

St. Nicholas Cathedral
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July 26, 2009
St Jacob, Enlightener of the People of Alaska
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

METROPOLITAN JONAH
 ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON
V. Rev. Constantine White, Dean
Rev. Valery Shemchuk, Associate Pastor

Schedule of Services

Tuesday	July	28	9:00am	Liturgy (R) St Vladimir (Old Calendar)
Saturday	August	1	10:00am	Liturgy (G)
			5:00 pm	Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	August	2	9:00 am	Liturgy (E)
			10:45 am	Liturgy (S)
			1:00 pm	Prayer Service (G)

E=English, S=Slavonic, G=Georgian

***** 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
 3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007
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www.stnicholasdc.org

St Nicholas Coffee Hour

Restrictions	Host	
26 July	None	Sharon Osmolovsky
2 August	Fast	Steve & Jo Lu Terrell
9 August	Fast	Catherine Vangellow
16 August	None	Nina Shafran & Robert Tyszchenko

We have now successfully raised \$57,421 in cash and pledges towards the cost of the capital repair for the interior of St. Nicholas. The HVAC system on the roof has been patched for the summer so that we will have some air conditioning and the new HVAC system will be installed later in the year. The cost for the new system and for the repair of the damage in the interior of St. Nicholas is approximately \$250,000 so we have a long way to go to raise the money needed. Please send your gifts or pledges in as soon as possible. Look in the coffee room for extra pledge cards if you need one.

Monday, September 28th at 12pm in Woodrow Wilson Center discussion on the subject of “Transnational Religious Education and the Changing Face of Central Asian Islam” by David Abramsov, Foreign Affairs Research Analyst, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Department of State, and Public Policy Scholar. Please see www.wilsoncenter.org for details.

The collection for the week of July 13, including Sunday, July 19 was \$9012.75. The average general fund collection for the past 6 months was approximately \$9,516 per week; the average expenses for the past 6 months was approximately \$10,374--almost an \$800.00 shortfall per week.

St. Nicholas Cathedral FESTIVAL 2009
 October 17 – October 18

YES! It's that time again. We are looking for volunteers to help make this festival extra special for everyone as we celebrate our diversity in the common bond of Orthodox Christians..

We need people to help cook for one of the four food stations: American, Georgian, Russian and Serbian.

Sweet tooth experts are needed for the bakery table and if there is anyone out there who can make a mean cup of espresso - we need you too.

There will be a White Elephant sale so start collecting your gently used items. Sorry, no electronics, text books, records or clothes.

We will be selling ads for our brochure so if you have a favorite vendor you use, shop or vanity ad (Mom and Dad wish Sunny a happy birthday) please get in touch with them. Remember, the more ads we sell, the more money we will have for repairs to the Cathedral.

Suggestions are gratefully accepted but mostly we need your elbow grease to help set up, break down and everything in between. Give us a call and we'll find you a job that needs your abilities.

Please call Irina Burgener at 301-933-9043 or write to iburgen@gmail.com

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!

Troparion (Tone 4) (St. Jacob Netsvetov): O righteous Father Jacob, adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta; you offered yourself as a living sacrifice to bring light to a searching people. Offspring of Russian America, flower of brotherly unity, healer of sickness and terror of demons: O Holy Father Jacob, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 6): When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit...

Kontakion St. Jacob (Tone 3): O Holy Father Jacob, teacher of the knowledge of God, you revealed your love for your people, taking up your cross and following Christ, enduring hardships like the Apostle Paul. Pray on our behalf to Christ our God to grant us great mercy!

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

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 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: Rom. 15:1-7: Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

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: Matt. 9: 27-35: At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heaven, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanksgiving Prayer After Communion: We give thank, Lord our God, for letting us share in the holy Mysteries You have given us for the benefit, sanctification, and healing of our souls and bodies. O Master of all things! Let them provide us with faith that cannot be shaken, with love that does not pretend, with wisdom that is complete, with healing for our souls and bodies, with a sure defense against adversary, with a willingness to observe all You have given us, and, finally, with the right answer at the judgment seat of your Christ. For You make us holy, and we render glory to You – to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

On August 9, 2009, a special meeting of the St. Nicholas Cathedral parish will be held in the Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007, to resolve the question of funding for the Heating, Air Conditioning and Ventilation System (HVAC) for the Cathedral. This is the only item that will be addressed at this special parish meeting, and no discussion of other business will be entertained. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for another parishioner to hold you proxy for this meeting. Each parishioner can only hold one proxy. The meeting will begin after a single Divine Liturgy on that day at approximately 11:30 a.m. Additional information will be mailed shortly.

St Isaac of Syria (7th/8th cent.): The ladder to the Kingdom is hidden within you, and within your soul. Dive down into yourself, away from sin, and there you will find the steps by which you can ascend.'

St John of Karpathos (7th cent.): Blessed are those who, when grace is withdrawn, find no consolation in themselves, but only continuing tribulation and thick darkness, yet do not despair; but, strengthened by faith, they endure courageously, convinced that they do indeed see Him who is invisible.'