

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, May 30th, 2010

All Saints

Schedule of Services

May 30th 1st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Picnic

May 31st Monday Apostles' Fast Begins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 1st Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 2nd Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

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

June 3rd Thursday

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

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 4th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

12:00 p.m. Post-Baptismal Catechesis

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 5th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 6th All Saints of North America

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council

Saints are people who live on earth by holy, eternal Divine truths. That is why the Lives of the Saints are actually applied dogmatics, for in them all the holy eternal dogmatic truths are experienced in all their life-creating and creative energies. In the Lives of the Saints, it is most evidently shown that dogmas are not only ontological truths in themselves and for themselves, but that each one of them is a wellspring of eternal life and a source of holy spirituality.

St. Justin of Chelije

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belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

Announcements for May 30th

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).

The Special Offering today will be for our Alaskan seminarian.

Memorial Day Picnic Today! Vespers at 3:00 p.m. followed by the picnic. Please bring food, friends, and a disposition for fellowship.

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 Apostles' Fast begins Monday and runs until the Feast of Peter & Paul, June 29. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil etc., (daily modifications may be found on the wall calendar) and give ourselves to greater prayer, almsgiving, spiritual reading, and charitable works in order to seek God, to cultivate repentance and humility, and to be renewed in Him.

Many Years to the newly-illuminated servant of God Thomas Jackson and his sponsors Gregory and Maria Joines.

The Mission Council will meet next Sunday after the Liturgy.

Vacation: Fr. Justin and his family will be gone on vacation from Monday, June 28 until Friday July 16. Fr. Christopher Allen will be here to service Vigil and Liturgy, and Reader Vespers will be held Wednesdays and Fridays.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Prayer
Thursday, 1:00 p.m., St. Theophan, *Path of Salvation*
Friday, noon: Post-Baptismal Catechesis.

Expansion Fund: The expansion fund is \$10.72 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, if we will keep giving a little extra towards this, perhaps we'll not have to use

our building fund at all for this. May this project and your giving for it be blessed!

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 \$1199 in tithes and offerings; in May we have given \$3838.30 our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$68.50; Bookstore \$176; Building fund \$0; special gifts \$395; Alaska Seminarian \$2. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$45 (\$2489.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 65, Saturday Vigil 27.

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

Knowledge is good by nature, and so likewise is health, but their opposites have benefited even more than have they. In the wicked, knowledge does not result in good, even though, as was said, it is good by nature. The same is true for health or wealth or joy: these are not used profitably by them. So it is, then, that their opposites are profitable, and therefore it happens that they are not evil in themselves even though they seem to be evil.

Do not misuse thoughts, lest you necessarily misuse things as well. For unless anyone sins first in thought, he will never sin in deed.

The image of the earthly man consists in the capital vices, such as folly, cowardice, intemperance, injustice. The image of the heavenly man consists in the cardinal virtues, a prudence, courage, temperance, justice. So, "as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so let us bear the image of the heavenly."

400 Chapters on Love, 2.77-79

Parish Schedule: The weekly schedule of services has been slightly recast for our parish. It remains anchored in the Saturday Vigil and

the Sunday Liturgy. Vespers will always be held on Wednesday and Friday (the fast days), as will Matins. Most weeks, a weekday Liturgy will be served also, with Vespers the night before and Matins immediately before. Father Justin continues to take Monday as his day off. Please hold phone calls and other church business for the other days of the week unless it is an emergency.

Troparia and Kontakia for May 30th



All Saints, Troparion, tone 4

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world, / Thy Church as in purple and fine linen / through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God; / Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; / grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

Glory... Now and ever...

All Saints, Kontakion, tone 8

All the world doth offer unto Thee, O Lord, as to creation's Planter, / the God-bearing Martyrs as nature's first fruits for they bare witness unto Thee. / Thus preserve Thou Thy Church in the profoundest peace by their entreaties, O Savior, / through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.

