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Exaltation (Elevation) of the Precious Cross
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**Archbishop of Dallas
 and the South Dmitri,**

Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan's See
 V. Rev. Constantine White, Dean
 Rev. Valery Shemchuk, Associate Pastor

Sunday Lessons

**This Week - Holy Cross: 1Cor. 1:18-24; John 19:5-11, 13-20, 25-28.
 Next Week - Tone 5: 2 Cor. 1:22-2:4; Matt 22:1-14**

Schedule of Services

Wednesday	17 September	9:00 am	Liturgy (E,S)
Saturday	20 September	5:00 pm	Vigil (E, S, G)
Sunday	21 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.

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***** 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
14 September	Fast	Anna Mighell
21 September	None	Gillian Butler Robert Holman
28 September	None	Robert Holman

Upcoming Events

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 (E,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
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Kontakion (Tone 4): As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Instead of the Trisagion: Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

Prokeimenon (Tone 7): Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool for it is holy. Verse: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

Hymn to the Theotokos: Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord. You are the mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, in which Christ blossomed; through Him the lifebearing Wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Elevation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn: The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord.

Adult Education: Father Constantine has begun the “Orthodoxy through the Liturgy” class (formerly known as the Inquiry Class). The class takes place on Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Annex. All are welcome to attend!

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 DMITRY We are currently collecting funds for his grave marker at Fr Dmitry Grigorieff’s grave in Rock Creek Cemetery. 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)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 24: For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia (Tone 1): Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast gotten of old. Verse: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Gospel: John 19:6 – 11, 13 – 20, 25 – 28, 30 – 35: When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.