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Bulletin for Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Schedule of Services

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

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

7:00 p.m. *Vespers at St. Nicholas, McKinney*

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**November 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Akathist "Glory to God for All Things"

**November 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday (Thanksgiving)**

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**November 26<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

**November 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**November 28<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2**

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

The essence of almsgiving is a heart burning with love for every creature and desiring what is good for it. Almsgiving consists not merely in the giving, but in compassion, when we see a fellow human being suffering in some way, and if we can help him somehow, we do so.  
*St. Macarius of Optina*

Again you fall in spirit from every wave of sorrows that are so unavoidable in the world. And where will you flee from them? To Kiev, or beyond Kiev? There is an abundance of them everywhere. But honor and eternal glory are given not to those who speedily flee from them (sorrows), but to those who meet them fearlessly.

*St. Anatoly of Optina*

## Announcements for November 21<sup>st</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. 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 Mike Rodgers.

**A Special Parish Meeting** will be held Sunday, December 12 after church school to discuss options for the hall addition.

**Thanksgiving:** The Akathist "Glory to God for All Things" will be served Wednesday evening at the conclusion of Vespers (about 7:40 p.m.) and a Thanksgiving Day Liturgy will be served this Thursday at 7:30 a.m. Permission is generally given to break the Fast on Thanksgiving Day to keep that civil feast of giving thanks to God.

**The Baptism** of the Terry Family and Zlatislava Leiva's son will be Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Russian Liturgy that day.

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

**Confession** is available Wednesdays and Fridays after Matins, at about 8:00 a.m. in addition to other scheduled times.

**No Classes this Week!**

**Almsgiving:** Besides the almsbox on the candle table, we may use the bins, now in the coffee hour room, for our almsgiving during the Nativity Fast. Imperishable foods are particularly welcome. There is yet a good supply of "Bum Bags" there for your use as well.

**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 \$1307.40 \$1218.07 in tithes and offerings; this month, we have given \$2525.47; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$48; Debt Reduction \$16, Special Gifts \$251. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 84, 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; 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 world has many poor in spirit, but not in the right way; and many who mourn, but over money matters and loss of children; and many who are meek, but in the face of impure passions; and many who hunger and thirst, but to rob another's goods and to profit unjustly. And there are many who are merciful, but to the body and to its comforts; and clean of heart, but out of vanity; and peacemakers, but who subject the soul to the flesh; and many who suffer persecution, but because they are disorderly; many who are reproached, but for shameful sins. Instead, only those are blessed who do and suffer these things for Christ and following His example. For what reason? "Because theirs is the kingdom of heaven," and "they shall see God," and so forth. So that it is not because they do and suffer these things that they are blessed (since those just mentioned do the same), but because they do and suffer them for Christ and following His example. *400 Chapters on Love, 3-47*

### From Saint Isaac the Syrian

*World* is a collective noun which is applied to the so-called passions.... When we wish to give a collective name to the passions, we call them

*world.* And when we wish to designate them specifically according to their names, we call them *passions*.

Moderation adorns all things; for without moderation, even things deemed good become harmful.

The beginning of the intellect's darkening is to be seen, first of all, in slothfulness with regard to the church services and prayer. For except the soul first fall away from these, she cannot be led in the way of error; but as soon as she is deprived of God's help, she easily falls into the hands of her adversaries.

## Troparia and Kontakia for November 21"



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

### Entrance of the Theotokos, Troparion, tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appeareth in the temple of God, / in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: / Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator's dispensation.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

### Entrance of the Theotokos, Kontakion, tone 4

The all-pure Temple of the Savior, / the precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, / the sacred treasure of the glory of God, / is led today into the house of the Lord, / and with her she bringeth the grace of the divine Spirit. / Of her God's angels sing in praise: // "She is indeed the heavenly Tabernacle."