

St. Nicholas Cathedral

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February 8, 2009

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee

Fast-free week

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 2: 1 Cor. 6:12-20,
Luke 15:11-32

Schedule of Services

Saturday	14 Jan	5pm	Vigil (E,S)	
Sunday	15 Feb	9am	Liturgy (E)	Prodigal Son
		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.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.

...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.**

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 12. 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 An invitation can be downloaded from our website: www.stnicholasdc.org

Lottery tickets will be sold after each liturgy downstairs in the church hall! 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!) **1st prize:** Dinner for 2 at Marcel's. **2nd prize:** Karaoke with two DVD's (one in English, one in Russian). **3rd prize:** Chereskin man's quartz watch. Help us raise money to help those in need!

Today and Next Sunday, 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.**

St. Nicholas Community Outreach: Christ House. This Sunday our parish members are serving meals at the Christ House Shelter for homeless and chronically sick men in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. The servers this Sunday are Claire Nobles, Irina Panyutin and Lillian Blome. We do this service every second Sunday of each month.

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

The collection for this week was \$8,720.07, which does not include the expansion funds, coffee hours, the discretionary fund, bulletin donations, wedding and baptisms.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

8 February Catherine Vangellow

15 February Steve & Jo Lu Terrell

22 February Bruce and Lola Beno

Troparion of the Resurrection: (Tone 1): When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Feast of the Meeting (Tone 1): Troparion (Tone 1): Rejoice, O Theotokos Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

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

Publican and Pharisee (Tone 4): Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee and learn humility from the Publican's tears. Let us cry to our Savior: Have mercy on us, O Only Merciful One.

Now and ever....

Kontakion (Tone 1): By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1): Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee. Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10-15: My child Timothy: You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men & imposters will grow worse & worse, deceiving & being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned & been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia (Tone 1): God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me. Verse: He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever

Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14: At that time, Jesus said, "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee & the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood & prayed thus within himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing far off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, & and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Hymn of the Theotokos: O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you. We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: every male child that opened the womb was holy to God. Therefore, we also magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginate Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the Heavens.... Alleluia.

HELP LOCAL ORTHODOX COLLEGE STUDENTS SERVE

Our brother Sbdn. Robert Miclean, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) minister at the Naval Academy & St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, brings his students to visit the Cathedral every few weeks (hopefully you have met them!). We are seeking your gifts of frequent flyer miles or monetary donations as they head out to serve the poor and homeless. If you can help, please contact Sbdn. Robert at RobMiclean@aol.com or call him at 410-360-4401.

During Spring Break at St. John's College in Annapolis (March 7-12), Sbdn. Robert and six of his students from the OCF will be traveling to San Francisco to serve at Raphael House, an Orthodox homeless ministry. The mission of Raphael House (<http://www.raphaelhouse.org/index.html>) 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. *Please note that all donations either to this spring break trip or in the financial support of Sbdn. Robert's OCF ministry are tax deductible.* Checks to help with student/staff expense for this missions trip may be made payable to: Annapolis College Ministry (Attn: Raphael House). In Christ, Alyssa Przystawik, ACM Board Member www.AnnapolisCollegeMinistry.org

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.