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December 14, 2008

Martyrs Thyrsius, Leucis and Callinicus
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 2: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40;
Luke 14:16-24

Schedule of Services

Friday	19 December	9:00 am	Liturgy (S) (O.C.) St Nicholas the Wonderworker
Saturday	20 December	5:00 pm	Vigil (E, S, G)
Sunday	21 December	9:00 am	Liturgy (E,)
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S,G)
		1:00 pm	Prayer Service (G)
Wednesday	24 December	10am	Liturgy (E,S) Eve of the Nativity
		7pm	Vigil (E,S)
Thursday	25 December	10am	Liturgy (E,S) Nativity of our Lord
Friday	26 December	10am	Liturgy (E,S) Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos
Saturday	27 December	5pm	Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	28 December	9am	Liturgy (E,S) Enthronement of our new metropolitan
Wednesday	31 December	6pm	Liturgy of St Basil (E,S) Circumcision of our Lord

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

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**It is with great joy today that we welcome our new Metropolitan JONAH,
Archbishop of Washington and New York. May God grant him Many Years!**

**Please join us for our Christmas Festival downstairs
and do some of your Christmas shopping!**

The December bulletins are donated in memory of the handmaiden of God, Vera Kunsak by Galina Tolliver. May her memory be eternal.

The December bulletins are donated in memory of our beloved pastor, Fr. Dmitry Grigorieff. May his memory be eternal.

**Tentative schedule for the enthronement of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah:
Saturday, December 27, at 5pm Vigil** celebrated by Metropolitan Jonah, members of the OCA Holy Synod of Bishops and guest hierarchs. Reception following the Vigil in the Cathedral annex.

December 28th at 9 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Jonah, members of the OCA Holy Synod of Bishops, guest hierarchs and clergy.

December 28th at 1:00 p.m. Banquet in honor of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah. Tickets will be \$100.00 per person, and those interested in reserving tickets are asked to call the St. Nicholas Cathedral office at (202) 333-5060 or to send an email to banquet@stnicholasdc.org. Banquet space is limited and those wishing to attend are urged to make their preliminary reservations, with a menu choice of New York strip steak or grilled salmon noted on the check, as soon as possible. Reservations will not be finalized until a check for tickets is received. Please make checks payable to "Enthronement Banquet" and send them to the attention of the Treasurer at St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20007. **The deadline for banquet reservations is Monday, December 15, 2008.**

ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE SERVING FOUR MEALS DURING METROPOLITAN JONAH'S VISIT TO OUR CATHEDRAL. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO WASH DISHES AND POSSIBLY SERVE MEALS. OUR WOMEN ARE SHOPPING FOR FOOD, COOKING MEALS AND DECORATING. WE ASK THE MEN OF ST. NICHOLAS TO HELP WASH DISHES... OUR PARISH NEEDS AS MANY HANDS AS POSSIBLE TO DO ALL THE WORK AND PREPARATION FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT.. WE WANT TO MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION AND WITH YOUR HELP WE WILL DO SO. CALL TODAY TO VOLUNTEER, DON'T PUT IT OFF IRINA PANYUTIN # 301-294-0084 IRINA BERGENER #301-933-9043

Troparion (Tone 1): When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Forefathers (Tone 2): Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Forefathers Kontakion (Tone 6): You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for You are merciful and able to do as You will

Prokeimenon (Tone 4): Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified if Thy name forever! Verse: For righteous art Thou in all that Thou hast done for us.

Epistle: Colossians 3:4 – 11: Brethren, when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia (Tone 4): Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His name. Verse: They called upon the Lord and He harkened unto them.

Gospel: Luke 14:16 – 24: At that time Jesus spoke unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

This December Stewardship Committee has a lot of thank you's to hand out. Irina Panyutin for all of the cooking and good cheer she has brought to the group and for coming up with the great idea for new chairs for the hall. Thanks to all of you who donated money for the chairs, we're working on getting the names ready to put on them. Make sure you come downstairs today and enjoy the chairs while eating some delicious food. Thank you to those who helped clean the hall this past week, especially Matushka Marina who toiled two full days. To Ken Kasovec, Robert and Nicholas Burgener and George Nartissov. I mention them because they were the only men to help with this daunting job. To Lola Beno, Lillian Blome and of course Irina Panyutin and all of the women from the Slavonic Service who came to help. Sasha Kay who quietly helps clean up after all of our cooking projects and to the ladies who month after month contribute their time and skills to foster fellowship in our church. Thank you all and have a blessed holiday season.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

14 December 2008 (Fast) Tom Downey

25 December 2008 (None) Robert Holman

4 January 2009 (None) Gillian Butler

21 December 2008 (Fast) Susan Rudy

28 December 2008 (None) Anna Mighell

The Nation's Capital "R" Club will host its annual Christmas Party this year on Tuesday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex. A White Elephant gift exchange will take place during the festivities. So please bring a gift valued at \$15 for your participation. Elizabeth Slanta will be coordinating the pot luck so please contact her at slanta@verizon.net about what you will be bringing. **BETTY HAS NOT HEARD FROM ANYONE AS YET; PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT ACTIVITY.**

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.

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

Last Sunday's (Nov. 30th) collection amounted to \$7372

Contributions for the reduction of the General Fund deficit totaled \$12,119 through November.