

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Palm Sunday, April 17th, 2011

Schedule of Services

April 17th Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Bridgroom Matins

April 18th Great & Holy Monday

7:00 a.m. Third Hour with Gospel Reading

2:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

April 19th Great & Holy Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Third Hour with Gospel Reading

2:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

April 20th Great & Holy Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Third Hour with Gospel Reading

2:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

7:00 p.m. Mystical Supper Matins

April 21st Great & Holy Thursday

12:00 p.m. Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil

6:00 p.m. Matins with Twelve Passion Gospels

April 22nd Great & Holy Friday

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours

10:00 a.m. Decorate Church & Tomb

3:00 p.m. Burial Vespers & Compline, Grave Watch

6:00 p.m. Matins w/Lamentations, Procession

April 23rd Lazarus Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptisms

12:00 p.m. Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil

11:30 p.m. Nocturnes, Paschal Vigil

April 24th Holy Pascha, the Feast of Feasts

12:00 a.m. Matins, Hours Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets

3:00 p.m. Agape Vespers, Paschal Picnic, Egg Hunt

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for all the things that come upon him. *St. Isaac the Syrian*”

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission
belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

Announcements for April 17th

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 Pascha Flowers.

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!

Confession: There are no scheduled times for open confession during Holy Week. If you need to make a confession before Pascha, please schedule it with the priest.

Ministry to Shut-ins: We currently have two shut-ins whom the priest visits and to whom he administers the Mysteries. Each would welcome visits from parishioners. To visit Nina Johnston at 5892 Mills Road in Denton, call her son Richard to set up a visit at (972) 900-0201. Sherrie Joanna Hall has been a long-time parishioner at St. Barbara's in Fort Worth who now lives in Denton. She lives right across from the Cumberland Children's Home at 1407 Bernard apt. #1011. You may reach her by phone at (940) 381-303 or (817)925-4183.

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.

No Classes this Week (*The services will teach.*)

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton; **those preparing for Holy Illumination** Thom Anderson, Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall, and for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Holy Week is a time to abide in the church as much as possible.

Fasting in Great & Holy Week

We continue to abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil during Holy Week. If we have not been fasting strictly, we should ask for God's grace to make a greater effort during this week of Christ's Passion, not only in fasting from food, but also in our prayer, almsgiving, spiritual reading, and avoiding sin and unnecessary distractions. We do well to live this week as much as possible in the Church, a sort of 'spiritual retreat', contemplating and celebrating all Christ has done for us, accompanying Christ through His Passion. We break the fast together next Sunday morning after the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

The *full guidelines* for fasting in Holy Week are as follows, for those who, by God's grace, have the strength to follow them:

Today, Palm Sunday, fish, wine, and oil are taken for the Feast. Holy Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, we eat one meal a day in the evening with the usual restriction: no meat, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), or oil.

We eat one meal on Holy Thursday, but use wine and oil.

On Great Friday, those with strength keep a total fast. Those unable to do so may eat some bread with water, tea, or fruit-juice after sunset, or no sooner than after the veneration of the winding sheet at Vespers.

On Holy Saturday, we eat one meal after the Liturgy of St. Basil (before, say, 7:00 p.m.) Wine is permitted on this day, but not oil.

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 \$2113.50 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$68.50; Special Gifts \$550, Church Building Fund \$25; Hall Expansion Fund \$50, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund \$61. May God bless your giving!
Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 84, Vigil 35.

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 \$11,104 has been raised so far. All

