

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**January 30<sup>th</sup> 36<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 3**

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

**January 31<sup>st</sup> Monday**

7:00 p.m. DFW Late Vocations Class: Holy Scripture Survey

**February 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Meeting of the Lord in the Temple**

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian Class

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Divine Liturgy 3

**February 4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

**February 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**February 6<sup>th</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 4**

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

If you are angry and complaining, it is indicative of a proud soul. Humble yourself, reproach yourself, and the Lord is powerful to give you comfort and a helping hand. *St. Anatoly of Optina*

You do not just suddenly leap into heaven, but you enter it with humility. The worst of all sins is when we are overwhelmed by our pride and our own opinion about everything. *St. Macarius of Optina*

Since we consider ourselves to be debtors before God, we must not flee from reproaches, rebukes, and offenses. Through these, not only is our debt paid off, but that terrible spiritual illness, pride, is healed through the application of these spiritual 'plasters' with God's help..

*St. Leo of Optina*

Where there is a fall, even if only in thought, it was preceded by pride. *St. Macarius of Optina*

## Announcements for January 30<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 our Alaskan Seminarian, next week for our priest.

**Coffee Hour Donations** go to support building new space for Coffee Hour.

### Classes this Week

Monday, 7:00 p.m. DFW Late Vocations Scripture Class

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian (see Fr. Justin)

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 7: Divine Liturgy 3:

The Great Litany, Part One

Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, chapter 1.

**Soup Kitchen:** A group from the parish is organizing to serve at the local soup kitchen once a month. The first date for St. Maximus is Wednesday, February 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please see Raina Joines for more information.

**Metropolitan Hilarion** of the Russian Orthodox Church will be in Dallas the weekend of February 12-13. He will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Jonah at St. Seraphim's Cathedral on Saturday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m. He will also be present at Vigil that evening and will speak afterwards from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. A composer, his St. Matthew's Passion will be sung at Highland Park Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 13. Doors open at 4:30; admission is free.

**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 \$1441.39 in tithes and offerings; in January we have given \$5529.28; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$121.50; Special Gifts \$100, Building Fund \$5; Hall Expansion Fund \$1040. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 61, Vigil 18.

**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 \$4861 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 and for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

### From Saint Maximus

Knowledge of divine things without passion does not persuade the mind to disdain material things completely, but rather resembles the mere thought of a thing of sense. Thus one finds many men with considerable knowledge who yet wallow in the passions of the flesh like pigs in the mud. For, in reaching through their diligence a certain degree of purification and in acquiring knowledge but in later growing careless, they can be compared to Saul, who, after being giving the kingdom, conducted himself unworthily and was dismissed from it with terrible wrath.

Just as the simple thought [i.e. one not attached to passion whether irrational hatred or love] of human realities does not oblige the mind to disdain the divine, so neither does the simple knowledge of divine things persuade it fully to disdain human things, for the reason that the truth exists now in shadows and figures. Hence, there is a need for the blessed passion of holy love, which binds the mind to spiritual realities and persuades it to prefer the immaterial to the material and intelligible and divine things to those of sense.

*400 Chapters on Love, 3.66-67*

## Troparia and Kontakia for January 30<sup>th</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.  
/ From the womb of hell hath He delivered us, // and hath granted the world great mercy.

### Three Hierarchs, Troparion, tone 4

In that ye share in the ways of the Apostles, / O teachers of the whole world, / entreat the Master of all, / that He grant peace to the world // and to our souls great mercy.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

### Three Hierarchs, Kontakion, tone 2

The sacred heralds of divine proclamation, / the foremost among the teachers, / hast Thou received, O Lord, / into the enjoyment of Thy good things and into rest; / for Thou hast accepted their labors and death / as surpassing any wholeburnt offering. // O Thou who alone dost glorify Thy saints.

