

**St. Nicholas Cathedral**  
*Founded in 1930 as the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas*  
**Orthodox Church in America**  
*www.oca.org*  
*www.stnicholasdc.org*

**April 12, 2009**

**Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem  
(Palm Sunday)  
St Basil, Confessor, Bishop of Parium  
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 – Acts 1:1-8;  
John: 1:1-17

**Schedule of Services**

Monday	April	13	7:00 pm	<b>Bridegroom Matins (E)</b>	<b>HOLY MONDAY</b>
Tuesday	April	12	7:00 pm	<b>Bridegroom Matins (S)</b>	<b>HOLY TUESDAY</b>
Wednesd	April	15	10:00am	Presanctified Liturgy (E,S)	<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b>
			7:00 pm	Matins (E,S)	
Thursday	April	16	10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy(E,S, G)	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
			7:00 pm	Matins(E,S)	Reading of the 12 Gospels
Friday	April	17	2:00 pm	Vespers (E,S,G)	<b>HOLY FRIDAY</b>
			7:00 pm	Matins (E,S,G)	
Saturday	April	18	10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy (E, S, G)	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
			11:30 pm	Midnight Office (E, S, G)	
Sunday	April	19	12:00	Midnight Matins and Liturgy (E,S, G)	
			9:30 am	Liturgy (E,S, G)	<b>HOLY PASCHA</b>
			12:00	Noon Vespers of PASCHA (E,S, G)	
Monday	April	20	10:00 am	Liturgy (E.S.G)	<b>BRIGHT MONDAY</b>

E=English, S=Slavonic, G=Georgian

**The April bulletins are sponsored in memory of newly departed Irina Stahovich and Olga Mikhalevsky. May their memory be eternal.**

**Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored by Jeff King in memory of his wife, Svetlana on the second anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal!**

...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

**DORMITION GUILD PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE TODAY** – Baked goods orders may be picked up after both Liturgies. We also have extra Kulich, Cheese Pascha, Babka, Filled Rolls, and Bread Pascha for sale. Mark Pietrzykoski will sell any remaining baked items after the following Holy Week services only: Monday and Wednesday evenings, Thursday morning and evening, Friday midday and evening, Saturday morning.

Matushka Nina, Fr Constantine, Philip and Alexandria would like to explain their sincere thanks for the many messages of condolences, prayers and good wishes they have received upon the death of Matushka Nina’s father, Alexander Kazuo Harada. They have been a tremendous source of comfort and assurance. May God bless you all.

This week’s collection (the week of 3/29/09 including 4/5/09) is \$11,108.50, this being the first Sunday of the month (and many give their month’s donation at this time). This does not include building expansion, special collections, private services, including choir, and coffee hour proceeds.

If you would like to read the psalms for vigil on Holy Saturday morning, the following times are available, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30,6:00, 6:30. Please write to Peter and Helen Evans at we2rone@cox.net to schedule a time.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Benefit Missions Banquet, Sunday, 31 May 2009, beginning with hos d’oeuvres at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm, at St. Katherine Greek orthodox Church 3149 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041. Keynote speaker is V. Rev. Alexander Veronis, OCMC President Emeritus, speaking on “The Great Empowerment; Acts 1:8, From Jerusalem to the World.” Reservation: \$50.00 per person by May 24, 2009, with checks made to St. Katherine Church. For more information, please contact either Dr. John Demakis at email jgd11@erols.com or Mrs. Betty Slanta at email: [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net).

**Paschal Breakfast  
Volunteers needed!**

For more information, please contact Daria Virvan at 410-874-8762 or [D430V@comcast.net](mailto:D430V@comcast.net)

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** The St. Nicholas Cathedral’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year on Pascha, May 19<sup>th</sup> following Paschal Vespers at 12pm. For more information, please contact Daria Virvan at 410-874-8762. Sponsored by Therapia Psychotherapy Services.

**Coffee Hour Volunteers Schedule for Hosts After the First Liturgy:**

12 April 2009	Fast	Dormition Guild's Palm Sunday Luncheon
19 April 2009	Pascha	Sharon Osmolovsky and helpers
26 April 2009	None	Susanne Somersalo
3 May 2009	None	Catherine Vangellow
10 May 2009	None	Jim and Rosalie Luster

**We need a volunteer to head the Stewardship Committee.** Please let one of the clergy know if you are interested.

**Festal Antiphons: First Antiphon (Tone 2):**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. \*Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. \*I suffered distress and anguish; then I called upon the name of the Lord. \*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Second Antiphon (Tone 2):**

I kept my faith even when I said: “I am greatly afflicted!” \*O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia! What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? \*I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. \*I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. \*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only begotten Son....

**Third Antiphon (Tone 1):**

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! \*By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever! \*Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever! \*Let all those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!\*

**Entrance Verse:** Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

**Troparion (Tone 1):** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

**Troparion (Tone 4):** When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion (Tone 6):** Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

**Prokeimenon (Tone 4):** Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us. Verse: O give praise to the Lord for he is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**Epistle: Philippians 4:4 - 4:9:** Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Alleluia (Tone 1):** O sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord hath done marvelous things. Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Prayer Before Gospel Reading:** O Master who love mankind, make the spotless light of your revelation of God shine in our hearts, and open the eyes of our mind that we may grasp the message of Your Good News. Instill in us respect for Your blessed commandments, so that overcoming (or trampling down) all self-indulgent passions, we may pursue a way of life the Spirit brings, and please You in all we think and do. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You together

with Your Father without beginning and Your all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Gospel: John 12:1 - 12:18:** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. Crying, “Hosanna! Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold thy king is coming, sitting on an ass’s colt!” His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

**Hymn to the Theotokos:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the feast and come to us with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

**Communion Hymn:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanksgiving Prayer After Communion:** We give thank, Lord our God, for letting us share in the holy Mysteries You have given us for the benefit, sanctification, and healing of our souls and bodies. O Master of all things! Let them provide us with faith that cannot be shaken, with love that does not pretend, with wisdom that is complete, with healing for our souls and bodies, with a sure defense against adversary, with a willingness to observe all You have given us, and, finally, with the right answer at the judgment seat of your Christ. For You make us holy, and we render glory to You – to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian**

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.