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Bulletin for Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**June 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of All Saints of North America**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Monday**

7:00 a.m. Matins,

**June 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Paul's, Denison, with Chantus Maximus

**June 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday SS Peter & Paul**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Lord's Prayer 4 Daily Bread

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Class: St. John Cassian, Conference 5

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council

Patiently endure the distressing and painful things that befall you, for through them God in His providence is purifying you.

Now that you have renounced the world and material things, renounce evil thoughts as well.

The proper activity of the intellect [*nous*] is to be attentive at every moment to the words of God.

It is God's task to administer the world and the soul's task to guide the body.

With what hope will we meet Christ if we are still enslaved to the pleasures of the flesh?

Hardship and distress, whether of our own choosing or providential, destroy sensual pleasure.

*St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.28-33*

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## Announcements for June 26<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.

**The Special Offering** this week is for our Library.

**Temple Wine** given for the health and salvation of Eliana Lyda. A **donation** was given in memory of an unknown child and for the health and salvation of Lauren.

**Congratulations** to the Lyda's on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Dawn, Thursday morning, June 23. Prayers are requested as the baby is group B positive, but is improving.

**The Apostles' Fast** lasts until the Feast of Peter and Paul, June 29. The Holy Church calls us to abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil (with the modifications on the wall calendar) and marital relations so that we may devote ourselves to repentance and seeking the face of God that we may be renewed in Him.

**Vigil for the Feast of Peter & Paul**, the evening of June 28, will not be celebrated here in Denton but at St. Paul's in Denison at 7:00 with Chantus Maximus. This is an opportunity to help celebrate a sister parish's patronal feast and bring them a greater measure of joy. Please consider attending. Car pooling will be available.

**Ten-Year Anniversary:** Plans for celebrating our ten-year anniversary as a parish are being completed. Please help by filling out the questionnaire about your memories of the parish. Any other bits of parish history you can provide: pictures, anecdotes, etc., are welcome. Please give them to Dax & Amy Stokes. We are greatly honored to have Metropolitan Jonah and Bishop Nikon joining us for this celebration. Please don't miss it: Friday July 29-Sunday July 31. Tickets for the Sunday banquet go on sale soon.

### Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class One on the Lord's Prayer 4 "Our Daily Bread".

Friday, 4:00 p.m. St. John Cassian, *Conference* 5.

**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 \$1,438.92 in tithes and offerings; in June we have given \$4,289.29; our monthly budget is \$7,975 (\$1,994 per week). In addition: Candles \$39.50; Special Gifts \$2520; Church Building Fund \$18; Soda jar for Renovation \$11; Hall Expansion Fund \$11. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Vigil 39, Liturgy 101.

**Hall Expansion Fund:** A Total of \$48,096.30 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 \$1151 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. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

**Please Pray for our Catechumens:** Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Sean Chaney, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton, and for our inquirers Elizabeth Dakak, Joel and Mindy Brown, Shane and Ashley Gibson, and Hunter Bellan. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall.

### From Saint Maximus

Do not hold the commandment of love in contempt, for through it you will become a son of God. But if you transgress it, you will become a son of Gehenna.

What separates us from the love of friends is envying or being envied, causing or receiving harm, insulting or being insulted, and suspicious thoughts. Would that you had never done or experienced anything of this sort and in this way separated yourself from the love of a friend.

Has a brother been the occasion of some trial for you and has your resentment led you to hatred? Do not let yourself be overcome by this hatred, but conquer it with love. You will succeed in this by praying to God sincerely for your brother and by accepting his apology; or else by conciliating him with an apology yourself, by regarding yourself as responsible for the trial and by patiently waiting until the cloud has passed.

*400 Chapters on Love, 4.20-22*

### From Saint Gregory of Nyssa

There is one true authority and power over all things: that which holds dominion and rules over all things, the Kingdom of God. It rules not by any violence and tyrannical lordship. Nor does it enslave its subject through fear and coercion, because it is proper for the way of virtue to be devoid of any fear and to be free to choose what is good by voluntary consent. The sum of all good is to submit to the authority which gives life, the Kingdom of God. *St. Gregory of Nyssa, Discourse 3 on the Lord's Prayer p. 48*

When, therefore, we stand to say to God, 'Thy will be done also in me,' it is entirely necessary first to condemn that manner of conduct which is lived outside the divine will and fully own up to it in confession. *St. Gregory of Nyssa, Discourse 4 on the Lords' Prayer, p. 57.*

### Troparia and Kontakia for June 26<sup>th</sup>



#### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

#### All Saints of North America, Troparion, Feast, tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them./By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace/through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

**Glory... Now and ever...**

#### All Saints of North America, Kontakion, tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God / in the lands of North America / now stand before us in the Church / and invisibly pray to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ / keep festive with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.