

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, February 6th, 2011

Schedule of Services

February 6th 37th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 4

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

February 8th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

February 9th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian Class

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

February 11th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

February 12th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Seraphim Cathedral, Dallas

February 13th 38th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 5

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

Perform every work attentively, no matter how unimportant it may seem, as if being done before the face of God. Remember the Lord sees everything.
St. Nikon of Optina

Our profit comes not from the quantity of words, but from the quality. Sometimes much is said, but nothing is heard, and at another time you hear only one word, and it remains in your memory for your whole life.
St. Anthony of Optina

What profit will books bring us if we only read them and are not roused to do anything?
St. Macarius of Optina

The comprehension of Holy Scripture is given according to the measure of our purity of heart and our humility. This depth is undiscernable and endless.
St. Macarius of Optina

When melancholy attacks you, read the Gospel. *St. Ambrose of Optina*

Announcements for February 6th

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 priest.

Coffee Hour Donations go to support building new space for Coffee Hour. A few dollars a week from each of us will do much!

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.

Soft Drinks: The soft drinks in the refrigerator are donated to raise money for restoring the outside of our building. Please take one and put a dollar in the jar to help! Parents, please be sure your children understand the drinks are not free for the taking.

Vigil Note: At Vigil the anointing after the Gospel is being done with oil blessed in the tomb of our Lord and by 46 wonderworking Athonite icons.

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 \$1032.77 in tithes and offerings; in January we gave \$6562.05; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$51; Special Gifts \$150, Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$50. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 67, Vigil 24.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7000 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$3500 of which has been given; a total of \$4911 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week; \$50 was given last 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

The one who has eliminated the passions and produced simple thoughts has still not yet completely turned the mind to divine things but can be drawn neither to human nor to divine things. This is the case of those in the active life who have not yet been giving knowledge and who abstain from the passions out of fear or out of hope of the kingdom.

"We walk by faith, not by sight," and have knowledge in mirrors and riddles. Because of this, we need to be very occupied with these so that through lengthy exercise and discussion we might forge a tenacious habit of contemplation.

If, after eliminating only to some extent the causes of the passions, we devote ourselves to spiritual contemplations but are not constantly occupied with them, we can while doing this easily revert once more to the body's passions. In this event we expect to gather no other fruit except simple knowledge with conceit. The result of this is the gradual obscuring of this knowledge and the complete turning of the mind to material things.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.68-70

Troparia and Kontakia for February 6th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Feast of the Meeting, Troparion, tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace: / for from thee hath shone forth the Sun of Righteousness Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness! / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, / for thou, hast received in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, / who grants us the Resurrection.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

St. Photius, Troparion, tone 5

As a radiant beacon hidden in God / and a defender of Orthodoxy revealed from on high, / O great Photius, blessed adornment of patriarchs, / thou didst refute the innovations of prideful heresy. / O light of the holy Churches, / luminary of the Orient on high, // preserve them from all error.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

St. Photius, Kontakion, tone 8

Now let the most brilliant luminary of the Church be crowned with flowers of hymnody— / the most godly instructor of the Orthodox, / the divinely inspired harp of the Spirit, the most mighty opponent of heresy-- / and let us cry out to him: Rejoice, O most honored Photius!

Feast of the Meeting, Kontakion, tone 1

By Thy Nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb! / and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. / Now Thou hast come, and saved us through love. / Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!