

# St. Nicholas Cathedral

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### December 7, 2008

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, St Philotheia  
*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 1: Eph. 4:1-6; Luk. 17:12-19

#### Schedule of Services

Saturday	13 December	10:00am	Liturgy (E,S) Ven. Herman of Alaska (NC)
		5:00 pm	Vigil (E, S, G)
Sunday	14 December	9:00 am	Liturgy (E,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.*

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**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

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This week's bulletin is sponsored by Nina Shafran in honor of her parents, V. Rev. Paul and Mary Shafran, who celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary November 27, 2008.

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.

Today, December 7, is the LAST day for inclusion of names in **the Annual Parish Christmas Card**. We need time to prepare the card for mailing, so that it will arrive in our parishioners' homes for Christmas.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The Parish Council of St. Nicholas Cathedral Parish will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2008. The meeting, held in the Council Room of the Church Annex begins at 7:00 PM and will end circa 9:00 PM. All parish members are encouraged to attend and participate.

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

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy** celebrated by Metropolitan Jonah, members of the OCA Holy Synod of Bishops, guest hierarchs and clergy.

**December 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Banquet in honor of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah.** Banquet plans are currently being finalized. 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](mailto: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.**

**Troparion (Tone 8):** Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

**Troparion (Tone 4):** Thy just works have shown Thee to thy flock as an example of faith, an image of meekness and a teacher of abstinence. By humility Thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness, riches. O Father Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls..

**Kontakion (Tone 8):** By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O Greatly Merciful One.

**Glory to the Father....**

**Kontakion (Tone 3):** You revealed yourself in Myra as a priest, O Holy One, for you fulfilled the gospel of Christ by giving up your life for your people and saving the innocent from death. Therefore you are blessed as one well instructed in the grace of God.

**Now and ever....**

**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 8):** Pray & make your vows before the Lord our God! Vs. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel!

**Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6:** Brethren, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**Alleluia (Tone 8):** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior. Vs. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**Gospel: Luke 17:12-19:** At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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

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](mailto:slanta@verizon.net) about what you will be bringing. Hope to see you all there.

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 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 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! 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).

**BUCKET BRIGADE MEETS!** Stewardship Committee calls one and all to help clean the church hall. As you know we have a lot of activities going on in December. We want to make sure we look good for the newly elected Metropolitan's first visit to our church the weekend of Dec. 13-14. December 14 is our Christmas Festival. We will meet at 10am on Dec.8. Someone will be there all day and early evening for those wanting to come after work. Dec.9 we will meet at 4pm. We will continue cleaning and start decorating the hall for the festivities. Please bring your own cleaning supplies and gloves, we do not want to ask our cash strapped church to spend extra money on this. Also, bring as much elbow grease as you can spare and don't forget your cheerful attitude. Let me know when to expect you, call at 301-933-9043 or email [iburgen@gmail.com](mailto:iburgen@gmail.com).

Please support our children in their good work! Today, Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday School is doing a bake sale to sell cookies the children decorated on St. Nicholas Feast Day. We would welcome everyone to buy the cookies. The proceeds will go to help those in need.

**St. Luke Orthodox Church Sisterhood Bake Sale:** Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> the Sisterhood of St. Luke Church (6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101; 703-790-1005) will host a bake sale from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Featuring freshly baked breads and donuts. Their new cookbook will be available for purchase at just \$12.00 per copy. See flyer on the downstairs bulletin board for more information!

Due to the sorrowful passing away of His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia, Head of the Russian Orthodox Church, a book of condolences will be open in the Embassy of the Russian Federation at 2650 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007 on Monday, December 8, 2008 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**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 (Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>) collection amounted to \$7372

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) AGAPE CANISTER:** 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. This week, parishioners donated \$23.68 for the Agape Canister on the candle counter. If you would like to learn more about the work of the OCMC, please contact Betty Slanta at [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net).