

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Schedule of Services

**August 29<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**August 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**September 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Church New Year**

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**September 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**September 5<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**September 6<sup>th</sup> Monday Labor Day**

9:00 Matins

10:00 Divine Liturgy

12:00 – 5:00 Picnic

Thou who art compassionate hast given me the enemy for my profit, as a gift to scourge and teach me; for his wickedness serveth as a test, which, without being good, leadeth me to the good: therefore it is now in thanksgiving that I cry: Save me, O Lord, before I perish utterly. *Octoechos, Friday Vespers, tone 4*

We lovingly celebrate the blessed slaying of John the Baptist; for he preceded Life into Hades, to proclaim Christ our God, the Orient from on high, the only greatly Merciful One, unto those who sat in darkness and the shadow of death. *Feast of the Beheading of St. John*

## Announcements for August 29<sup>th</sup>

**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 library.

**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.

**Annual Labor Day Picnic:** Monday, September 6, we'll hold our annual Labor Day Picnic. We expect a lot of visitors from other parishes. We ask that you attend, that you see this as a ministry to build unity among parishes and to acquaint the curious non-Orthodox with the Church. We ask you to sign up for food and bring it, and in addition that everyone bring water, either a flat of small bottles or gallon jugs. We also ask that you help clean up; if you leave before 5:00, find some picking up and wiping up to do before going.

**A New Adult Class** will begin this Friday. It will survey the Old Testament historical books, highlighting important events, figures, and lessons. The class meets on Fridays at 1:00.

**Church School** begins next Sunday after Liturgy.

**Mission Council** meets next Sunday after Liturgy. All welcome.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 4 "The Father Almighty": we'll discuss how God is father, why we call Him such, and the question of evil, how an Almighty Good God permits evil in His world. The talks on the Creed beginning with last week's are being posted on our website.

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History Session 1 "In the Beginning". Pick up a class syllabus today and start reading for Friday!

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

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

**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 \$1245.61 in tithes and offerings; in August we have given \$5557.81; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week), which includes \$1500 for building a new church. Candles \$25.50; bookstore \$129, building fund \$0, special gifts \$735, special offering for alms \$63. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 73; Vigil 16.

**Please Pray for our Catechumens:** Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet received today, 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 Samuel Vanderburg. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska, for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

### From Saint Maximus

Do not compare yourself to weaker men, but rather reach out to the commandment of love. For by comparing yourself to these you fall into the pit of conceit; in reaching out for the latter, you advance to the heights of humility.

If you are really observing the commandment of love of neighbor, for what reason do you bear him the bitterness of resentment? Is it not clearly because in preferring transient things to love and in holding on to them you are making war on your brother?

## Troparia and Kontakia for August 29<sup>th</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

### St. John the Forerunner, Troparion, tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; / for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the prophets, / since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him whom they proclaimed. / Wherefore, having contested for the truth, / thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: // that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 5

Thou didst descend to Hades, O my Savior; / and, having shattered its gates as all-powerful; / Thou as Creator didst raise the dead with Thee; / and Thou didst destroy the sting of death, / and Adam hath been delivered from the curse, O Lover of Man. / Wherefore, we all cry: Save us, O Lord!

### Beheading of John the Baptist, Kontakion, tone 5

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner / was part of God's dispensation, / that he might proclaim to those in Hades the coming of the Savior. / Let Herodias, who demanded the iniquitous murder, therefore lament, / for she loved not the law of God nor the age of life, // but rather this false and transitory one.