lives”. Sponsored by Therapia Psychotherapy Services. All are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION began August 10th for families with children ages 3 through high school. Registration forms are located on the Sunday School bulletin board in the Church basement or at the entrance to the Church. Get your family’s registration in to qualify! We hope to see ALL of our parish’s children in class this fall!

Attention Parishioners!

Saint Nicholas Cathedral is seeking a hands-on person to be responsible for the day-to-day workings of the Cathedral office. Please submit your resume and two references to the Personnel Committee.

MONUMENT FOR THE GRAVE OF FATHER DNITRY

***We are currently collecting funds for his grave marker
at Fr Dmitry Grigorieff's grave in Rock Creek Cemetery.***

***Collections will be taken after both Divine Liturgies. This is an appropriate way to mark
the memory of our beloved Dean Emeritus. If you have any questions about the
monument, please see or call Svetlana Moser (202 623 6021)***

**Sunday School Classroom clean-up: *We would love to have your help NEXT Saturday,
09/13 to prepare the classrooms for the children the next day!* We will hit the annex with
our Lysol wipes and brooms after vigil next Saturday. All are welcome to join us!**

**Diocesan Assembly: The Assembly for the Diocese of Washington & New York will
take place on Monday, Sept. 15, in South River, N.J. We are allowed two lay
delegates. If you are interested in participating in this way, please contact Fr.
Constantine or Fr. Valery.**

Retirement of Metropolitan Herman

“On September 4, 2008, The Holy Synod of Bishops received a letter from His Beatitude,
Metropolitan HERMAN. In this letter, His Beatitude asks for Retirement, effective
immediately, 'in the best interests of The Orthodox Church in America, and taking into
consideration the current condition of my health.'

“Effective this date, The Holy Synod of Bishops grants His Beatitude's request to retire from
the Office of Metropolitan of All America and Canada of the Orthodox Church in America.

“The Holy Synod of Bishops resolves that His Eminence, DMITRI, Archbishop of Dallas
and the South, be *Locum tenens* of The Orthodox Church in America.