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Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council
Apostle Hermes of the 70, Martyr Hermias
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 – Acts 2: 1 – 11; 28-36 John 7:37-52; 8:12

Schedule of Services

Saturday	June	6	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Liturgy (E,S) Memorial Saturday Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	June	7	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Liturgy (E,S,G) Feast of the Holy Trinity Prayer Service (G)
Monday	June	8	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S) Day of the Holy Spirit

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.
 St. Nicholas Cathedral – the National War Memorial Shrine
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Golden Anniversary - This week’s Bulletin is sponsored by Daniel Osolinsky in honor of his parents Dorothy and Gene who were married in Pittsburgh on May 30th 1959. He Thanks God for their many years.

We are sorry that the following was inadvertently left out of last Sunday’s bulletin, during the Memorial Day weekend: Last Sunday’s bulletin was sponsored by Rich Smith in memory of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the defense of our nation. May their Memories be Eternal.

Last Sunday, our long time member Anna Mayberry celebrated her 90th birthday. Anna has served our parish in numerous ways over many years, particularly in the choir, in which she not only sang, but organized music and events, doing whatever was asked of her. She has served in other parish organizations as well and has been a real blessing to us and the building up of the cathedral. **MAY GOD GRANT HER MANY YEARS IN HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.**

Responses to the request for very generous additional pledges to the “Want of a Nail” Capital Repair need have been wonderfully good and generous. This is an enormous expense for our parish family to afford, but many have opened their hearts to its critical need and have given as much as they can to install a new HVAC system and do repairs to the damage in the interior of our church. In next week’s bulletin we will begin reporting on the number of donors and the total of what has been pledged to date. If we raise more than is necessary for the new HVAC and repairs all remaining dollars will be used for renovations in the kitchen in the coffee room below. For those of you who haven’t sent your gifts or pledges yet, please do so as soon as you can so that we can see where we are with the fundraising effort.

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!

St Nicholas Coffee Hour

Date	Restrictions	Host
31 May 2009	None	Steve & Jo Lu Terrell
7 June 2009	None	Irina Bergener
14 June 2009	None	Nina Shafran & Robert Tyszchenko
21 June 2009	Fast	Bruce and Lola Beno
28 June 2009	Fast	Michael and Karen Rossler

Digital TV Info May 31st: In 12 days, your old TV will stop working!! – unless you have cable TV, or satellite TV, or a digital converter box. Stop by the table outside at the Edmunds Street entrance to the Cathedral and get the answers you need to keep your old TV going after June 12th – or to hear about recycling options. Even if you have cable for some of your TV’s, perhaps you’ve forgotten about that extra TV in a bedroom or in the kitchen that is NOT hooked up to a paid subscription service. See Nina Shafran TODAY – after liturgy – if you have any questions at all about the digital switch.

Troparia (Tone 6): The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

Ascension (Tone 4): Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Holy Fathers (Tone 8): Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

Kontakia (Holy Fathers, Tone 8): The apostles' preaching and the fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Ascension (Tone 6): When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven: Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4-Song of the Fathers): Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever! Verse: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Epistle: Acts 20:16 – 18, 28 – 36: In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia (Tone 1): The Lord, the God of gods, hath spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Verse: Gather to Him, O you His venerable ones, who made a covenant with Him by sacrifices.

Gospel: John 17:1 – 13: At that time, when Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father the hour hath come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast

sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou me in Thy presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given me, for they are Thine; all mine are Thine, and Thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name which Thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name which Thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Hymn to the Theotokos: Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, who has ascended from earth to heaven! We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One!

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.

Instead of "We have seen the True Light...": Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

July 5th picnic: On Sunday, July 5 our parish will celebrate America's birthday. We are all Americans, some by the good fortune of being born here, others who choose this country and were welcomed to live and make a life here. For this we must all be grateful. It is a time to join together and celebrate! If you are going to be out of town a financial donation would be most welcome. The church as well as everyone else is going through monetary hardships so if everyone pitches in a little we can have a great time together and help the church at the same time. Please call or email Irina Burgener at 301-933-9043 iburgen@gmail.com

Bazaar Time! We will be holding a general meeting on *Wednesday, June 3rd at 7pm in the church annex* to create a plan of action for this year's Bazaar to be held October 16-18. Remembering Eleanor Skuby and all of the founders of our parish, who year after year worked tirelessly to help build the church, can we, should we do any less? We must make this project a grand success, both to honor them and their work and to make sure our Cathedral stays vibrant for our children and grandchildren. Come to the meeting, join the teams that will make a difference. Call Irina Burgener 301-933-9043 or email: iburgen@gmail.com

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!

"SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Church School will be held from July 13th to July 17th, from 10 am to 2 pm, at St. Mark in Bethesda, Md. This year's theme will be "MY ORTHODOX FAMILY". Details to follow in the next couple weeks."