

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, November 28th, 2010

Schedule of Services

November 28th 27th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2

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

November 29th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

November 30th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

December 1st Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy Creed Articles 7, 11, 12

December 2nd Thursday

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. *Chantus Maximus* sings at Denton Tree-Lighting

December 3rd Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

1:00 p.m. OT Class: "Fire from Heaven" Elijah et al.

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

December 4th Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptism

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

December 5th 28th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 3

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

11:30 a.m. Mission Council

Everyone not only may, but they must, be concerned about pleasing God. But how does one please Him? First of all, through repentance and humility.

St. Ambrose of Optina

A place does not save you. There is no place where you can flee from yourself.

St. Nikon of Optina

Announcements for November 28th

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, next week for our priest.

Mission Council meets next Sunday after Liturgy. All welcome.

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

The Baptism of the Terry Family and Zlatislava Leiva's son will be this Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Classes this Week

Basics of Orthodoxy, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Creed 15: Articles 7, 11, 12, Eschatology.

Old Testament History, Friday, 1:00 p.m. "Fire from Heaven" Elijah and the Northern Kingdom

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 \$1223.05 in tithes and offerings; this month, we have given \$3748.52; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$72; Special Offering IOCC \$58, Special Gifts \$325. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 58, Vigil 16.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet; for those preparing for Holy Illumination: Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

From Saint Maximus

In everything that we do, God looks at the intention, as has frequently been said, whether we do it for Him or for any other motive. Therefore, when we wish to do something good, let us not have human applause in view, but rather, God, so that, always looking to Him, we might do everything on His account; otherwise, we shall undergo the labor and still lose the reward.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.48

From Saint Isaac the Syrian

A word born of righteous activity (praxis) is one thing, and a beautiful speech is another. Even without experience, wisdom is clever at imparting beauty to her words, at speaking the truth without really knowing it, and at making declarations on virtue while the man himself never makes trial of it in his deeds. Speech that comes from righteous activity is a treasury of hope, but wisdom not based on righteous activity is a deposit of disgrace. Just as when an artist frescoes water on the walls and cannot relieve his thirst with it, or just as a man dreams beautiful dreams, even so is speech not based on righteous activity.

Troparia and Kontakia for November 28th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.

Martyr Stephen, Troparion, tone 4

Struggling in fasting upon the mountain, / thou didst slay the noetic hordes of the enemy / with the weapon of the Cross, O most blessed one, / and didst manfully arm thyself again for martyrdom, / slaying Copronymous with the sword of the Faith. / And for both hast thou been crowned by God, // O ever-memorable venerable martyr Stephen.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

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.

Martyr Stephen, Kontakion, tone 8

With all our heart, O ye who love the feasts of the Church, / let us faithfully praise with hymns the godly Stephen, the lover of the Trinity, / as one who venerated the beauteous image of the Master and His Mother; / and together let us now cry out to him rejoicing with love: // Rejoice, O ever-glorious father!