

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 16th, 2011

Schedule of Services

January 16th 34th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 1 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School, Mission Council
January 17th Monday 7:00 p.m. DFW Late Vocations Class: Holy Scripture Survey
January 18th Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Matins
January 19th Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 7:00 p.m. Vespers 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Divine Liturgy 1
January 20th Thursday 7:00 a.m. Matins 7:00 p.m. Vigil for St. Maximus
January 21st Friday St. Maximus 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Russian Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession
January 22nd Saturday 9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession
January 23rd 35th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 2 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

The works of God are wondrous and unfathomable for our darkened minds, but as much as possible, we see from Scripture and our personal experiences that the Lord sends sickness, sorrows, deprivation, droughts, wars, and revolutions, either as punishment for our sins, or in anticipation, so that we do not fall into sins, or sometimes to test our faith. And so, we must bow in reverence before His all-wise Providence and give thanks for His ineffable mercy towards us.
St. Macarius of Optina

The Lord arranges everything for our benefit and spiritual instruction, according to His mercy and wisdom, but we, due to our weakness and passionate habit, understand poorly, like infants. *St. Leo*

Announcements for January 16th

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 alms.

A Liturgy in Russian, postponed from last week, will be served this Saturday at 9:30; Vespers Friday night will also be served in Russian with Confession following.

The Feast of St. Maximus, our patron saint, falls on this coming Friday. Please make every effort to attend the Vigil Thursday night at 7:00 and Liturgy Friday morning at 9:00 that this may truly be a festive day. Archbishop Dmitri and Bishop Mark have been invited to attend, as have the other clergy in our area.

Classes this Week

Monday, 7-9:30 p.m. DFW Late Vocations Program, Survey of Holy Scripture. Anyone wanting to take this class must speak (or have spoken) to Fr. Justin first.

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

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

A New Friday Class in February will be reading and discussing Metropolitan Hierotheos' book *Life After Death*, which treats such topics as what happens to the soul after death, the purifying fire, Christ's Second Coming, Paradise and Hell, Restoration of all things, and eternal life. Please let Fr. Justin know if you plan to attend the class and inform the bookstore so we can order books this week. The class will meet Fridays at 4:00 p.m. for ten weeks.

Friday Night 'Hesychastic' Vigil: on Friday, January 28, starting at 9:00 p.m., a special vigil will be held including Compline and the singing of the Akathist to the Theotokos, the Psalter, a half-hour of silent recitation of the Jesus Prayer, and the Midnight Office. While the world keeps its usual Friday evening vigil, we, too, shall keep one on its behalf and for ourselves as well.

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 prosphoron 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 \$1243.66 in tithes and offerings; in January we have given \$2445.61; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$92; Special Gifts \$550, Building Fund \$4; Expansion Fund \$3095. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 50, Vigil 30.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7000 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$3000 of which has been given; a total of \$3800 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week).

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, 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

When you overcome any of the dishonorable passions, such as gluttony, fornication, anger, or covetousness, suddenly the thought of vanity lights upon you. But when you overcome this, that of pride follows in short order.

All the dishonorable passions that hold sway over the soul drive out the thought of vanity from it, and when all these have given way, they set it loose upon the soul.

Vanity, whether it is eliminated, or whether it remains, begets pride. When eliminated, it produces conceit, when remaining it produces pretentiousness.

Discreet practice eliminates vainglory; ascribing our right actions to God removes pride.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.59-62

Troparia and Kontakia for January 16th



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.

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.

St. Peter, Troparion, tone 4

Without leaving Rome, / thou art come to us in thy precious chains which thou didst bear, / O first-enthroned of the apostles Peter; / and, bowing down before them with faith we pray: // By thy supplications unto God grant us great mercy!

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!

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.

St. Peter, Kontakion, tone 2

Christ the Rock most splendidly glorifieth the rock of faith, / the first-enthroned of His disciples; / for He summoneth all to celebrate / the wonders of thy precious chains, O Peter, // and granteth forgiveness of offenses.