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Bulletin for Sunday, May 2nd, 2010

Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

Schedule of Services

May 2nd 5th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

May 4th Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

May 5th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

May 6th Thursday

6:30 a.m. Matins

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

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 7th Friday

12:00 p.m. Catechumens preparing for Holy Illumination

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

May 8th Saturday St. John the Theologian

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

May 9th 6th Sunday of Pascha Blind Man

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Life according to the commandments of the Gospel is the one true source of spiritual progress, accessible to everyone who sincerely desires to succeed in whatever outward situation he may be placed by the inscrutable providence of God....

Let us hasten to perfect ourselves in humility which consists in a specially blessed state of the heart and makes its appearance in the heart as a result of doing the commandments of the Gospel. Humility is that single altar on which it is allowed us by spiritual law to offer the sacrifice of prayer and on which the offered sacrifice of prayer ascends to God and appears before His face. Humility is that single vessel into which the gifts of grace are put by the finger of God.

St. Ignatius Branchaninov, from On the Prayer of Jeuss

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Announcements for May 2nd

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.

The Special Offering today will be for our priest.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Basics of Orthodoxy: Christ's First Command: Repent!

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

Friday, noon: Catechumens preparing for Illumination.

Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, May 23.

During the 50 days from Pascha to the Feast of Pentecost on May 23rd, we do not kneel or make prostrations at home or in church in keeping with the joyful, festal character of the season. We begin to kneel and do prostrations again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

For 40 days until the Feast of Ascension (May 13), we greet each other by saying, "Christ is Risen!" "Indeed, He is Risen!"

During the same period, we replace "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal..." with the paschal troparion said thrice.

Through the Leavetaking of Pascha (May 12), we use the Paschal Troparion before and after meals and when setting out on a trip.

Crawfish Boil & Catfish Children's Fishing Tournament to benefit the new women's monastery, Sunday, May 23, 1 to 6 p.m. at Indian Oaks HOA Park on Lake Tawakoni with Zydeco band. Sponsored by a parishioner of St. Seraphim's Cathedral. Cost \$20 per

adult, \$5 for children under 12. Register by May 10 online at <http://www.mainlandchinatrading.com/crawfish/>

Memorial Day this year falls on the beginning of the Apostles' Fast. We plan to have a more modest picnic/cookout the afternoon of Sunday, May 30, in its place, at 3:00 p.m.

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 \$859.30 in tithes and offerings; in April gave \$4731.71; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$27.50; Bookstore \$80; Building fund \$0; special gifts \$204. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$1035 (\$2428.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 54, Saturday Vigil 10.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: for those preparing for Holy Illumination at Pentecost: Adam, Melanie, Olive Betz, Ashley Davis, and Mary Moses; for our **catechumens** Thom Anderson, 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 little Thomas Jackson and his parents, Mark & Wendy.

May Namedays

2 Zoe Marie Frederick (Martyr Zoe)

9 Christopher Horiates (Martyr Christopher)

21 Deborah (Helen) Sancer

May Birthdays

9 Leif Pierson

From Saint Maximus

Just as the mind of the one who is hungry imagines bread and that of the one who is thirst imagines water, so does the glutton imagine a great variety of food, and the voluptuous man imagine feminine visions, and the vain person imagine human applause, and the greedy person imagine profits, the vengeful person imagine revenge against the one who offended him, the envious person imagine evil to the

