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**January 4, 2009**

Synaxis 70 Apostles, Ven. Theoctistus  
*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 5: Eph. 4:7-13,  
 Matt. 4:12-17

Schedule of Services

Monday	5 Jan	10am	Vesperal Liturgy, (E,S) Blessing of water
		7pm	Vigil Eve of the Theophany (E,S)
Tuesday	6 Jan	10am	Liturgy Theophany (E,S) Blessing of water
		7pm	Vigil Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (S) (OC)
Wednesday	7 Jan	10am	Liturgy Nativity of our Lord (S) (OC)
Saturday	10 Jan	9:30	Liturgy for children (Yolka) (E,S)
		5pm	Vigil (E,S)
Sunday	11 Jan	9am	Liturgy (E)
		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.*

**Sponsorship of the Bulletin:** If you are interested in sponsoring the Sunday Bulletin, please contact the church office, (202)-333-5060, ext.10, for the dates you want. Immediate payment is not required, but advance reservations are needed. The donation is \$20 a week; \$80 a month (English); \$15 a week; \$60 a month (Russian). **Sponsors for the Russian bulletin are greatly needed!**

**To place a notice in the church bulletin:** Call the church office and leave a message - press 10 at menu, or e-mail the church at [office@stnicholasdc.org](mailto:office@stnicholasdc.org). Notices must be submitted no later than **Wednesday** for the following Sunday.

...those who have given their lives for their homeland...” Memory Eternal.  
 St. Nicholas Cathedral – the National War Memorial Shrine  
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## The Cathedral extends a hearty **THANK YOU** to all who worked to make the Enthronement the success it was!!!

**Work on the campaign for the church expansion.** Six teams of parishioners have been meeting in the evenings and on weekends to review the current list of parishioners for accuracy, and data entry work to organize this data has begun. Katya Haines is chairing the Communications subcommittee, and hopes to have something in each week's bulletin to keep you all up to date on the progress of the campaign. She invites you all to contact her with any questions or ideas regarding PR or communications for this project. Her email address is [khaines@novell.com](mailto:khaines@novell.com), and her telephone number is (703) 283-0796. She also welcomes the help of anyone who has experience in, and is interested in helping with, the design of the web site.

**Christmas celebration for children Saturday, January 10th, 2009**

9:30 – 10:30 - Liturgy with participation of the children's choir  
 10:30 – 11:00 – Discussion about Nativity, St. Nicholas, and New Year  
 After the Children's Liturgy, there will be a meal in the fellowship hall followed by a Christmas and New Year performance featuring Father Frost, Snow Maiden, and presents. The price of a present is \$10, \$25 for a family with three children. The number of presents is limited, please sign up in advance. Dear parents, we need your help in organizing the celebration!  
 To sign up for presents contact Irina Knyazev (301-340-9231)  
 To help with preparing the meal and in organizing the celebration please contact Marina McGuigan (703-333-2706).

The collection for December 25th was \$7476.00 (and Vigil); for the combined enthronement service on December 28<sup>th</sup>, the general fund collection was \$5378.00.

The girls throwing petals, the many cooks and drivers, those who cleaned, those who set up tables, made decorations, etc, are special people. Your work made the enthronement an event not to be forgotten. I asked Metropolitan how he enjoyed his weekend. He replied, "It was magnificent." When you ask the right people, you know the job will get done. I asked the right people. Thank you for your dedication. Facilitator Lillian Blome.

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**

4 January 2009 (None) Gillian Butler

## *Sunday before Theophany*

**TROPARIA/Resurrection (Tone 4):** When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ our God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Forefeast of The Theophany (Tone 4):** Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn yourself, O Naphtali; River Jordan, cease flowing and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. Adam, rejoice with our first Mother and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

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

**KONTAKIA/Resurrection (Tone 4):** My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

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

**Forefeast (Tone 4):** Today the Lord is in the Jordan and cries to John: “Do not be afraid to baptize me: I have come to save Adam, the first created man.”

**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: 2 Tim.4: 5-8:** My son Timothy, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**ALLELUIA (Tone 8):** O God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make the light of Thy countenance to shine upon us, and have mercy on us. Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8:** The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight –“ John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, and had a leather girdle about his waist, and ate locust and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes He who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens....

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[Inquiry Class:](#) Father Constantine’s Inquiry Class on the Orthodox Faith will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the church annex. All are welcome to attend.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**