

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

- February 13<sup>th</sup> Publican & Pharisee, tone 5**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday No Fast**  
7:00 p.m. Vespers
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Friday No Fast**  
7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
4:00 p.m. Class: Life after Death  
7:00 p.m. Russian Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession
- February 20<sup>th</sup> Prodigal Son, tone 6**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

It is necessary to preserve the fruit of prayer. It is spoiled and lost very often due to idle talking right after prayer and from dreaming, which is also idle talking, only with yourself. Silence after prayer is very beneficial: it keeps the prayer in the mind, heart, and even in the mouth, audible to you.

*St. Nikon of Optina*

Prayer is food for the soul. Do not starve the soul, it is better to let the body go hungry. Do not judge anyone, forgive everyone. Consider yourself worse than everyone in the world, and you will be saved. As much as possible, be more quiet.

*St. Joseph of Optina*

Prayer, fasting, and vigilance over ourselves, i.e., carefully watching our thoughts and feelings, make us victors over the enemies of our salvation. The most difficult of these three works is prayer—an everlasting virtue which will become a habit if we practice it. But prayer, until our very death, will require coercion on our part, a constant struggle.

*St. Barsanuphius of Optina*

At all times, whatever you may be doing: whether you are sitting, or walking, or working, say with the heart, “Lord, have mercy.”

*St. Nektary of Optina*

## Announcements for February 13<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 hall expansion.

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

**Patio Breaking:** Men are needed to swing the sledge against the patio to break it up in preparation for construction. Come by at any time during daylight hours for any amount of time.

**Fast Free:** This week is a fast-free week.

**DFW Festival of Orthodoxy** is this coming weekend, February 18-19 in Dallas and Fort Worth. The theme is "From Conception to Dying: Orthodox Christian Views in Today's World". Dr. Tristram Englhard will be the featured speaker along with Frederica Matthewes-Green. Both speakers will speak Friday night at Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, in Fort Worth at 7:00 (doors open at 6:30). Saturdays session at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Dallas (on Hillcrest north of LBJ) begins at 9:30, with registration and coffee from 8:30. It includes a special session for 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders with Frederica Matthewes-Green, from 1:00 to 2:00. Register online at <http://ntom.org/>

### Classes this Week

Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, chapter 2.

**Forgiveness Sunday** is March 6. Everyone who considers this to be his home parish is expected to attend the Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**Parish E-mail List:** The parish email list is used as the primary means of notifying you of changes of the schedule and conveying other important announcements. If you are not signed up for it, please do! Send Fr. Justin or Dax an email with your email address and your request.

**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 \$1363.13 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$46.50; Special Gifts \$150, Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$1029. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 74, Vigil 32.

**Hall Expansion Fund:** The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$4200 of which has been given; a total of \$5940 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 blameworthy passion of love engrosses the mind in material things. The praiseworthy passion of love binds it even to divine things. For generally where the mind devotes its time, it also expands, and where it expands, it also turns its desire and love, whether this be in divine and intelligible things which are its own or in the things of the flesh and the passions.

The one who speaks in a detached way of his brother's sins does so for two reasons, either to correct him or to help someone else. If he speaks apart from these either to him or to another, he does so with reproach and disparagement. He will not escape being forsaken by God, but will surely fall into the same or another failure, and dishonored and reproached by others, he will find disgrace.

*400 Chapters on Love, 3,71*

## Troparia and Kontakia for February 13<sup>th</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

### 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.

### 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 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.

### Publican and Pharisee, Kontakion, tone 4

Let us flee from the proud speaking of the Pharisee / and learn the humility of the Publican, / and with groaning let us cry unto the Savior: / Be merciful to us, // for Thou alone art ready to forgive.

### Publican and Pharisee, Kontakion, tone 3

As the Publican let us bring cries of sorrow to the Lord, / and let us fall before him as sinners at the Master's feet. / For He desireth the salvation of all men; / He granteth forgiveness unto all that repent, / and He hath for our sake taken flesh, / though He is God // coeternal with the Father.