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April 26, 2009
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 – Antipascha Acts 6: 1 – 7; Mark 15:43-16:8

Schedule of Services

Tuesday	April	28	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S)	Day of Rejoicing
Saturday	May	2	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Liturgy (in Georgian) Vigil (E.S.G)	
Sunday	May	3	9:00 am 10:45 am 10:00 am	Liturgy (E) Liturgy (S) Prayer Service (G)	

E=English, S=Slavonic, G=Georgian

The April bulletins are sponsored in memory of newly departed Irina Stahovich and Olga Mikhalevsky. May their memory be eternal.

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored by Jeff King in memory of his wife, Svetlana on the second anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal!
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***** VISITORS *****

A warm welcome to St. Nicholas Cathedral!
 We are glad to have you worship with us today.

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

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Bulletins for this week are sponsored to honor all those who worked so hard to make Holy Pascha as beautiful as it was.

**We extend much appreciation to everyone who made our Paschal celebration so joyous. It takes the effort and time of many people to enable us celebrate as we do.
 God bless you all.**

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!
 Χριστός Ανέστη!
griste aRsdga! QWeSmaritad aRsdga!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The St. Nicholas Cathedral’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on St. Thomas Sunday, April 26th following each Divine Liturgy.
 For more information, please contact Daria Virvan at 410-874-8762.
 Sponsored by Therapia Psychotherapy Services.

For Holy Week, Pascha and Bright Week, the collection was \$26,389.12, which does include building expansion and capital fund donations, special collections, private services, coffee hour proceeds and rectory rental income.

Parishioners: Do you know of a *graduating senior* from the Cathedral Parish? High School and College *graduates* will be honored by the Cathedral in June. Please contact the church office 202-333-5060 or Subdeacon Michael Shandor 202-615-1555 with the following information: name of graduate; school of matriculation, major (if college) and date of graduation if known. If your high school senior has decided on a college or university to attend in the fall please include this also!

Coffee Hour Volunteers Schedule for Hosts After the First Liturgy:

26 April 2009	None	Susanne Somersalo
3 May 2009	None	Catherine Vangellow
10 May 2009	None	Jim and Rosalie Luster

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life (2 ½ times).

Choir/Congregation: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.
(*Liturgy begins this way until the Leavetaking of Pascha.*)

Feast (Tone 7): From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Feast (Tone 8): Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon (Tone 3): Great is our God and great is His power. His understanding is beyond measure. Verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good: let our praise be sweet to our God.

Epistle: Acts 5:12 – 20: In those days through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. The high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Alleluia (Tone 8): Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us shout in jubilation to God our Savior! Verse: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king over all the earth.

Prayer Before Gospel Reading: O Master Who love mankind, make the spotless light of Your revelation of God shine in our hearts, and open the eyes of our mind that we may grasp the message of Your Good News. Instill in us respect for Your blessed commandments, so that overcoming (or trampling down) all self-indulgent passions, we may pursue a way of life the Spirit brings, and please You in all we think and do. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You together with Your Father without beginning and Your all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Gospel: John 20:19 – 31: At that time, on the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn to the Theotokos: The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! You Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Note: No Praise the Lord from the heavens...)

Instead of "We have seen the true light...": Christ is risen from the dead. Trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing light. (once)

After "Glory to Thee, O Christ, ...": Christ is risen... (three times).

SAVE THE DATE: **Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Benefit Missions Banquet, Sunday, 31 May 2009**, beginning with hos d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm, at St. Katherine Greek orthodox Church 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041. Keynote speaker is V. Rev. Alexander Veronis, OCMC President Emeritus, speaking on "The Great Empowerment; Acts 1:8, From Jerusalem to the World." Reservation: \$50.00 per person by May 24, 2009, with checks made to St. Katherine Church. For more information, please contact either Dr. John Demakis at email jgd11@erols.com or Mrs. Betty Slanta at email: slanta@verizon.net