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Bulletin for Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Schedule of Services

**November 14<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 7**

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

6:00 p.m. IOCC Event at Holy Trinity

**November 15<sup>th</sup> Monday --Nativity Fast Begins--**

7:00 p.m. Pan Orthodox Unction Service at SS Const. & Helen

**November 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

8:00 p.m. Building Committee

**November 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Nicene Creed 14

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**November 19<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

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

**November 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**November 21<sup>st</sup> Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

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

In carelessness have I spent my time ignoring my many sins,  
thinking neither of impending death nor fearing the threat of the  
impartial trial! Who will deliver me from eternal fire, if not Thou, O  
God who alone art good: have mercy on me. *Sunday Vespers, tone 8*

## Announcements for November 14<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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 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! Be sure to leave space in front of all doors so that people may get through them easily during service and don't have to fight through a crowd. **Please be quiet** in the Narthex afterwards while the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion are being read in the church.

**The Chairs** in church are for the elderly and for adults who may need to sit. Please do not let your children occupy chairs during the Liturgy. During the homily, we ask that adults not sit on the floor.

**The Special Offering** this week is for debt reduction.

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

**The Building Committee** will meet Tuesday evening at 8:00.

**No Matins or Vespers the Monday** contrary to the monthly calendar due to construction work on the expansion.

**A Taste and Tour of the IOCC** (International Orthodox Christian Charities) will be held tonight at 6:00 and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas to raise awareness and funds for this ministry of the Church. The local IOCC committee is seeking representative from our parish to join its work of promoting the IOCC in DFW.

**A Pan-Orthodox Unction Service** will be served tomorrow, 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.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 14 Article 10 "One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins..".

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 \$1138.58 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$55.50; 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.

### The Nativity Fast

The Nativity Fast, the 40-day period of preparation for the Nativity of our Lord, begins Monday, November 15 and lasts until the Liturgy the morning of the Nativity of Our Lord, December 25. We keep the Fast by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for our spiritual benefit: for repentance, healing, cleansing, growth, and, ultimately— or knowing Christ more intimately and being filled afresh with His Spirit. We abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, wine, and oil (see wall calendar for when fish, wine, and oil are permitted) and marital relations so that we can give ourselves to prayer and spiritual reading and have extra means for almsgiving. Please see your priest if you have any questions or concerns.

### From Saint Maximus

God who is beyond fullness did not bring creatures into being out of any need of His, but that He might enjoy their proportionate participation in Him and that He might delight in His works seeing them delighted and ever insatiably satisfied with the one who is inexhaustible.

*400 Chapters on Love, 3.46*

## Troparia and Kontakia for November 14<sup>th</sup>



### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, 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.

### **Apostle Philip, Troparion, tone 3**

O holy Apostle Philip, / intercede with the merciful God / that He grant unto our souls // forgiveness of our transgressions.

### **Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8**

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

### **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.

### **Apostle Philip, Kontakion, tone 8**

Thy disciple and friend, the emulator of Thy suffering, / the divinely eloquent Philip, proclaimed Thee to the world as God; / by his prayers and through the Theotokos, // keep Thy Church and every city from the most iniquitous enemies, O most Merciful One.