

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, March 27th, 2011

Schedule of Services

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*

March 28th Monday

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

March 29th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

March 30th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

March 31st Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

April 1st Friday

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

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Litia for Departed

April 2nd Saturday

10:00 a.m. Work Day

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

April 3rd Sunday St. John Climacus, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Church School

6:00 p.m. *Pan Orthodox Vespers, St. John the Baptist, Euless*

Moderation in all things is good. There is a spiritual ages (of a person) just as there is an outward age. Just as nine-year-olds cannot grasp what is proper for twenty-year-olds, so also in the spiritual life: with zeal that is foolish and beyond your strength, you an spiritually hurt yourself. But if the Lord spares someone from this [i.e. harm], at the very least, he will take on the labor and grief in vain. God slowly—and you'll go farther, as the experienced say. It is harmful not to take care of what is necessary, but dangerous to strive for what is beyond your limit. Above all, hold on to these three: fear of God, humility, and constant repentance.

St. Ambrose of Optina

Announcements for March 27th

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 beautification of the outside of the building. Next goal: to repair, scrape, calk, and paint second story and eaves over the porch.

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!

Many Thanks to those who provided for and put together the IOCC Health Kits, to the lover of the beauty of the Lord's House who donated the four icons of the Holy Evangelists, and to all who have worked on the patio, those who came out for the workday and those who provided sustenance to the workers, and those who clean the church. May the Lord reward you richly!

Another Work Day will be held next Saturday. We need people to break concrete, demolish a deck, move playground equipment, move concrete, and move branches. Please sign up for a particular job on the sheet on the pillar and then show up.

A Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 7, at the church to raise money the construction of our new hall. Your donations of all sorts of unneeded household goods are welcome. Please see Ben and Lois Lyda for more information and about what to do with your donations.

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 and Friday this week.

Classes this Week

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

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

Scripture Readings

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

The Russian Class will not meet again until Bright Week.

The Fast: Fourth 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 \$1682.69 in tithes and offerings; in March we have given \$4865.95; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$108.50; Special Gifts \$800, Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$220, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund n./a, IOCC Japan \$108. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 70, Vigil 21.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$6100 of which has been given; a total of \$8024 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.

