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Every **Saturday** in our Cathedral there is a *Vigil* at 5:00 PM (English and Slavonic). *Divine Liturgy* in English is at 9:00 AM and in Church Slavonic – at 10:45 AM on **Sunday**. We also have Akathist in Georgian at 1:00 PM.

To place a notice in the church bulletin: Call Lisa Morris in the church office between 9:00-2:00 Tuesday-Friday (202)-333-5060, or to leave a message press 10 at menu, e-mail the church at office@stnicholasdc.org or pick up a form in the basement of the church on the bulletin board. Notices must be submitted no later than Thursday for the following Sunday.

March 17, 2001

SUNDAY, Tone 8

Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday



Readings

Matins Gospel: **John 20:1-10;**
Liturgy Epistle: **Romans 13:11-14:4;**
Gospel: **Matthew 6:14-21.**

Schedule of Services

Next Week*

- 18 Monday 19:00 Canon of St Andrew [E]
- 19 Tuesday 19:00 Canon of St Andrew [S]
- 20 Wed. 19:00 Presanctified Liturgy [E]
- 21 Thursday 19:00 Canon of St Andrew [S]
- 22 Friday 10:00 Presanctified Liturgy [S]
- 23 Saturday 10:00 Liturgy [E, S]
- 23 Saturday 17:00 Vigil [E, S]
- 24 Sunday 17:00 Divine Liturgy [E]
- 24 Sunday 10:45 Divine Liturgy [S]
- 24 Sunday 13:00 Akathist [G]
- 24 Sunday 19:00 Vespers @ St Sophia

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Fast Days

Great Lent until May 5th. According to the Church rules, during this period, we should abstain from meat, milk, eggs and sexual relations.

+++ VISITORS +++

A warm welcome to St. Nicholas Cathedral!

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Please join us downstairs for our coffee hour.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK DAY!!!

**Let Saint Patrick preserve us
in faith and love!**

* E=English, S=Church Slavonic, G=Georgian, O.C. – Old Calendar.

Troparions & Kontakions

Troparia (Tone 8): Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

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.

Cheesefare (Tone 6): O Master, Teacher of Wisdom, Bestower of virtue, who teaches the thoughtless and protects the poor: strengthen and enlighten my heart. O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O Merciful Lord.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8): Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God! Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Alleluia Verses (Tone 6): It is good to confess the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High! Verse: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Romans 13:11-14:4

And do this, knowing the time, that it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Matthew 6:14-21

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Announcements

Today we honor our Music Director, Professor Serge Boldireff, who will be moving to Florida at the end of this month. His talent and abilities have enhanced our liturgical services, more than can be expressed. We wish him and his wife, Faina, every blessing and **MANY YEARS!**

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius will be the speaker at the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers next Sunday evening (March 24th) at St. Sophia Cathedral. This year the Orthodox Church in America sponsors the Panorthodox vespers. We encourage your attendance at this Panorthodox service.

ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL AD BOOK: The 13th All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America will be held this summer in Orlando Florida. The theme of the ad book is the 25th Anniversary of Primatial Service of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius. The church will be putting together a list of parishioners from the Cathedral who would like to be listed. The rates are as follows: Benefactor Listing: \$50.00; Memorial Listing: \$30.00; Patron Listing: \$25.00. If you would like to place a listing please fill out a form available at the Candle Counter and send it along with a check made out to St. Nicholas Cathedral to the Cathedral offices (or you may turn it in at the candle counter).

LENTEN POT LUCK MEALS: A sign up sheet has been placed on the downstairs bulletin board – please sign up to take responsibility for set up and clean up for one of the meals. We will be having pot luck meals following the Presanctified liturgies on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout Lent. Everyone attending the Liturgy is invited to bring a Lenten dish to share and join the meal. Please note: There will be NO meals following the Saturday morning Liturgies.

R CLUB: The R Club Meeting scheduled for March 13th has been rescheduled to March 26th at 7:30 pm due to the choir rehearsal for Sunday of Orthodoxy.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY CHOIR PRACTICE: Sunday of Orthodoxy Choir Practice will be held on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm and Thursday, March 21 at 8:00 pm at St. Mark Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda, MD. The choir will be co-directed by Marie Hyder and John Slanta. For more information, please contact John Slanta at 703-354-3242 or slanta@erols.com.

PUSSYWILLOWS: Pussywillows will be blooming soon. If you have some in your yard, please cut them for use on Palm Sunday. (You may drop them off at the annex during office hours or on Sundays.)

INQUIRY CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH: Meets Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the church library. Anyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith is welcome to attend. For more information please contact the church office at 202-333-5060. Newcomers are always welcome.