

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton


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Bulletin for Sunday, June 13th, 2010

All Saints of North America



Schedule of Services

June 13th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 14th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 15th Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 16th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

June 17th Thursday

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

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 18th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

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

June 19th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 20th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Man overcomes death by conquering sin within himself with Christ. If you have lived a day without vanquishing a single sin of ours, know that you have become even more mortal than you are already. Vanquish one, two, or three of your sins, and behold, you have become younger... Never forget that to believe in the Resurrection of the Lord Christ means to carry out a continuous fight with sins, with evil, with death. *St. Justin of Chelije in "Sentenced to Immortality"*

Announcements for June 13th

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 for debt reduction, next week for our seminarian.

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.

Temple Oil offered for the health of Patrick St. Jean.

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.

The Building/Strategic Planning Committee will meet today after the Liturgy at 11:30.

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*

Expansion Fund: The fund for expanding our nave has surpassed our goal of \$2500. The total cost will be about \$5000 and the parish has authorized drawing from the building fund to pay the balance, so the project will go ahead in late July. Further donations for this effort are welcome as they will save building funds for a future church. 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 \$1293.05 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$36.50; Bookstore \$96; Building fund \$20; special gifts \$1676.50. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$20 (\$2659.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500; Seminarian Fund \$24 collected, \$300 goal). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 67, Saturday Vigil 14.

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. Please pray for Elias Ashley Davis as he heads to Alaska to work for four months.

From Saint Maximus

It is according to nature that the rational element in us be subjected to the divine Word and that it govern our irrational element. Therefore, this order is to be preserved in all things and there will be neither any evil in beings nor anything available to draw them on to it.

Some thoughts are simple, others compound. The simple are without passion, but the compound are with passion, as composed of passion plus representation. In this case, one can see that many simple thoughts follow on the compound when they have begun to be moved to sin by the mind. Take money, for example. A passionate thought arises in someone's memory about gold. In his mind, he has the urge to steal, and with his heart he accomplishes the sin. Now with the memory of the gold will come also the memory of the purse, the chest, the room, and so forth. Now the memory of the gold is compound, for it displayed passion; but that of the purse, the chest, and so forth, is simple, for the mind had no passion toward them. And so it is with every thought, with vainglory, with women, and so on. For not all thoughts which accompany an impassioned thought are themselves passionate, as the example has shown. Thus from this we can know what are impassioned representations and what are simple.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.83-84

Troparia and Kontakia for June 13th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Aquilina, Troparion, tone 4

Thy lamb Aquilina, O Jesus, doth cry out with a great voice: / “I love Thee, O my Bridegroom, and, seeking Thee, I suffer, / and with Thy baptism, I am crucified and buried, / I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; / and I die for Thee that I may live with Thee. / But accept me as a spotless sacrifice offered with love to Thee!” // Through her prayers save Thou our souls as Thou art merciful.

St. Triphyllius, Troparion, tone 4

Thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, / an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence, / because of thy lowliness, the heights were opened to thee, / because of thy poverty, riches were granted to thee. / O holy Hierarch, Father Triphyllius, / intercede with Christ our God // that our souls be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

St. Aquilina, Kontakion, tone 2

Having utterly purified thy soul with the beauties of thy virginity / and attained the heights by martyrdom, / O most honored Aquilina, / wounded with the love of Christ thy Bridegroom, / thou standest before Him with the angels in gladness. // With them cease thou never to pray for us all.

St. Triphyllius, Kontakion, tone 8

Receiving the purity of virginity through the excellence of thy life, / O Triphyllius, thou wast the first hierarch of Leucosia, / and wast shown to be its evangelizer and instructor in the knowledge of God. // Wherefore, with joy we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O adornment of hierarchs!