

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**June 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Pentecost; Holy Trinity**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vespers with Kneeling Prayers

**June 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Lord's Prayer 2

**June 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**June 17<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Class: Life after Death, Epilogue.

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, Confession, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

**June 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday Leavetaking of Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**June 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of All Saints**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Grant Thou speedy and lasting consolation unto Thy servants, O Jesus, when our spirits are despondent. Be Thou not parted from our souls when they be in affliction; be Thou not far from our minds when we are in perils, but do Thou ever anticipate our needs. Draw nigh unto us, draw nigh, O Thou who art everywhere present, and even as Thou art ever with Thine Apostles, thus do Thou also unite unto Thyself us who long for Thee, O Compassionate One, that, being united with Thee, we may praise and glorify Thine all-holy Spirit.  
*Ikos of Pentecost Matins*

Respond without rancor to thoughts of dejection, but oppose thoughts of self-indulgence with enmity.

Stillness, prayer, love, and self-control are a four-horsed chariot bearing the intellect to heaven.

*St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.23-24*

## Announcements for June 12<sup>th</sup>

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation. 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.

**Please Return Tonight** at 6:00 for the Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers. As we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, each of us seeks to be renewed and refreshed in Him as we seek to overcome our sins and enter more deeply into the life which Christ has opened to us. At this time we resume kneeling and making prostrations in our public and private prayers and using the prayer to the Holy Spirit "O Heavenly King", which we have not used since Pascha.

**The Special Offering** this week is for our hall expansion.

**Farewell to Reader Benjamin Tolleson**, who is moving back to San Antonio this Thursday after spending six years with us. Many thanks to him for his faithful service in singing and reading!

**Temple Oil** given in thanksgiving for the improved health of Andrew Allen. **A Gift** to the expansion fund was given in memory of Lyda Katherine.

**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—and we are only \$1580 short of our goal!

**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.

### Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class One on the Lord's Prayer 2 "Hallowed be Thy Name".  
Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, Epilogue.

**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 \$1666.55 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$61; Special Gifts \$375; Church Building Fund \$50; Hall Expansion Fund \$3200. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Vigil 40, Liturgy 91.

**Hall Expansion Fund:** A Total of \$47,667.87 has been raised so far of the \$62,000. Another \$20,000 has been pledged but will not be given (for tax reasons) until January of 2012 and 2013. After paying our tithe to the diocese we still need to raise about \$1580 to cover the estimated cost of construction. We are working on getting permits from the city and providing the additional drawings they asked of us.

**Please Pray for our Catechumens:** Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall.

### From Saint Maximus

Only the infinite Being, all-powerful and creative of all things, is simple, unique, unqualified, peaceful, and stable. Every creature, consisting as it does of being and accident, is composite and always in need of divine providence, for it is not free from change.

Whether or not a nature endowed with intelligence and intellect is to exist eternally depends on the will of the Creator whose every creation is good; but whether such a nature is good or bad depends on its own will.

Evil is not to be imputed to the essence of created beings, but to their erroneous and mindless motivation.

A soul's motivation is rightly ordered when its desiring power is subordinated to self-control, when its incensive power rejects hatred and cleaves to love, and when its power of intelligence through prayer and spiritual contemplation, advances towards God.

The Holy Spirit hath ever been, and is, and shall be, neither beginning nor ending; but He is ever ranked and numbered together with the Father and the Son. He is Life and life-creating; Light and light-bestowing; by nature good and the source of goodness; through Him the Father is known and the Son is glorified; and thereby all men acknowledge a single sovereignty, a single covenant, one adoration of the Holy Trinity.

The Holy Spirit is Light and Life, and a living noetic Fountain, a Spirit of wisdom, a Spirit of understanding; a good, an upright, a noetic Spirit, presiding in power and purging offences. He is God and doth deify; He is Fire issuing from Fire, speaking, working, distributing the gifts; through whom all the Prophets and the Apostles of God, and all the Martyrs received their crowns. Strange is this report, strange and new is this sight, a Fire divided that these gifts may be apportioned. *Praises of Matins for Pentecost*

### Troparia and Kontakia for June 12<sup>th</sup>



#### **Pentecost, Troparion, tone 8**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; / through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. / O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

#### **Pentecost, Kontakion, tone 8**

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; / but when He distributed tongues of fire, He called all to unity. / Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!

N.B. We use the troparion and kontakion of Pentecost in place of our usual prayers before and after meals this week through the Leavetaking on Saturday.