

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 4th, 2010

Troparia and Kontakia for July 4th



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. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Royal Passion-bearers, Troparion, tone 5

Meekly didst thou endure the loss of thine earthly kingdom, / the bonds and divers sufferings inflicted upon thee by those opposed to God, / and didst bear witness for Christ even unto death, / O great passion-bearer, divinely crowned Tsar Nicholas: / wherefore, Christ God hath crowned thee in the heavens with a martyr's crown, / together with thy queen, thy children and thy servants. / Him do thou beseech, that He have mercy upon the Russian land and save our souls.

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!

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 Serbian Melody

Royal Passion-bearers, Kontakion, tone 6

Thou didst strengthen the hope of the martyred Tsar, his Tsaritsa and children, / and it took flight to Thy love, / proclaiming beforehand their future rest. / Through their supplications, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Schedule of Services

July 4th 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
3:00 p.m. Cookout at Church

July 7th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 9th Friday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 10th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 11th 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 14th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 16th Friday (Fr. Justin returns)

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 17th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 18th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 21st Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 23rd Friday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 24th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 25th 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

In order to fulfill the commandments of Christ, you must know them. They are expounded in the Gospels. Read the Holy Gospel, penetrate its spirit, make it the rule of your life, your manual in everything thou do, and for every question in life, act in accordance with the teachings of the Gospels. This is the one light in our life.
St. Nikon of Optina

Announcements for July 4th

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 for our Alaskan seminarian, next week for debt reduction.

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.

A Special Welcome to Fr. Christopher Allen, Matushka Nona, Peter, and Andrew who are on vacation from his service posting on Okinawa! Their last visit with us was Holy Week and Pascha 2009 and thanks to Father for serving in Fr. Justin's absence.

July 4 Cookout at the church today at 3:00p.m. Come, have a good time, watch fireworks after dark, but please be sure to clean up and lock up!

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

In Case of Emergency: Please call one of the following local priests in case of spiritual or other emergency while Fr. Justin is gone: Fr. Michael Storozuk (Denison, lives in The Colony) (469) 688-7644; Fr. Seraphim Hipsh (Plano) (972) 836-5790; Fr. Joseph Fester (Dallas) (972) 251-0888 or (214) 522-4149; Fr. John Anderson (Dallas) (214) 528-3741; or Fr. Basil Zebrun (FW) (817) 798-8967.

No Classes until the end of July

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 \$1122.50 in tithes and offerings; in June we gave \$5092.19; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$37.50 (\$165 for June); Bookstore \$; Building fund \$0 (\$20 for June); "Bum Bags" \$3, special gifts \$140 (2619.50 for June). May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$26 (\$2800.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500; Seminarian Fund \$65 recd., \$300 goal). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 47, Saturday Vigil 20.

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** John Parsons. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston and for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska to work for four months.

From Saint Maximus

Those whose piety undergoes a trial in this life by divine Providence are proved by these three temptations: by the gift of pleasant things, such as beauty, fine children, wealth, reputation, and the like. Or by the inflicting of sorrowful things, such as the loss of children, wealth, and reputation; or by painful afflictions of the body, such as sickness, disease, and so forth. To the first the Lord says, "If anyone does not renounce all he possesses, he cannot be my disciple." To the second and third he says, "In your patience you shall possess your souls."

These four things are said to modify the bodily temperament and thereby to give thoughts to the mind whether passionate or without passion: angels, demons, the weather, and life-style. The angels are said to modify it by reason, the demons by touch, the weather by its variations, the life-style by the quality and quantity of food and drink, whether too much or too little. In addition to these there are the modifications which come to it from the memory, from hearing and sight, since it is the soul which is first affected by things which give it grief or joy. And when the soul approves of these, it modifies the temperament of the body; and when this is thus modified, it supplies thoughts to the mind.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.91-92