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December 28, 2008

20,000 Martyrs of Necomedia
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 4: 2 Tim. 4:5-8,
 Mark 1:1-8

Schedule of Services

Wednesday	31 December	6pm	Liturgy of St Basil (E,S) Circumcision of our Lord
Saturday	3 Jan	5pm	Vigil E,S()
Sunday	4 Jan	9am	Liturgy (E)
		10:45am	Liturgy (S,G)
		1pm	Prayer Service (G)
Monday	5 Jan	10am	Vesperal Liturgy, (E,S) Blessing of water
		7pm	Vigil Eve of the Theophany (E,S)
Tuesday	6 Jan	10am	Liturgy Theophany (E,S) Blessing of water
		7pm	Vigil Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (S) (OC)
Wednesday	7 Jan	10am	Liturgy Nativity of our Lord (S) (OC)
Saturday	10 Jan	9:30	Liturgy for children (Yolka) (E,S)
		5pm	Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	11 Jan	9am	Liturgy (E)
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S,G)
		1pm	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.

...those who have given their lives for their homeland...” **Memory Eternal.**
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 3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007
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**With great joy we welcome all the clergy and faithful gathered here today for the enthronement of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah!
 Eis pola eti despota!**

To His beatitude Jonah, Archbishop of Washington and New York, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, for the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America and May God Grant Them Many Years!!!

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.

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.

Christmas celebration for children Saturday, January 10th, 2009
 9:30 – 10:30 - Liturgy with participation of the children’s choir
 10:30 – 11:00 – Discussion about Nativity, St. Nicholas, and New Year
 After the Children’s Liturgy, there will be a meal in the fellowship hall followed by a Christmas and New Year performance featuring Father Frost, Snow Maiden, and presents. The price of a present is \$10, \$25 for a family with three children. The number of presents is limited, please sign up in advance. Dear parents, we need your help in organizing the celebration!
 To sign up for presents contact Irina Knyazev (301-340-9231)
 To help with preparing the meal and in organizing the celebration please contact Marina McGuigan (703-333-2706).

The collection for December 21 was \$13,625.00 (exclusive of the holiday festival, PTA activities and contributions, Building Fund contributions in memory of Eleanor Skuby, and a baptism).

Troparia Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

Christmas Tropar (Tone 4): Thy Nativity O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Holy Ones (Tone 2): Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God: You saw a Virgin great with Child; you gave glory with the shepherds; you worshipped with the Magi; you received the news from the angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

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

Holy Ones (Tone 3): Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christmas Kontakion (Tone 3): Today the Virgin gives birth to the transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels, with shepherds glorify Him! The wise men journey with the star! Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a little child!

Prokeimenon (Tone 6): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Verse: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O My God, be not silent to me.

Holy Ones (Tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19: For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia (Tone 4): Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Verse: How he made an oath to the Lord and a vow to the God of Jacob.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23: When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Hymn to the Theotokos: Magnify, O my Soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts! I behold a strange, most glorious mystery! Heaven – the cave! The cherubic throne – the Virgin! The manger – the place where Christ lay, the uncontainable God whom we magnify in song!

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the Heavens; praise Him in the highest. The Lord hath sent redemption to His people. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

28 December 2008 (None) Anna Mighell

4 January 2009 (None) Gillian Butler

Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) AGAPE CANISTER: This week, parishioners donated \$36.00 for the Agape Canister on the candle counter. Thanks to your generosity this year, the OCMC awarded grants to nine (9) AGAPE projects for philanthropic and development projects in seven (7) countries through the Agape Canister Program; Theological training was encouraged at seminaries in Albania, Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin, South Africa, and Alaska. If you would like to learn more about the work of the OCMC, please contact Betty Slanta, OCMC Board member at slanta@verizon.net.

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.