

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 22nd, 2010

Schedule of Services

August 22nd 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 23rd Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

August 25th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Nicene Creed 3

August 26th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 27th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

1:00 p.m. Adult Class: Old Testament History

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

9:00 p.m. Molieben to St. Maximus for Parish

August 28th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 29th 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Fragile is earthly happiness, and blessed is the man who does not chase after it, but places all his hope in Christ the Savior—he shall not be put to shame.

A sure sign of the deadening of the soul is the avoidance of church services. A man who is growing cold towards God begins first of all to flee attending church. At first he tries to come to services later, and then he ceases altogether to visit God's temple. Therefore it's mandatory for monks to attend church services. True, it's sometimes permitted, due to urgent matters, not to go to all the services, but when possible, it's regarded as a necessary duty. Here in the Skete we even make the rounds of the cells on feast days, so that no one evades church services.

From *Elder Barsanupius of Optina*

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Announcements for August 22nd

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" at the beginning of the Liturgy (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

The Special Offering this week for our alms.

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

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of George.

Fr. Justin was not able at the last minute to go to the monastery last week. God willing, he will go the week of August 29.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 3
"One God the Father Almighty"

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History

Copies of the Confessor's Tongue and the weekly Bulletin may be found on our website each week.

The Orthodox Church, our national OCA publication, is available for the taking on the candle table.

A New Adult Class will begin in the next 2-3 weeks. It will most likely be a survey of the Old Testament historical books, highlighting important events, figures, and lessons. The class is planned to meet on Fridays at noon or 1:00. Please see Fr. Justin if you have questions.

Expansion Program: The expansion of the left side of the nave into the hall will not begin until early September.

The Annual Meeting will be held September 26 at 11:30. If you are a member here, please plan on attending.

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 \$1112.75 in tithes and offerings; in August we have given \$4312.20; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week), which includes \$1500 for building a new church. Candles \$56.50; bookstore unknown, building fund \$0, special gifts \$20. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 64; Vigil 18.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Samuel Vanderburg received last Sunday, 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, and for your inquirers Michael, Gina, Caleb, and Ian Rehmet. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska, for Michael Rodgers heading to seminary, and for Ambrose Leif Pierson in Tyler. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

From Saint Maximus

What pleases God is love, temperance, contemplation, and prayer. What pleases the flesh is gluttony, intemperance, and what contributes to them. Therefore, "those who are in the flesh cannot please God. And those who are Christ's have crucified their flesh with its passions and lusts."

When the mind inclines towards God, it keeps the body as a servant and allows it nothing more than what is necessary for life. But when it inclines towards the flesh, it becomes a servant of the passions and always makes provision for its lusts.

If you want to prevail over your thoughts, take care of your passions, and you will easily drive them from your mind. Thus, for fornication, fast, keep vigil, work hard, keep to yourself. For anger and hurt, disdain reputation and dishonor and material things. For grudges, pray for the one who has hurt you and you will be rid of them.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.11-13

Troparia and Kontakia for August 22nd



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Dormition Troparion, tone 1

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity, / in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O thou who art the Mother of Life, / and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Agathonicus, Troparion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord,/Thy Martyr Agathonicus received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God./For possessed of Thy might,/he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons./By his supplications do Thou save our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns / that lover of the Holy Trinity, great Maximus, / who clearly taught the divinely-given Faith: / that we should give glory unto Christ our God, / Who, but one person, hath in very truth / two natures, wills, and energies. / Let us cry to him: // Rejoice, divine herald of the Faith.

St. Agathonicus, Kontakion, tone 1

Having, acquired a good name, O divinely wise one, / thou didst convert wicked men to the Faith, / not fearing tortures, O glorious Agathonicus. / Wherefore, thou hast become an heir to good things, / and with those who suffered with thee // hast thou received worthy crowns.

Dormition, Kontakion, tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life / by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.