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February 22, 2009

Meet Fast Week

Sunday of Last Judgment

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 4: Rom. 13:11 – 14:4,
Matt. 6:14-21**

Schedule of Services

Saturday	28 Feb	5pm	Vigil (E,S)	
Sunday	1 Mar	9:30am	Liturgy and Vespers (E)	Forgiveness Sunday

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. 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.

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

St. Nicholas Cathedral – the National War Memorial Shrine

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Thank you to the Maslenitsa Committee for another successful Mardi Gras at the Embassy!

Lenten retreat, entitled "Orthodox Spiritual Life and Struggle" with retreat speaker Dr. Harry Boosalis, ThD, will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009, beginning 9:30 a.m., at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA. A \$10.00 donation is appreciated. Register by e-mailing Fr. Costas Pavlakos at frcostas@stkchurch.com or by calling the St. Katherine Orthodox Church office at 1-703-671-1515.

For the week of February 9, including Sunday (February 15), the collection was \$6,891.00, which amount does not include coffee hour, gift corner proceeds, special collection, and the building fund.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

22 February Bruce and Lola Beno

The choir practice for the Sunday of Orthodoxy will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, beginning at 7:30 pm at SS Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, MD. This year the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will take place at 5:30 PM on Sunday March 8th at SS Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church.

"Lament for Jerusalem": Friday, February 27th, the Choral Arts Society of Washington is presenting the North American premiere of "Lament for Jerusalem", a piece by English composer John Tavener. The piece, based on Byzantine modalities, is partly sung in Greek, using the Gospel of Matthew ("Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets...."), and the rest is sung in English. The music and text of the work represent the three major faiths (Christian, Jewish and Islam) that call Jerusalem their Holy City. This concert takes place just before we start Lent and is a lovely way to prepare for the Lenten season. The performance takes place at the National Presbyterian Church on Nebraska Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC, at 8:00 pm. Group sale discounts are available; contact Marie Hyder at devssmh@us.ibm.com, or 1-703-971-7153), or contact the Choral Arts Society office directly 1-888-310-7464.

The Serafim Chorale is having a concert "***The Path to Pascha***" on March 15th at 4:00pm at Saint Nicholas Cathedral to benefit the IOCC. The Serafim Chorale is a choir of 16 voices comprising members of the OCA, Serbian and Antiochian churches.

Troparion (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

Saint Nicholas (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...

Kontakia: Saint Nicholas (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.

Meatfare Sunday (Tone 1): When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge.

Prokeimenon (Tone 3): Great is our Lord, and great is His power: and His wisdom is infinite. Vs. O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2: Brethren, food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an Apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia (Tone 8): O come, let us sing with joy unto the Lord. Vs. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46: At that time, the Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick

and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these you did it not to me.' And they will go away into punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Communion: Praise the Lord.... Alleluia....

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.