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Bulletin for Sunday, May 16th, 2010

Schedule of Services

May 16th 7th Sunday Father's of the First Ecumenical Council

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

May 18th Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

May 19th Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

May 20th Thursday

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 21st Friday Leavetaking of Ascension

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 22nd Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptisms

5:00 p.m. Vigil for Pentecost, Confession

May 23rd 8th Sunday Holy Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Kneeling Prayers

When the choir of the Holy Fathers flocked from the ends of the inhabited world, they proclaimed the doctrine of the One Essence and One Nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thereby delivering plainly to the Church the mystery of theology.

Having brought together all knowledge of things of the Spirit and made careful inquiry by the divine Spirit's grace, lo, like godly scribes the august Fathers wrote the celestial Symbol, the august Creed of our holy Faith, wherein they clearly teach that, like God the Father, the Word of God is also unoriginate and is consubstantial with Him in truth. Thus did these all-blest and renowned and godly-minded ones indeed follow in manifest manner in that which the Apostles taught.

Vigil for the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission
belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

Announcements for May 16th

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 Alaskan seminarian.

Classes this Week

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

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

Friday, noon: Catechumens preparing for Illumination.

Baptisms Saturday: This Saturday at 10 a.m. the Holy Mystery of Baptism will be celebrated for Ashley Davis, Mary Moses, Evangeline Ruth Lyda, and Adam, Melanie, and Olive Betz. Please pray for them and their sponsors!

Expansion Fund: The expansion fund is \$55.72 short of our initial goal of \$2500. This represents about half the cost of our planned expansion. As the work will not be started until late July, perhaps we can keep collecting so that we don't have to use our building fund at all for this. May this project and your giving be blessed!

Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, May 23. Until the Leavetaking of Ascension, we use the troparion of the Feast in place of "O Heavenly King". We make no prostrations until the kneeling prayers on Pentecost.

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. Bring picnic food to share, invite friends, and come ready for fellowship.

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 \$518.70 in tithes and offerings; in May we have given \$2039.43 our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$42; Bookstore \$51; Building fund \$0; special gifts \$250. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$1 (\$2444.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 67, Saturday Vigil 20.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: for those preparing for Holy Illumination this coming Saturday: 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, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston.

From Saint Maximus

The mind receives passionate thoughts from these three sources: sense experience, temperament, and memory. From the sense, when things which are the source of passions impress them and move the mind to passionate thinking; from temperament, when because of intemperate living or the working of demons or some sickness, the bodily development is altered and it moves the mind again to passionate thinking or against Providence; finally, from memory, when it recalls the thoughts of things that have aroused our passion and moves the mind once more to passionate thinking.

Of the things given to us by God for our use, some are in the soul, others in the body, and others are concerned with the body. Those in the soul, for example, are its powers; in the body are the organs of sense and the other members; and those which are concerned with the body are food, wealth possessions, and so forth. Therefore, the good or evil use of these things or of those corresponding to them indicates whether we are virtuous or wicked.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.74

Troparia and Kontakia for May 16th



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.

Ascension, Troparion, tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / that Thou art the Son of God, / the Redeemer of the world.

Fathers, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Fathers, Kontakion, tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; / great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

Ascension, Kontakion, tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, / and unite earth to heaven; / Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love Thee, / but remaining with them and crying: / I am with you and no one will be against you!

