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Troparia and Kontakia for July 11th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Troparion, St. Euphemia, tone 3

O Euphemia, Christ's comely virgin, / thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness / and didst cover with shame all the heretics; / for at the holy Fourth Council in Chalcedon, / thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. / O all-glorious Great Martyr, / do thou entreat Christ God / that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

Troparion, St. Olga, tone 4

Having furnished thy mind with wings of divine knowledge, / thou didst soar far above visible creation; / and seeking God, the Creator of all, / and finding Him, thou didst receive rebirth through baptism; / and delighting in the tree of life, / O ever-glorious Olga, / thou remainest incorrupt forever.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human race /, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 6

Kontakion, St. Euphemia, tone 6

For thy Bridegroom thou didst appoint for thyself feats in thy contest and struggles in the Faith. / Pray now, through the Theotokos, / that the audacity of the foe and heresies / may be subdued beneath the feet of the Orthodox, / O all-praised Euphemia, / who accepted and preserved the definition of the six hundred and thirty God-bearing fathers.

Kontakion, St. Olga, tone 4

Let us hymn today God the Benefactor of all, / who glorified the divinely wise Olga from Russia, / that through her supplications He give remission of sins to our souls.

Theotokion, "O Protection of Christians," tone 6

Bulletin for Sunday, July 11th, 2010

Schedule of Services

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

July 20-23, DOS Assembly in Atlanta

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

By talent you should understand not only riches, education, and prominence. Talents are favorable conditions for the salvation of the soul. Each of us is given talents. Poverty, sickness, various types of sorrows-these are all talents. IF a person uses the talent given to him spiritually, for the salvation of his soul-he bears fruit. *St. Nikon of Optina*

Announcements for July 11th

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 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.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Garage Sale by donating items and/or helping out at the sale. Despite the rain, it was a great success! Special thanks to Ben and Lois Lyda for coordinating the event.

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 appr. \$1500 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$22.5; Bookstore \$; Building fund \$20; "Bum Bags" \$, special gifts \$30. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$ (\$2800.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500; Seminarian Fund \$95 recd., \$300 goal). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 53, Saturday Vigil 32.

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

Death in the true sense is separation from God, and 'the sting of death is sin' (I Cor. 15:56). Adam, who received the sting, became at the same time an exile from the tree of life, from paradise and from God (cf. Gen. 3); and this was necessarily followed by the body's death. Life, in the true sense, is He who said, 'I am the life' (John 11:25), and who, having entered into death, led back to life him who had died.

A man writes either to assist his memory, or to help others, or for both reasons; or else he writes in order to injure certain people, or to show off, or out of necessity.

In Psalm 23, 'green pasture' represents the practice of the virtues; 'water of refreshment,' spiritual knowledge of created things.

The 'shadow of death' is human life. Therefore if a man is with God and God is with him, clearly he is able to say, 'Though I walk through the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.' *400 Chapters on Love, 2.93-96*