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St Gregory the Theologian *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 – Tone 8: 1 Tim. 4:9-15,
Luke 19 1:1-10

Schedule of Services

Saturday	31 Jan	5pm	Vigil (E,S)	
Sunday	1 Feb	9am	Liturgy (E)	Zacchaeus Sunday
		10:45 am	Liturgy (S,G)	
		1pm	Prayer Service (G)	

E=English, S=Slavonic, G=Georgian

General Confession in English is held on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

General confession in Russian is held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

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

St. Nicholas Cathedral – the National War Memorial Shrine

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This year's Maslenitsa will once again be held at the Russian Embassy under the gracious patronage of the Russian Ambassador, His Excellency, Sergey Kislyak on Friday, February 20 at 7:00 pm. The invitations for this year's event will be sent out shortly. This event is more than a jubilant celebration prior to the fasting of Great Lent. In these tough economic times, which touch all of us, the proceeds will be used to help fellow Orthodox in our community weather these tough times. That is what the true meaning of the Maslentisa is--helping fellow Orthodox of our community. Remember, even if you cannot attend, you can still help by making a monetary contribution. Any such contribution is fully tax deductible. **HELP US HELP FELLOW ORTHODOX OF OUR COMMUNITY.** If you have not received an invitation and would like to join us or have any questions, please call Marina Poutiatine at 301 530-9281 or email: embassymaslenitsa@gmail.com

The collections for the week of 1/18/09: Sunday--1/18/09--\$2823.00 (this does not include coffee hour proceeds and baptisms, but does include candle receipts.

Old Calendar Theophany--\$1163.50 (this does include candle receipts, but does not include coffee hour proceeds)..

The monthly meeting of the Nation's Capital "R" Club will take place in the Church Hall on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Preparation for the District Bowling Tournament, among other things, will be discussed.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

25 January Bill and Lidia Kosar

1 February Irina Bergener

15 February Steve & Jo Lu Terrell

8 February Catherine Vangellow

22 February Bruce and Lola Beno

Annapolis College Ministry (ACM) During Spring Break at St. John's College in Annapolis (March 7-12), Sbdn. Robert and five of his students from the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) will be traveling to San Francisco to serve at Raphael House, an Orthodox homeless ministry. The mission of Raphael House is to rehabilitate families in crisis and give them vocational, spiritual, and life-skill training, while also providing a stable, loving environment for the children and their families. The St. John's OCF will be serving the families and Raphael House in their important ministry. The students will also have an opportunity to worship and visit some of the many Orthodox churches and holy sites in the City. ACM is in need of special contributions and/or frequent flyer miles to make the mission trip possible. We will need to book tickets by the end of January. If you can help, please contact Subdeacon Robert at RobMiclean@aol.com or call him at 410-360-4401.

There will be a **meeting of the Dormition Guild**, Saturday February 7th at 3:30pm. All invited to attend.

Troparion (Tone 7): By thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

Troparion St. Gregory the Theologian (Tone 1): The sweet-sounding shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpeting of the orators; for eloquence was also bestowed on you, as on one who searched the depths of the Spirit. Pray to Christ God, Father Gregory, that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 7): The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: the Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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

St. Gregory (Tone 2): By words of theology you unraveled the complex webs of the orators, glorious Gregory, and adorned the Church with the robe of Orthodoxy, woven from on high. Wearing it, she cries out with us, her children://“Rejoice, O Father, supreme mind of theology!”

Now and ever unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion (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 7): The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace! Verse: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord.

Epistle: 1 Cor. 12: 7-11: Brethren: the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Alleluia (Tone 7): It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Thy Name, O Most High. Vs. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

Gospel: Matt. 15:21-28: At that time, Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia....

Bulletin Messages Continued...

Inquiry Class: Father Constantine's Inquiry Class on the Orthodox Faith resumed on January 17th at 3:30 pm in the church annex. All are welcome to attend.

2009 Calendars are here! Parish Members: Please pick up your calendar downstairs today. Non-members: Calendars are available for sale at the gift corner.

Church Expansion Project: During his visit in mid-December, His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah was given a special presentation on the church expansion project by Robert Holman, Campaign Council chair, Judith Pielemeier, Director of Development, and George Nartsissov, Building Development chair. This presentation focused both on architectural plans and on the fundraising aspects of this project. At the end of the briefing, His Beatitude affirmed his 100% support of this project, as well as mentioning it during his sermon at the Divine Liturgy on that Sunday. Especially given his personal experience with architectural drawings and his understanding of them, we feel blessed to have his full support. This is truly good news!

We have winners for the Sunday School Raffle!!! "Olga" with raffle ticket # 5044072. Please claim your ticket, this will be the last announcement before we draw another ticket on Jan 25th. Contact Colette Paraskeve@gmail.com or Marina marina.mcguigan@cox.net Thank you!