

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, November 7th, 2010

Schedule of Services

November 7th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, tone 6 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School, Mission Council
November 10th Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 7:00 p.m. Vespers 8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Nicene Creed 13
November 12th Friday 7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 1:00 p.m. Adult Class: Old Testament History: 7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession
November 13th Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession
November 14th 24th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 7 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School 6:00 p.m. IOCC Event at Holy Trinity
November 15th Monday --Nativity Fast Begins-- 7:00 p.m. Pan Orthodox Unction Service at SS Const. & Helen

Thing, representation, and passion are all different realities. A thing is, for instance, a man, a woman, gold, and so forth. A representation is, for instance, a simple recollection of any of these things. Passion, however, is an irrational affection or senseless hate for any of these things. Therefore the monk's battle is directed against passion.

A passionate representation is a thought made up of a passion and a representation. Let us separate the passion from the representation, and the simple thought will remain. We can, if we wish, make this separation through spiritual love and self-mastery.

The virtues separate the mind from the passions; spiritual contemplations separate it from simple representations; then pure prayer sets it before God himself.

The virtues are related to the knowledge of creatures, knowledge to the knower, the knower to the one who is known in ignorance and whose knowing transcends knowledge. *St. Maximus, Love, 3.42-45*

Announcements for November 7th

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 priest.

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

The Mission Council will meet today after Liturgy.

Friday Vespers this week will be primarily in English with an English Pannikhida following.

Confession is available Wednesdays and Fridays after Matins, at about 8:00 a.m. in addition to Friday & Saturday after Vespers.

The Nativity Fast begins Monday, November 15. Now is a good time to choose spiritual reading and make preparations for the ascetical effort of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the good of our souls.

A Pan-Orthodox Unction Service will be served Monday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at SS Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church in Dallas. Orthodox Christians who have had a recent confession and are in communion with the Church may receive the Mystery.

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

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 13 Article 9 "In One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church..".

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History Session 9 "Wiser than the Wise" Solomon

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 \$1218.07 in tithes and offerings; in October we gave \$7431.88; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$71; Library \$7, Special Gifts \$670, bookstore \$64 (short \$5). 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.

November Namedays

8 Michelle Frederick, Michael Rodgers
24/25 Katherine Frederick Ekaterina Chernaya
27 Emmanuel Lyda (James the Persian)

November Birthdays

2 Joseph Birthisel
4 Mat. Michelle Frederick
9 Geoff Stevenson
11 Derek Sancer
14 Anastasia Sancer
23 Raina Joines
24 Wendy Jackson
25 Fr. Justin Frederick

Troparia and Kontakia for November 7th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto the world great mercy.

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.

Unmercenary Healers, Troparion, tone 8

O holy unmercenary physicians and wonderworkers, / visit our infirmities. // Freely have ye received; freely give unto us.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

The thrice-radiant Light which abode in thy soul / showed thee to be a chosen vessel / revealing divine things to the ends of the earth, / O blessed Maximus, who givest utterance to concepts hard to grasp, / and manifestly proclaimest unto all // the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity.

Unmercenary Healers, Kontakion, tone 2

Having received the grace of healings, / ye extend health to those in need, / O all-glorious physicians and wonderworkers. / By your visitation cast down the audacity of the enemy, // healing the world through your miracles.