


St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Pascha Sunday, April 24th, 2011
Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!



Schedule of Services

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

April 25th Bright Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins
8:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

April 26th Bright Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins
8:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

April 27th Bright Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins
7:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

April 28th Bright Thursdays

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins
3:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

April 29th Bright Friday

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins
8:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Paschal English/Russian Vespers

April 30th Bright Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

May 1st Thomas Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

O Death, where is thy sting? O Hell, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, Is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. *Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom*

Announcements for April 24th

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 (during Lent).

The Special Offering this week (Liturgy & Agape Vespers) is for our hardworking choir director to show our appreciation for him.

Agape Vespers & Picnic: Please join us at 3:00 p.m. today for the Agape Vespers and Paschal picnic!

Attention! This is a fast-free week! No fasting permitted—but don't overindulge! A joyous feast to all!

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 \$1941.75 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$5253.90; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$79; Special Gifts \$100, Church Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$226, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund \$22.26. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 85, Vigil 37.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$6300 of which has been given; a total of \$11,330 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week; \$26 was given last week).

From Saint Maximus

If you bear a grudge against anyone, pray for him, and you will stop the passion in its tracks. By prayer you separate the hurt from the memory of the evil which he did you, and in becoming loving and kind, you completely obliterate the passion from the soul. On the other hand, if someone else bears you a grudge, be generous and

humble with him, treat him fairly, and you will deliver him from the passion. *400 Chapters on Love, 3.90*

Paschal Hours

The Hours will be sung Pascha night between Matins and the Liturgy while the Liturgy of Preparation (Proskomide) is done in the altar. They also may be said or sung morning and evening during Bright Week in place of our regular prayers.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tomb bestowing life! (*thrice*)

Tone 6 Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, / let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, / the only sinless one. / We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, / and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection, / for Thou art our God / and we know no other than Thee; / we call on Thy Name. / Come, all ye faithful, / let us venerate Christ's holy Resurrection, / for, behold, through the Cross joy hath come into all the world; / let us ever bless the Lord, / praising His Resurrection, / for by enduring the Cross for us, / He hath destroyed death by death. (*thrice*)

Hypakoe, tone 8 Before the dawn Mary and the women / came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. / They heard the angelic voice: "Why do ye seek among the dead as a man / the One who is everlasting light? / Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: / 'The Lord is risen! He hath slain death, / as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!'"

Kontakion, tone 8 Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 8 In the grave with the body, but in hell with the soul as God, / in Paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit / wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribed.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 8 Bearing life and more fruitful than Paradise, / brighter than any royal chamber, / Thy tomb, O Christ is the fountain of our resurrection.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Rejoice, O holy and divine abode of the Most High! / For through thee, O Theotokos, joy is given to those who cry: / “Blessed art thou among women, O all-undefiled Lady!”

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Shine! Shine! O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord hath shone on thee. / Exult now / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, / in the resurrection of thy Son.

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Paschal Greetings in Various Languages

English: Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Greek: Christos anesti! Alethos anesti!

Russian: Khristos Voskresye! Bo istinu voskresye!

Romanian: Hristos a inviat! Adeverat a inviat!

Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

Spanish: Cristo ha resusitado! En verdad ha resuscitado!

German: Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlich ist er erstanden!

Latin: Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

Japanese: Christos fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!

French: Le Christ est ressuscite! En verite il est ressuscite!

Norwegian: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!