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May 3, 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 – Acts 9: 32 – 42; Mark 5:1-15

### Schedule of Services

Saturday	May	9	10:00 am	Liturgy (E,S) St. Nicholas
			5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	May	10	9:00 am	Liturgy (E)
			10:45 am	Liturgy (S)
			10:00 am	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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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!  
Χριστός Ανεστη!  
griste aRsdga! QWeSmaritad aRsdga!

**Dormition Guild Palm Sunday Luncheon and Bake Sale:** “Thank You” to everyone for your support of the Guild’s annual Palm Sunday fundraising events. Special appreciation goes to the bakers, cooks, sellers and helpers. All of your time, effort and purchases made these events a resounding success.

The proceeds from the collection of 4/26/09 were \$5,311.00, which does not include building expansion and capital funds donations, special collections and private services, and coffee hour proceeds.

**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:

3 May 2009	None	Catherine Vangellow
10 May 2009	None	Jim and Rosalie Luster

"*In the Beginning*" is the title of a conference for teachers, parents, youth ministers, and others interested in Orthodox Christian education, slated to be held at the Monastery of the Transfiguration, Ellwood City, PA on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America, the conference is one of a series conducted in recent years in different regions of the country. Matushka Valerie Zahirsky, a long-time DCE member and noted author, educator, and speaker, will be the keynote speaker. She will explore a variety of ways to teach major themes revealed in the book of Genesis. Several workshops, exploring creative ideas and resources appropriate for home and classroom use and related topics, will also be offered throughout the day. The \$15.00 registration fee covers all conference materials and lunch. Checks payable to the Orthodox Church in America may be sent with registration forms, which may be downloaded together with a conference schedule and other information, here, to Mrs. Jewelann Stefanar, 4706 Bentwood Dr., Brooklyn, OH 44144-3153. Those requiring overnight accommodations may also contact Mrs. Stefanar at 216-741-0985 or jewelann1@roadrunner.com.

**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 2)** When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

**Righteous Joseph (Tone 2):** The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

**Myrrhbearing Women (Tone 2):** The angel came to the Myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.

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

**Kontakion: Myrrhbearing Women (Tone 2):** Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ! By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God! Thou didst command Thy apostles to preach: The Savior is risen!

**Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

**Kontakion: (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 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!

**Epistle: Acts 6:1-Acts 6:7:** Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows wereneglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. And the word of God spread; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Alleluia (Tone 8):** Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.

Verse: Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**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: Mark 15:43 - 16:8:** At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**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).

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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](mailto:jgd11@erols.com) or Mrs. Betty Slanta at email: [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net)