

# St. Nicholas Cathedral

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## Orthodox Church in America

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### February 15, 2009

Sunday of Prodigal Son

Apostle Onesimus of the 70

Ven. Euphrosyne of Alexandria

*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 3: 1 Cor. 8:8 – 9:2,  
Matt. 25:31-36

#### Schedule of Services

Saturday	21 Feb	10am 5pm	Liturgy (E,S) Vigil (E,S)	<b>Memorial Saturday</b>
Sunday	22 Feb	9am 10:45 am 1pm	Liturgy (E) Liturgy (S,G) Prayer Service (G)	<b>Sunday of Last Judgment</b>

**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.14, 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 14 at menu, or e-mail the church at [priestvalery@stnicholasdc.org](mailto:priestvalery@stnicholasdc.org). Notices must be submitted no later than **Wednesday** for the following Sunday.

This month's bulletins are sponsored by Sharon Osmolovsky in memory of her husband George who fell asleep in the Lord on February 23, 2005. There will be a memorial service for George on Saturday, February 21 at 4:30 PM.

**...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**

**Phone: 202-333-5060 FAX: 202-965-3788**

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.**

Come join us for a fun evening of Blini, caviar and all the trimmings, music, entertainment, dancing and a fabulous Silent Auction! Seating is limited at the event. The cost of tickets is \$135 per person or \$250 per couple. Checks must be received before a reservation is considered firm. Tickets are not available at the door. The RSVP date is February 17. 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](mailto:embassymaslenitsa@gmail.com) An invitation can be downloaded from our website: [www.stnicholasdc.org](http://www.stnicholasdc.org)

**LAST CHANCE!!!** If you are not attending Maslenitsa at the Russian Embassy on February 20, today is your last chance to buy lottery tickets to be able to win some wonderful prizes!!! You do not have to be present at the Embassy the evening of Maslenitsa to win!!! One chance for \$5 or five chances for \$20 could win you one of the following prizes: (make sure you print your name and phone number legibly!)

1. Dinner for 2 at Marcel's
2. Karaoke machine with 2 DVDs - one in English & one in Russian
3. Man's Cheskin quartz watch

Today the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America will take its annual collection for its Gift of Love, after each liturgy. This year's recipient in the Hogar Orthodox Orphanage in Guatemala. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**

**The Parish Council** will hold its next regular business meeting on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the **Church Annex**. All are welcome to attend.

The collection amount for this week was \$8,456.99, not including amounts for the building expansion fund, the Gifts of Love collection, coffee hour and gift corner receipts.

#### **Coffee Hour Hosts:**

15 February Steve & Jo Lu Terrell

22 February Bruce and Lola Beno

**BAKE SALE TODAY** at coffee hour till 1pm: Homemade cakes and cookies on sale to help purchase priest vestments as a graduation gift for our adopted seminarian, Dn. Gregory Parker, who will be ordained to the priesthood in March. Our gift will be presented May 31 at the Graduation Ceremony at St. Herman Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska. Please stop by the sale for a tasty treat and support our Outreach Alaska program. More info: [andrealutov@gmail.com](mailto:andrealutov@gmail.com)

**Troparion (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!

**Troparion (Tone 4):** Thy just works have shown Thee to thy flock as an example of faith, an image of meekness and a teacher of abstinence. By humility Thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness, riches. O Father Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls..

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

**Kontakion (Tone 3):** You revealed yourself in Myra as a priest, O Holy One, for you fulfilled the gospel of Christ by giving up your life for your people and saving the innocent from death. Therefore you are blessed as one well instructed in the grace of God.

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

**Prodigal Son/Kontakion (Tone 3):** I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

**Prokeimenon (Tone 2):** The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

**Epistle: 1Corinthians 6: 12-20:** Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Food for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

**Alleluia (Tone 2):** The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect you! Verse: Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

**Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32:** The Lord spoke this parable, “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into the fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your servants.”’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the

son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive, he was lost, and is found.’”

**Communion:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest! Alleluia....

The choir practices for the Sunday of Orthodoxy will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, beginning at 7:30 pm and Thursday, 5 March at 7:30 pm, at SS Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, MD.

#### **Church Expansion Project:**

How will it be possible to raise the level of contributions needed to build the prospective Education and Administrative Center at the location of the current annex? Differences between a typical annual contribution and a capital campaign gift:

#### **The Annual Pledges**

Annual pledges are assumed to be carried somewhat equally from all supporters. Annual pledges are for a specific fiscal year and do not carry through into the next year. If an annual pledge is not completely fulfilled, the difference is written off. At the beginning of each year, the supporters are asked to create a new pledge to be paid by the end of that year. Contributors of annual gifts to their churches are often asked to consider a gift of up to 10% of their annual income.

#### **Capital campaign pledges**

Pledges to capital campaigns are usually payable over a three to five year period. Capital campaign pledges can and often do include gifts of stock, life insurance policies, gifts-in-kind, irrevocable clauses in wills, and any of several kinds of gift annuities. Pledges to a capital campaign are what are called “stretch” gifts. This means it is a much larger size of gift than a typical annual contributor gift. The pledges often include income from the contributor’s total asset portfolio which has accumulated over a period of years. The majority of capital campaign pledges come from a very small number of top donors. Until about five years ago the measurement was approximately 80% of the pledge total comes from about 20% of the donors. In today’s campaigns the number of top contributors is becoming much smaller. Often, pledges to a capital campaign are recognized through “Naming Opportunities” in which a donor can name a part of the project in honor or in memorial of self or family member(s). In a capital campaign during the public phase, everyone is invited to participate in the campaign at whatever level is possible and all gifts are recognized anonymously or by name in a permanent Honor Roll of Donors.