

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**January 9<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 8**

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

**January 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

**January 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Divine Liturgy I

**January 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

**January 14<sup>th</sup> Friday Leavetaking of Theophany**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

**January 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 1**

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

If someone is upset with you (i.e. not at peace with you, but does not express it), be pleasant with him, as if you don't notice it. *St. Ambrose*

We should not give free reign to our feelings. We should behave affably towards those with whom we are not pleased. *St. Nikon*

Be silent before everyone, and they will all love you. *St. Ambrose*

Our salvation and our ruin—is in our neighbor. Our salvation depends on how we relate to our neighbor. Do not forget to see the image of God in your neighbor. *St. Nikon of Optina*

The first and most essential means of making peace with those who offend and persecute us is to pray for them according to the commandment of Christ. *St. Leo of Optina*

One must strive to have a good opinion of everyone. Only God is the knower of hearts. We cannot infallibly judge people. *St. Hilarion*

## Announcements for January 9<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 modestly dressed (so as not to distract others) 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.

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

**Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of Fr. Justin & his family on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood (Dec 31).

**A Liturgy in Russian** will be served this Saturday at 9:30; Vespers Friday night will also be served in Russian with Confession following.

**Communing Infants:** If you have an infant less than a year and a half of age, please bring him to communion in the following way: lay him down in your arms with his head cradled in your right arm. This makes gravity work for us rather than against us and makes the infant's mouth most accessible to the priest. Please do hold infants under 18 months upright for Communion. Thank you!

**Standing:** Out of respect for Christ our God and His body the Church, everyone who is physically able should stand for the entrances, for blessings when the priest makes the sign of the cross over everyone, for the Gospel reading, for the anaphora (from just after the Creed until the Litany before the Lord's Prayer), for the Lord's Prayer, and for the dismissal.

### Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox7: Introduction to the Divine Liturgy

Friday, 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History: The Minor Prophets

**House Blessings** have begun. See Fr. Justin if you want your house blessed but have not yet signed up.

**Commemorations:** Please try to submit your commemoration sheets/books the night before Liturgy. You may submit them any time during the week before Sunday. Be sure to pick up your proskomion on the candle table after Liturgy.

**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 \$1201.95 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$54.50; Special Gifts \$100, Building Fund \$6; Expansion Fund \$67. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 65, Vigil 24.

**Expansion Fund:** The expansion fund has pledges for \$7000; another \$705 has been given. We need to raise \$17,000 to build the planned hall expansion by March 1. Please make a pledge over and above your usual giving either of a one-time gift, or of a monthly gift for a designated number of months.

**Coffee Hour Expansion:** To help fund the \$17,000 we need for our expanded hall, a jar has been placed in the coffee hour room. The Parish Council has designated that all money placed in it will go towards building the expansion and requests that we all donate something each week (suggests \$5 per family) as we go through the line. May God bless and multiply our gifts!

**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 Rehmert, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary, and for Svetlana Birthisel.

### From Saint Maximus

Just as parents have affection for the offspring of their bodies, so also is the mind naturally attached to its own reasonings. And just as to their parents who are emotionally attached the children appear as the fairest and handsomest of all even though in every way they might be the most hideous of all, so it is with the foolish mind. Its reasonings, even though they might be the most depraved of all, still appear in its view as the most sensible of all. However, this is not the case with the wise man and his reasonings. Rather, when it seems convincing that they are true and correct, then especially does he distrust his own judgment but makes use of other wise men as judges of his own reasonings (so as not to run or have run in vain), and from them he receives assurance. *400 Chapters on Love, 3,58*

## Troparia and Kontakia for January 9<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.

### Theophany, Troparion, tone 1

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / naming Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of dove, / confirmed the certainty of that word. / O Christ our God, who hast manifested Thyself and enlightened the world // glory to Thee.

### St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit ...

### St. Philip, Troparion, tone 8

O successor of the primates of Russia, pillar of Orthodoxy, / champion of the Truth, new confessor, holy hierarch Philip, / thou didst lay down thy life for thy flock: / wherefore, as thou hast boldness before Christ, // pray for this city and the people who honor thy holy memory as is meet.

### 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 8 *Serbian Melody*

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns ...

### St. Philip, Kontakion, tone 3

Let us praise the all-wise Philip, / the instructor of Orthodoxy, the proclaimer of the Truth, / the luminary of Russia, / who noetically feedeth his children with the food of his words; / for with his tongue he sang praise, / and with his lips he chanted hymnody, / as an initiate // of the mysteries of the grace of God.

### Theophany, Kontakion, tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe / and Thy Light, O Lord, hath shone on us, / who with understanding praise Thee: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O Light unapproachable!