

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 1st, 2010

Schedule of Services

**August 1st 10th Sunday after Pentecost Procession of Cross
Dormition Fast Begins**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Reception for Mike Rodgers & Leif Pierson, Rector

August 2nd Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Blessing of Water

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 3rd Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 4th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

August 5th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 6th Friday Holy Transfiguration

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 7th Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptism of Colin Anthony Stokes

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 8th 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Reception for Mike Rodgers & Leif Pierson, Rector

There are two remedies against pride; and if you do not avail yourself of them, you will find yourself given a third, far more painful to bear. Prayer with tears, and having no scorn for anyone, destroy pride; but so do chastisements inflicted against our will. Chastisement through the trials imposed on us is a spiritual rod, teaching us humility when, in our foolishness, we think too much of ourselves. *St. Thalassios, Philokalia*

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Announcements for August 1st

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation. 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 this week .

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 Mission Council meets today after Liturgy at 11:30.

The Parish Phone Book is being updated. Please make sure we have your current phone numbers, address, email, birthdays and namedays.

The Dormition Fast begins today and lasts through Liturgy on Dormition, August 15. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, and sin in order to seek God through prayer, reading, almsgiving, and works of mercy. May the Lord strengthen our desire for Him and grant each one of His grace that we may have a soul-profitting fast!

Holy Transfiguration, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is celebrated this Friday, August 6, commemoration Christ's manifestation of His Divine glory to three of His disciples, which is also a preview of the glory which shall be ours in the Resurrection. We do well to keep the feast by attending Vigil Thursday evening at 7 and Liturgy Friday morning at 7, or at least as much of those services as we possibly can attend.

Classes this Week:

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

A Reception will be held today at 5 at the rectory to honor and say farewell to Michael Rodgers and Leif Pierson who both will be leaving the parish: Mike to go to St. Tikhon's Seminary, and Leif to take a job in Tyler, TX, where he will be a member of St. John of Damascus Mission

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 \$1402 in tithes and offerings; in July, we gave \$5365.30; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week), which includes \$1500 for building a new church. Candles \$33; bookstore unknown, building fund \$0, special gifts \$50, Library \$5. May God bless y our faithful giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 64; Vigil 23.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire, for our inquirer Samuel. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska to work for four months, for Michael Rodgers as he heads off to seminary and for Ambrose Leif Pierson as he moves to Tyler to take a new job. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

From Saint Maximus

The vices, whether of the concupiscible [desire], the irascible [anger], or the rational element, come upon us with the misuse of the faculties of the soul. Misuse of the rational faculty is ignorance and folly, of the irascible and concupiscible faculties, hate and intemperance. Their right use is knowledge and prudence. If this is so, nothing created and given existence by God is evil.

It is not food which is evil, but gluttony; not the begetting of children, but fornication; not possessions, but greed; not reputation, but vainglory. And if this is so, there is nothing evil in creatures except misuse, which stems from the mind's negligence in its natural cultivation.

Troparia and Kontakia for August 1“



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

Cross, Troparion tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance. / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over the enemy; / and by Thy Cross / preserve Thine estate.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Maccabean Martyrs, Troparion, tone 1

By the pangs of the saints, which they suffered for Thee, O Lord, / be Thou entreated, and heal Thou all our infirmities, // we pray Thee, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

Maccabean Martyrs, Kontakion, tone 2

O ye seven pillars of the wisdom of God, / seven-branched lamp of the Light divine, / O most wise Maccabees / who before the martyrs were martyrs most great: // with them entreat the God of all, that we who honor you may be saved.

Cross, Kontakion tone 4

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, / so grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over the enemy, / by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.