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Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

METROPOLITAN JONAH,

ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON & NEW YORK

V. Rev. Constantine White, Dean

Rev. Valery Shemchuk, Associate Pastor

Sunday Lessons

Next Week – Tone 6: Eph. 2:4-10; Luk. 12:16-21

Schedule of Services

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| Thursday | 20 November | 7:00pm | Vigil (E,S) |
| Friday | 21 November | 10:00am | Liturgy (E, S) Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple |
| Saturday | 22 November | 5:00 pm | Vigil (E, S, G) |
| Sunday | 23 November | 9:00 am | Liturgy (E) |
| | | 10:45 am | Liturgy (S, G) |
| | | 1:00 pm | Prayer Service (G) |

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.

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!**

...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

Georgia Slideshow & Dinner, Sat. Nov 22 (after Vigil)

A land of soaring mountains and ancient monasteries, Georgia has been called a singular culture. Joins us on Saturday, November 22 (after Vigil) for a special slideshow presentation by International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) on its war relief and longterm development work in Georgia, including a special section on ancient churches and monasteries. A potluck dinner will be served along with Georgian specialties and their famous wine.

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America is requesting donations of gift cards to support married seminarian families at St. Tikhon's Seminary and St. Herman's Seminary. For a seminarian family at St. Tikhon's, please provide Target and/or Kohl's gift cards. For the seminarian families at St. Herman's, please provide Wal-Mart and/or Safeway gift cards. We would like to provide these gift in time for St. Nicholas Day. As such, please leave your donation of gift cards at the candle counter no later than November 30. Also, if you wish, you can make a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift cards. Thank you for your generosity. --Nation's Capital "R" Club

Come to St. Nicholas Day Celebrations! We will hold our annual Feast for St. Nicholas on Saturday, 6 December. There will be Liturgy, starting at 10:00 AM. Immediately following the Liturgy, we will have a special Lunch (suggested donation \$10/person, kids free) -all Lenten, of course. Craft making, preparation of Christmas stockings for the Elderly and Infirm of the Parish, a raffle for several prizes with proceedings going to a parishioner in need and a surprise visit from St. Nicholas himself! To complete our preparations for the Feast Confession will be available in the Church after Lunch. Parishioners we need your help!! We need people to oversee the crafts (7-at least) and we need help making and serving the food! Please contact Colette Kalvesmaki (202) 636-9486, paraskeve@gmail.com for help with the crafts; for help with the food Marina McGuigan, (703) 333-2706, marina.mcguigan@cox.net and for help with the Elderly Claire Noble Claire Nobles, clairesophia@verizon.net Hope to see you all there!

Work on the campaign for the church expansion. Six teams of parishioners have been meeting in the evenings and on weekends to review the current list of parishioners for accuracy, and data entry work to organize this data has begun. Katya Haines is chairing the Communications subcommittee, and hopes to have something in each week's bulletin to keep you all up to date on the progress of the campaign. She invites you all to contact her with any questions or ideas regarding PR or communications for this project. Her email address is khaines@novell.com, and her telephone number is (703) 283-0796. She also welcomes the help of anyone who has experience in, and is interested in helping with, the design of the web site.

Troparion of the Resurrection: (Tone 5): Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion: St. Matthew (Tone 3): With zeal you followed Christ the Master, eloquent Matthew, we honor your precious memory! Entreat the merciful God that He grant our souls remission of transgressions.

Kontakion of the Resurrection: (Tone 5): Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

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

Kontakion: St. Matthew (Tone 4): Casting aside the bonds of the customs house for the yoke of justice, you were revealed as an excellent merchant rich in wisdom from on high. You proclaimed the word of truth and roused the souls of the slothful by writing of the hour of Judgment.

Now & ever & unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress (Tone 6): Steadfast Protectress 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 5): Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle: 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 you 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. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and 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 5): I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Verse: Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever. Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37: At that time a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens.... Alleluia....

The Stewardship Committee is putting together one last fund raiser for this year. We have invited our church choir to give a performance of Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 14 at 2pm. This will NOT be a free concert. We will invite our neighbors and outside friends to attend as well. Besides the concert we will have a Christmas shop. This is where all of you come in. We need volunteers to bake cookies, breads, make candies, etc. All will be wrapped in holiday style and sold along with our Christmas ornaments. It would be terrific if any of our crafters could put together items that could be sold. Do you knit? embroider? Make ornaments? All of these items would be sold to benefit the church's general fund. If you have suggestions - only positive ones please, send them to Irina Burgener at: iburgen@gmail.com. Let's try to make this as happy a season for everyone as possible. Thanks in advance for your outpouring of support and help!

Church members! Parents! Families! Friends! Please join us Friday 21 November 2008 7-9pm in the church annex building for an exciting Q & A with Fr. Valery. We will discuss the practical side of how to keep Orthodox traditions alive inside the home and in the family no matter how big or small. Come on your own or with your children - a movie & popcorn will be set up for them in an adjoining room.