

# St. Nicholas Cathedral

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**November 30, 2008**

### Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called *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 8: Eph. 4:1-6; Luk. 17:12-19

#### Schedule of Services

Thursday	4 December	9:00am	Liturgy (S) Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (OC)
Saturday	6 December	10:00am	Liturgy (E,S) St Nicholas the Wonderworker (NC)
		5:00 pm	Vigil (E, S, G)
Sunday	7 December	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](mailto: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**

**Today we welcome archimandrite Daniel (Byantoro) from Indonesia who after both Liturgies will give a talk about the Orthodox missionary work in Indonesia.**

**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](mailto:paraskeve@gmail.com) for help with the crafts; for help with the food Marina McGuigan, (703) 333-2706, [marina.mcguigan@cox.net](mailto:marina.mcguigan@cox.net) and for help with the Elderly Claire Noble Claire Nobles, [clairesophia@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$9029.59.

St. Nicholas Members, come make St. Nicholas Beautiful for the Holidays! Thursday Dec. 4th from 10-2:30 we will be decorating the basement. Come one come all to help! See you then!

**Troparion (Tone 7):** By thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

**Troparion St. Andrew (Tone 4):** Andrew, first-called of the Apostles, and brother of the foremost disciple, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, // and to our souls great mercy!

**Kontakion (Tone 7):** The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: the Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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

**St. Andrew (Tone 2):** Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God, the namesake of courage, the first-called of the Savior's disciples and the brother of Peter! As he once called to his brother, he now cries out to us: // "Come, for we have found the One Whom the world desires!"

**Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

**Kontakion (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 7):** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace! Verse: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord.

**Epistle: Eph. 2: 14-22:** Brethren: He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Alleluia (Tone 7):** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Thy Name, O Most High. Vs. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

**Gospel: Luke 13:10-17:** At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As He said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, & their words to the ends of the universe! Alleluia....

The R Club is conducting a **Christmas giving program for our seminarians** at St. Herman in Kodiak, AK. Our own "adopted seminarian" Dn. Gregory Parker is included in this program. Therefore I will not be collecting separately for a gift check for the Parker Family at this time as we have done in the past. Since Dn. Gregory will be graduating from St. Herman this year I will take up a gift collection after Pascha. As always thank you for your support - Andrea Lutov/Outreach Alaska

St. Nicholas Cathedral is hosting a **Christmas Festival December 14th** and everyone is invited to take advantage of the gifts, decorations and food that will be available. This year everyone will include our new Metropolitan elect Jonah who will be in Washington, DC that weekend as part of the preparation for his enthronement on December 28<sup>th</sup>. To prepare for all of the festivities (Christmas and the Enthronement) we will be painting, cleaning and decorating the church hall Dec. 8, 9, and 10. Take a break from fixing up your house and do something for God's house - it's your home too. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO GET THE JOB DONE and maybe you need to do something about feeling like a guest! Money is tight for everyone so call this "sweat-stewardship."

We also have an opportunity to help beautify the hall by purchasing new chairs. A contribution of \$20 will buy one chair. Each person who donates will have his/her name displayed on the back of the chair. If \$20 is too much, get a group together and donate a chair. Of course if you can afford more - wonderful. The Christmas Festival will include an ala carte Lenten lunch, bake goods sale, Christmas gifts, a raffle (a jersey and cap signed by Alex Ovechkin) as well as a silent auction. By the way, if you have something to contribute to the auction let us know. We also need Christmas decorations, flowers, etc. that can be sold. THIS IS NOT A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. (An exception will be made for white reindeers). Our choir has agreed to give all of us all a gift by singing Christmas carols during the festival. We will also have a box to collect food (cans, boxed and better yet baked goods from the Festival) to deliver to the needy. Please call Irina Burgener at 301-933-9043 or [iburgen@gmail.com](mailto:iburgen@gmail.com) or Irina Panyutin at 301-204-0084 or [irinavp@comcast.net](mailto:irinavp@comcast.net).

**The Sunday School is planning a bake sale Sunday, Dec. 7th**, the day after St. Nicholas Feast Day to sell cookies the children decorated. We would welcome any other treats that Parishoners have baked to sell at the bake sale (which you can take directly into the basement Sunday Morning). Please let me know if you are interested in helping -contact Colette [Paraskeve@gmail.com](mailto:Paraskeve@gmail.com) Also, we still need some help baking the sugar cookies to be decorated for St. Nicholas Day Dec. 6th. If you would like to volunteer for this please contact George Evanisko [George.Evanisko@USPTO.GOV](mailto:George.Evanisko@USPTO.GOV) Thank You!

The Dormition Guild will sell nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for Christmas at \$15.00 each from a new supplier (Carpathian Orthodox Church in Pennsylvania). Prepayment is required with your order. See Mark Pietrzykoski, Judy Foland, or Paulette Marko after Liturgy. Make checks payable to "Dormition Guild." The last day to order is December 4, 2008. Pick up date will be December 21. Since this is such short notice, please pass this info on to others you think may be interested but who may not see this announcement. For more information or to order rolls, email Paulette Marko at [tbirdsho@aol.com](mailto:tbirdsho@aol.com)