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May 24, 2009
Blind Man Week
St Symeon the Stylite, St Vincent of Lerins
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

METROPOLITAN JONAH

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Sunday Lessons

Next Week – Acts 20: 16 – 18; 28-36 John 17:1-13

Schedule of Services

Wedn.	May	27	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Liturgy (E.S) Leavetaking of Pascha Vigil (E.S)
Thursday	May	28	10:00 am	Liturgy (E.S) Ascension of our Lord
Saturday	May	30	5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	May	31	9:00 am 10:45 am 1:00 pm	Liturgy (E) Fathers of 1 st Ecum. Council Liturgy (S) Prayer Service (G)

E=English, S=Slavonic, G=Georgian

The May bulletins are sponsored by Irina and Vadim Knyazev in memory of all Orthodox Christians who perished in World War II. May their memory be eternal.

***** 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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 06/07/09! On Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost during a single Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, EVERYONE is invited to the Annual Sunday School BBQ (weather permitting)! \$10/Adults & Kids eat Free! We hope you will join us!

The collection for the week of 511, including Sunday, 5/17 totalled \$7,908.00. In addition, the amount collected this week for the cathedral fundraiser was in the amount of \$11,104.00, bringing the sum to date as \$12,092.00.

Requests to raise \$250,000 needed for the major repairs to the HVAC system at St. Nicholas were mailed to all parishioners. If you haven't received yours yet, watch for it in the mail. This is a significant repair and needed now so that damage to the interior of St. Nicholas does not increase. To raise \$250,000, we need everyone to consider their most generous pledge which can be paid through December.

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:

24 May 2009	None	Bill and Lidia Kosar
31 May 2009	None	Steve & Jo Lu Terrell

Digital TV Info May 31st: Are you sure you understand what the digital TV (DTV) switch means for your household? Your old (non-digital) TV will stop working completely on June 12th -- UNLESS (a) it is hooked up to a digital TV converter box and antenna, or (b) you subscribe to cable or satellite dish. With a converter box and antenna, your old TV will receive more channels than ever before, with better picture and sound and enhanced closed captioning. Come sign up for a free \$40 discount coupon for a converter box, see how to hook up a converter box, and get all your DTV questions answered on Sunday, May 31st. Nina Shafran will be set up at a table after each liturgy (exact location will be announced on May 31st). Also learn about recycling TVs you no longer want - don't throw them away! Written materials available in Russian and English.

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

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

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.)

Troparia (Tone 5): Let us the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Kontakia: Blind Man (Tone 4): I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to thee in repentance: thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Pascha (Tone 8): Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming “Rejoice” to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8): Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God! Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Acts 16:16 - 34: In those days, it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortunetelling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” Then the multitude rose up together against them and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.” Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Alleluia (Tone 8): Look upon me and have mercy upon me. Verse: Direct my steps according to Thy word.

Gospel: John 9:1 - 38: At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from his birth. And His disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that He was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the

clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this he that sat and begged?” Some said, “This is he,” others said, “He is like him.” But he said, “I am he.” Therefore said they unto him, “How were thine eyes opened?” He answered and said, “A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash,’ and I went and washed, and I received sight.” Then said they unto him, “Where is he?” He said, “I know not.” They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, “He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.” Therefore said some of the Pharisees, “This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day.” Others said, “How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?” And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, “What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? How then doth he now see?” His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.” These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, “He is of age; ask him.” Then again they called the man that was blind and said unto him, “Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered and said, “Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.” Then said they to him again, “What did he to thee? How opened he thine eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? Will ye also be his disciples?” Then they reviled him, and said, “Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses’ disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.” The man answered and said unto them, “Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.” They answered and said unto him, “Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said unto him, “Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” He answered and said, “Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?” And Jesus said unto him, “Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he bowed down to Him.

Hymn to the Theotokos: The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice! Your 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: Receive the Body of Christ. Taste the Fountain of Immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the Highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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).