

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, March 20th, 2011

Schedule of Services

March 20th Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Church School

6:00 p.m. *Pan Orthodox Vespers, St. Barbara's, Fort Worth*

March 22nd Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers with Bishop Mark

March 23rd Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian Class

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

March 24th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil

March 25th Friday Holy Annunciation

7:00 a.m. Hours

4:00 p.m. Class: Life after Death, Chapter 3

7:00 p.m. Vespertal Liturgy for Annunciation

March 26th Saturday

10:00 a.m. Work Day

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

March 27th Sunday Veneration of the Precious Cross, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Church School

6:00 p.m. *Pan Orthodox Vespers, SS. Constantine & Helen, Dallas*

From Saint Maximus

Do not disregard your conscience when it always recommends the best choices. In fact, it proposes to you divine and angelic advice; it frees you from your heart's secret defilements and grants you familiarity before God at the moment of departure.

400 Chapters on Love, 3,80

Announcements for March 20th

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 to fund relief efforts in Japan.

Bishop Mark, the administrator of the Diocese of the South, will be with us for Vespers this Tuesday night at 7:00. Please come to worship and to meet one who may be a candidate to become Bishop of the Diocese of the South. Light lenten refreshments are requested.

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!

A Donation has been received to provide a set of blue priest's vestments, altar, and chalice covers in honor and memory of the donors' departed grandparents Ira, Vada, Peter, Janis, Frank, Lyda, and Jack. The blue vestments are used for all feasts of the Theotokos and will be used from the Dormition Fast until the Church New Year.

No Services This Monday

Work Day Next Saturday: This Saturday we'll hold a work day to finish demolishing the patio and take down a couple trees. We need to move the broken concrete, remove railroad ties, remove the deck on the office, and otherwise prepare for construction. Everything we do is something we don't have to pay others to do.

Job Needed? If you are looking for work or if you are an employer looking for an employee who has certain qualifications please contact Michael Nolan with the Jobs4Justice volunteer organization at 210-379-9875 or MichaelUNT08@gmail.com.

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: The Presanctified Liturgy will be served on Wednesday this week. The customary preparation for Holy Communion is needed: pre-Communion Prayers, recent confession, and fasting. Strictly, this eucharistic fasting is from midnight, but our

bishops have blessed beginning the complete abstention from food and drink at noon.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Divine Liturgy 6: Scripture Readings

Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, chapter 5.

The Fast: Third Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), and oil. If fasting strictly, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and avoid all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion at the Presanctified Liturgy keep a Eucharistic fast from noon. Please see your priest if you have problems or questions.

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 \$1682.26 in tithes and offerings; in March we have given \$3183.26; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$111.50; Special Gifts \$0, Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$500, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund \$15, IOCC Japan \$58.95. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 62, Vigil 31.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$6000 of which has been given; a total of \$7804 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week; \$4 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, for the premature infant Victoria, and for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Troparia and Kontakia for March 20th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

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.

Palamas Sunday, Troparion, tone 8

O Gregory the Wonderworker, light of Orthodoxy, / support and teacher of the Church, / glory of monks and invincible protector of theologians, / pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, / pray without ceasing for the salvation of our souls.

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.

Gregory Palamas, Kontakion, tone 8

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, / with one accord we sing thy praises, O Gregory inspired by God. / But since thou standest now in mind and spirit before the Original Mind, / guide our minds to Him, O father that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, preacher of grace.

Palamas Sunday, Kontakion, tone 4

The season of the virtues now hath come, /and the Judge is at the door. / Let us not hold back with darkened face, / but let us keep the Fast, / offering tears, contrition, and almsgiving; / and let us cry out: / our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, / but Deliverer of all, forgive each one of us, // that we may receive an incorruptible crown.