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Bulletin for Sunday, May 23rd, 2010

Holy Pentecost

Schedule of Services

May 23rd 8th Sunday Holy Pentecost

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

May 24th Monday Day of the Holy Spirit

8:30 *Orthros & Liturgy & Holy Trinity, Dallas*

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 25th Tuesday Third Day of the Trinity

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

May 26th Wednesday No Fast

7:00 p.m. Vespers (Confession available before service)

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

May 27th Thursday

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

May 28th Friday No Fast

12:00 p.m. Post-Baptismal Catechesis

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

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

May 29th Saturday

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

2:00 p.m. Baptism of Thomas Jackson

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

May 30rd 1st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

O heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and abide in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The Father is Light; the Word is Light; and the Holy Spirit is Light, who was sent to the Apostles in the form of fiery tongues; and thus through Him all creation is illumined and guided to worship the Holy Trinity.
Exapostilarion of Pentecost Matins

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Announcements for May 23rd

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 Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost will be prayed this year at the end of the divine Liturgy. Please kneel or prostrate for them and set your hearts on what we request of God in them.

Fast Free Week: This week it is forbidden to fast for the sake of the greatness of the Feast. The Apostles fast begins next Monday the 31st.

The Special Offering today will be for our Library.

Many Years to the newly-illuminated servants of God Elias (Ashley) Davis, Adam, Melania, and Olive Betz, Mary Moses, and Evangeline Ruth Lyda and their sponsors Subdeacon Anthony, Reader Benjamin, Photini Newcomb, and Eudocia Stevenson! Please allow the newly-illuminated to be first for Holy Communion this morning.

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.

Baptism this Saturday: This Saturday at 2 p.m. the Holy Mystery of Baptism will be celebrated for Thomas Jackson. Please pray for him and his sponsors the Gregory & Maria Joines.

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!

Pentecostal Notes

With the Vigil for Pentecost, we resume saying the prayer "O Heavenly King." With the Kneeling Prayers of Vespers Pentecost evening, we resume kneeling and making prostrations in church.

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 \$598.87 in tithes and offerings; in May we have given \$2639.30 our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$61.50; Bookstore \$87; Building fund \$6; special gifts \$340; Alaska Seminarian \$2. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$0 (\$2444.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 67, Saturday Vigil 20.

Please Pray 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

Of the accidents in things, some are in the soul, others in the body, and still others concerned with the body. Of those in the soul, there are, for example, knowledge and ignorance, forgetfulness and memory, love and hate, fear and courage, sorrow and joy, and so forth. Of those in the body there are, for example, pleasure and hardship, feeling and disability, health and illness, life and death, and similar things. Of those things concerned with the body there are, for example, parenthood and childlessness, wealth and poverty, fame and ill repute, and so forth. Some of these we consider good and others evil, although none of them is evil in itself, but is found to be properly good or evil according to its use.

