

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 31st, 2010

Schedule of Services

October 31st 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, tone 6

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

November 3rd Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Nicene Creed 12

November 5th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

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

November 6th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 7th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, tone 6

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

Everyone needs the fire of temptations in order to be tried and instructed in patience. One must look at things with the point of view that Divine Providence is caring for our salvation: one person requires more, another requires fewer trials for patience and instruction, and for another, the time has not yet come. *St. Macarius*

At the beginning of the call to the spiritual life, the Lord visits a person with His grace and various consolations, but afterwards He withdraws them and casts him into the fire of diverse temptations and sorrows, so that our self-loving and glory-loving disposition would be completely reduced to ashes by the fire of temptation, and would not trust in itself and its works but in the mercy and love of God. Humility is a great blessing! *St. Macarius of Optina*

You must not grow faint-hearted. Surely you cannot live without temptations. "Who is the man that shall live and not see death?" i.e., temptations? Temptation is necessary because it brings about patience, and patience—proficiency. If we were not tried, we would remain ignorant and stupid. In times of trouble, let us accuse ourselves and not others. *St. Anatoly of Optina*

Announcements for October 31st

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee, conversation, and church school for the children. 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 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). If we are visiting from another parish, we should know that proper church etiquette is to contact the priest ahead of time if we wish to receive Holy Communion so he doesn't have to question us as to our identity in the Communion line. 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.

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 Special Offering this week is for our Library.

Church School meets today following the Divine Liturgy. Please let the children and teachers go through the coffee hour line first.

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Be sure to set your clocks back after Vigil next Saturday.

A Nursing Room for mothers with small children who need to take them out is found through the curtained doorway by the choir and straight through the next door. A changing table is there.

Friday Vespers this week will be partly in Russian with a Russian pannikhida afterwards.

Confession is available Wednesdays and Fridays after Matins, at about 8:00 a.m.

Service Schedule: We'll be going back to a full daily service schedule during the Nativity Fast, starting in two weeks, with ample opportunities for Confession. See website.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 12 Article 8 "And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life..."

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History Session 8 "A Man After God's Own Heart" David: Prophet & King

Copies of the Confessor's Tongue and the weekly Bulletin may be found on our website. So too recordings of some homilies and some of the Basics of Orthodoxy Class lectures.

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).

Last week we gave \$1365.50 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$6213.81; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$52.50; Building Fund \$38, Special Gift \$100, bookstore (2 weeks) \$80.50. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 71 Vigil 21.

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; Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, 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

The one who is not affected by the things of the world loves solitude; the one who does not love anything human loves all men; and the one who takes no offense at anyone, either because of faults or suspicious thoughts, possesses the knowledge of God and of divine realities.

It is a great thing not to be affected by things; but it is far better to remain detached from their representations.

Love and self-mastery keep the mind detached from things and from their representations.

The mind of the one who loves God does not engage in battle against things nor against their representations, but against the passions joined to the representations. Thus it does not war against the woman nor against the one who offends him, nor against their images, but against the passions that are joined to these images.

The whole war of the monk against the demons is to separate the passions from the representations. Otherwise he will not be able to look on things without passion.

Troparia and Kontakia for October 31"



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

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / thou didst pour forth Christ's sacred teachings, / thou didst expound with Divine authority / the self-emptying of God the Word / and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith:/ O, Glorious Father Maximus / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

St. John of Chicago, Troparion, tone 1

Thou wast revealed to all as a true shepherd / O Hieromartyr John of Chicago, / for thou didst nurture thy people in the Orthodox Faith, / guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation, / and defended the Faith even unto the shedding of thy blood. / Therefore we thy spiritual children cry out in thanksgiving: / Glory to Him who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him who granted thee the Martyr's crown! *bridge* // Glory to Him who through thee granteth mercy to all!

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 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. John of Chicago, Kontakion, Tone 3

Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified, / for he took up his cross and followed Christ. / In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship. / Therefore, let us cry aloud to him: // Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!