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December 21, 2008

Virgin Martyr Juliana and her Companions
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 3: Gal. 1:11-19,
Luke 2:13-23

Schedule of Services

Wednesday	24 December	10am 7pm	Liturgy (E,S) Eve of the Nativity 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.

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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!

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

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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.

The 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.

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

Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Sundays' Christmas Festival such a success. From those who cleaned, to those who cooked, baked, served and donated items for sale! A special thanks to everyone who donated food to the charity drive. We have decided to continue collecting food next Sunday, December 21st as well. Because of the tremendous turn out we will need volunteers to deliver the food to the Capital Food Bank. If you are interested and can indeed help us take the food to the bank please call or email Irina Burgener at: 301-933-9043 or iburgen@gmail.com. It will put you in the true holiday spirit and bring comfort to those in need.

Thank you all for all the help you have given Stewardship throughout the year and may God bless us one and all!

Due to all of the wonderful contributions to last weeks bake sale we will continue it today. Please come downstairs and buy some delicious sweets for your Christmas table. Stewardship Committee would like to thank the carolers for their wonderful singing that made our Christmas Festival extra special this year. Thanks also to everyone who worked serving food, selling Christmas items and of course those who cleaned up after. Final count isn't in but at this point it looks like we've made over \$1,000!

Troparion (Tone 2): When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal; Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Holy Ancestors (Tone 2): Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Forefeast (Tone 4): Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

Glory to the Father...

Kontakion (Tone 1): Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Now & ever....

Kontakion (Tone 3): Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the Angels and the shepherds the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

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: Hebrews 11: 9-10; 17-23; 32-40: By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph; at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon & Barak & Samson & Jephthah, also of David & Samuel & the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weaknesses were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had a trial of mockings & scourgings, yes, and of chains & imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain by the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins & goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in the deserts & the mountains, in dens & caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through

faith, did not receive the promise, God having made something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Alleluia (Tone 4): We have heard with our ears, O God, and our fathers have told us. Verse: For Thou has saved us from those who oppose us, and has put to shame those who hate us.

Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-25: The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of deportation to Babylon. And after deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of She-al'ti-el, and She-al'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means God is with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

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 Nartissof. 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:

21 December 2008 (Fast) Susan Rudy

28 December 2008 (None) Anna Mighell

25 December 2008 (None) Robert Holman

4 January 2009 (None) Gillian Butler

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

The collection for December 12-14 was \$10,967 (this does not include amounts from the holiday festival, rent, and estate payment.)

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