

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 10, 2010

Schedule of Services

January 10th Sunday Ss. Gregory of Nyssa, Theophan Recluse

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Mission Council

January 12th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

January 13th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

12:30 p.m. Class: St. Theophan "Path of Salvation"

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

January 14th Thursday Leavetaking of Theophany

7:00 a.m. Matins

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

January 15th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, Dallas*

January 16th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

January 17th Sunday St. Antony the Great

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

If you wish to correct the faults of anyone, do not think of trying to do so solely by your own means: you would only do harm by your own vices, for instance, by pride and the irritability arising from it; but "cast thy burden upon the Lord", and pray with all your heart that God himself will enlighten the mind and heart of that man. If He sees that your prayer breathes love, and that it really comes from the depths of your heart, He will undoubtedly fulfill it, and you will soon see, from the change that has taken place in him for whom you prayed, that it is the work of the Most High God.

St. John of Kronstadt

Announcements for January 10th

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation and church school for the children. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the table by the door. Be aware that shortly after the sermon, the catechumens, i.e., those preparing for Baptism & Chrismation, will be dismissed, but you are invited to stay for the rest of the service.

To All: Please be aware that Holy Communion is open only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves for worthy participation in the Mystery through prayer, fasting, and a recent confession to a priest (within the last month or so). We should be modestly dressed and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading).

Please Move Forward during the Liturgy! **Please be quiet** in the Narthex afterwards while the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion are being read in the church, or better yet, stay for the prayers lest to forget to read them on your own later.

The Special Freewill Offering today will be for debt reduction.

Church School will meet today after Liturgy.

The Mission Council will meet today at 11:30. Council Members are Derek Sancer, Leif Pierson, Patrick St. Jean, Ben Lyda, Anna Stokes, Wendy Jackson, and Louise Newcomb. All welcome.

Classes this Week

Basics of Orthodoxy Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. Wrap up of the Divine Liturgy.

St. Theophan the Recluse, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. *The Path of Salvation*

Open House at the Rectory Friday, January 29, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Water is available to take home. Please help yourselves.

House Blessings have begun. Please sign up sooner rather than later if you wish to have your dwelling blessed.

The Feast of St. Maximus, a Great Feast for our parish, will be celebrated with Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday January 20 and Divine Liturgy Thursday morning at 9:30, followed by a festive brunch. Area clergy have been invited. Let us keep the feast together on that day!

Forgiveness Vespers: February 14, 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are expected to attend this service. Plan now!

NTOM Pre-Lenten Retreat: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 8:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Fr. Joseph Honeycutt will be speaking at Holy Trinity in Dallas on "Kindling the Original Spark". Matins, continental

breakfast, discussion groups, closing session, and Vespers at 3:00 also included. Plan now to attend.

Elder Zacharias of St. John's Monastery, England, will be in Dallas for the last time February 6 at St. Seraphim's from 7:00 a.m. Liturgy, talk at 9:30) to noon and then at St. Sava's for Vespers at 5:00 and a talk with youth at 6:00. He is the spiritual grandson of St. Silouan of Athos. Highly recommended for all; don't miss this opportunity.

Church Cleaners: We need the faithful who love the Lord's house to volunteer to clean it each week.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Adam & Melanie Betz, and Ashley Davis; for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Mary Moses, Jason, Sean, Javier, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire, and Ken & Pam Northam and their daughters Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Georgii. Please remember Met. Jonah in your prayers, and the nun Barbara.

Tithes, Offerings & Attendance: Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God, which also supports our efforts to proclaim the fullness of the Gospel of Christ in Denton through the establishment of a permanent Orthodox parish and new missions throughout Denton County and north Texas. Checks should be made out to St. Maximus Orthodox Church and placed in the basket on the candle table, where there is also a box for alms (those in need) and a box for the building fund.

Last week, we gave \$1216.90 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$39; Bookstore \$; Building fund \$20; Special Gifts \$50. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 16, Liturgy 59; Theophany Vigil 25; Theophany Liturgy 12.

From Saint Maximus

The one who has come to understand the weakness of human nature has had experience of the divine power, and such a person who because of it has succeeded in some things and is eager to succeed in others never looks down on anyone. For he knows that in the same way that God has helped him and freed him from many passions and hardships, so can He help everyone when He wishes, especially those who are striving for His sake. Although for His own reasons he does not deliver all from their passions right away, still, as a good and loving physician, he heals in His own good time each one of those who are striving.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.39

Troparia and Kontakia for January 10th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

Theophany, Troparion, tone 1

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / naming Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of dove, / confirmed the certainty of that word. / O Christ our God, who hast manifested Thyself and enlightened the world // glory to Thee.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Gregory of Nyssa, Troparion, tone 3 y

Showing forth godly watchfulness, / thou wast revealed as a stern mouth of piety, / O hierarch Gregory; / for by the wisdom of thy divine doctrines / thou dost gladden the fullness of the Church. / O venerable father, / entreat Christ God // that He grant us great mercy.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human race /, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8

St. Gregory of Nyssa, Kontakion, tone 1

Keeping watch with the eye of thy soul, O holy hierarch, / thou didst show thyself to be a vigilant pastor for the world; / and, with the staff of thy wisdom and thy fervent intercession, / thou didst drive away all the heretics like wolves / preserving the flock unharméd, // O most wise Gregory.

Theophany, Kontakion, tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe / and Thy Light, O Lord, hath shone on us, / who with understanding praise Thee: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O Light unapproachable!