

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, February 21, 2010

Schedule of Services

February 21st Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Procession

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Holy Trinity GOC, Dallas

February 22nd Monday

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 23rd Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 24th Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

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

February 25th Thursday

6:30 a.m. Matins

1:00 p.m. Class: St. Theophan, *Path of Salvation*

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 26th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

February 27th Memorial Saturday

6:30 a.m. Matins for Departed

7:30 a.m. Liturgy for Departed

10:00 a.m. Parish Work Day

5:00 p.m. Vigil with Metropolitan Jonah, NO Confession

February 28th Sunday of Gregory Palamas

9:00 a.m. Primatial Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Jonah

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Holy Trinity GOC, Dallas

Depicting Thy divine form in icons, O Christ, we openly proclaim thy Nativity, Thine ineffable miracles and thy voluntary Crucifixion. So the devils are driven out in fear and the heretics, their fellow workers, lament in shame and sorrow. *Matins of Orthodoxy Sunday*

Announcements for February 21st

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 you forget to read them on your own later.

The Special Freewill Offering today will be for debt reduction.

Temple Oil offered for the health of Adam & Melanie Betz and baby and William (sickness).

Metropolitan Jonah plans to be present both for Vigil next Saturday and Liturgy next Sunday. He will arrive for Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. and the Hours will be read before then, starting about 8:35. Please arrive before his scheduled arrival, and please make every effort to attend Vigil, or at least part of it.

Lenten Almsgiving: As customary, we shall be collecting items for the local charities Women to Women and Interfaith Ministry. See bins and lists of needed items under the bookstore table.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy

Thursday, 1:00 p.m., St. Theophan, *Path of Salvation*

The Class that was reading and discussion Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's *Gulag Archipelago* is cancelled for now until a more favorable time, perhaps this summer or fall.

Work Day this Saturday about 10:00 a.m. after the Liturgy to prepare for Metropolitan Jonah's visit. Please come and help

Metropolitan's Coffee Hour: We need people to sign up with what they plan to bring for our meal with Metropolitan Jonah following next week's Liturgy. If we don't sign up to bring enough food, we'll have to purchase food.

Questions for Met. Jonah: If you have questions you'd like to ask Metropolitan Jonah, please submit them to Fr. Justin.

Bookstore News: Besides some new books from SVS Press, the bookstore has available 8x10 inch prints of our icon of St. Maximus at \$6 which are suitable for framing.

A Special All-Parish Meeting has been called by the Mission Council for Sunday, March 7, after the Divine Liturgy. The Council has determined that the nave should be expanded to the left side into the hallway to give us more space to grow until we are ready to build a temple. The meeting will discuss this proposal and how to fund it.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Adam & Melanie Betz, Ashley Davis, Mary Moses, Javier Largazspada, and Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Jason O'Brien, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, and for Adam Betz's health.

The Fast: Second Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil. If fasting strictly, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

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 \$1321.55 and \$757.22 in tithes and offerings; in February, we have given \$2078.77; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$40.50; Bookstore \$79; Building fund \$20; special offering \$45. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 24, Liturgy 65.

From Saint Maximus

The one who does not love someone does not necessarily hate him, nor again does the one who does not hate necessarily love; rather, he can be in a neutral position to him, that is, neither loving nor hating.

For only the five ways mentioned in the ninth chapter of this century can produce a loving disposition. These are the praiseworthy way [for God's sake], the neutral way [natural reasons as in family and friendship], and the blameworthy ones [vainglory, greed, love of pleasure].

400 Chapters on Love, 2.50

Troparia and Kontakia for February 21st



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Sunday of Orthodoxy, Troparion, tone 2

We venerate Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, / asking pardon of our offenses, O Christ God. / For Thou wast pleased of thy good will to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / to deliver those whom Thou hadst fashioned from bondage to the enemy. / Wherefore, in thanksgiving, we cry out to Thee: / Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior, having come to save the world.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / thou didst pour forth Christ's sacred teachings, / thou didst expound with Divine authority / the self-emptying of God the Word / and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith:/ O, Glorious Father Maximus / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns / that lover of the Holy Trinity, great Maximus, / who clearly taught the divinely-given Faith: / that we should give glory unto Christ our God, / Who, but one person, hath in very truth two natures, wills, and energies. / Let us cry to him: Rejoice, divine herald of the Faith.

Sunday of Orthodoxy, Kontakion, tone 8

The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed, / taking flesh from thee, O Theotokos, / and He hath restored the sullied image to its ancient glory, filling it with the divine beauty. / This our salvation we confess in deed and word, and we depict it in the holy icons.