

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 10th, 2011

Schedule of Services

July 10th 4th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 13th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Lord's Prayer 5 "Temptation"

July 14th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 15th Friday St. Vladimir

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Class: St. John Cassian, *Conference 5*, part 3

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 16th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 17th 5th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Dispassion is a state in which the soul does not yield to any evil impulse; and it can be realized only through Christ's mercy.

Christ is the savior of both soul and body, and the person who follows in his footsteps is freed from evil.

If you wish to attain salvation, renounce sensual pleasure and learn self-control, love, and how to pray with concentration.

The mark of dispassion is true discrimination; for one who has attained the state of dispassion does all things with discrimination and according to measure and rule.

Our Lord and God is Jesus Christ, and the intellect that follows Him will not remain in darkness.

Concentrate your intellect, keep watch over your thoughts, and fight with any of them that are impassioned.

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.40-45

Announcements for July 10th

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.

Communion Note: When you come to the chalice for Communion, please have your arms crossed left over right and, holding your face up, open your mouth wide to receive the Mysteries. It is easier for the priest if you close your mouth on the spoon and take the Mysteries off yourself as you normally would when eating. Thank you.

The Special Offering this week is for our priest.

A Gift was received in memory of Lyla Katherine.

Ten-Year Anniversary: Tickets for the Sunday July 31 banquet are on sale now: \$30, or \$55 per couple. Please see Fr. Justin if you'd like to go but need help. 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.

Dress Code Reminder: From our posted guidelines, please remember the following to maintain the property dignity of the Lord's house: "short pants are not allowed anywhere in the church for men or women above 12 years of age. Women's skirts should cover the knees; no sleeveless shirts/ blouses or halters; no bare midriffs. Men should wear long trousers. No beach, sports, or athletic gear or attire. No t-shirts with slogans, logos, pictures, or mottos; no tank tops. Shirts and blouses should be modestly buttoned or have modest necklines. Men, please remove caps or other head-coverings. Women may cover their heads." Please take time to re-read the guidelines. They benefit everyone if everyone will observe them.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class One on the Lord's Prayer 5 "Lead us not into temptation".

Friday, 4:00 p.m. St. John Cassian, *Conference 5, part 3*

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 \$1210.75 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$66; Special Gifts \$364.50; Church Building Fund \$45; Library \$11, Hall Expansion Fund \$8. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Vigil 40, Liturgy 87..

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$49,142.30 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 \$105 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

When talking with other brethren, do not adulterate your usual praise of a brother by surreptitiously introducing censure into the conversation because you still harbor some hidden resentment against him. On the contrary, in the company of others give unmixed praise and pray for him sincerely as if you were praying for yourself; then you will soon be delivered from this destructive hatred.

Do not say, 'I do not hate my brother', when you simply efface the thought of him from your mind. Listen to Moses, who said, 'Do not hate your brother in your mind; but reprove him and you will not incur sin through him.'

If a brother happens to be tempted and persists in insulting you, do not be driven out of your state of love, even though the same evil demon troubles your mind. You will not be driven out of that state if, when abused, you bless; when slandered, you praise; and when tricked, you maintain your affection. This is the way of Christ's philosophy: if you do not follow it, you do not share his company.

400 Chapters on Love, 4.28-30

Troparia and Kontakia for July 10th



Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead./ From the womb of hell hath He delivered us, // and hath granted the world great mercy.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Anthony of the Caves, Troparion, tone 4

Leaving behind the tumult of the world, / in accordance with the Gospel thou didst follow after Christ, rejecting the world; / and living an angelic life, thou didst attain unto the calm haven of holy Mount Athos, / whence, with the blessing of the fathers, thou didst go to Mount Kiev; / and living there an industrious life, / thou didst enlighten thy homeland; / and showing a multitude of monastics the path which leadeth to the kingdom of heaven, / thou didst lead them unto Christ. // Him do thou beseech, O venerable Anthony, that He save our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns / that lover of the Holy Trinity, great Maximus, / who clearly taught the divinely-given Faith: / that we should give glory unto Christ our God, / Who, but one person, hath in very truth / two natures, wills, and energies. / Let us cry to him: // Rejoice, divine herald of the Faith.

St. Anthony of the Caves, Kontakion, tone 8

Having cleaved unto God, whom from thy youth thou didst love above all, / O venerable one, with love thou didst follow Him with all thy soul; / and holding the corrupt world to be as naught, thou didst make a cave in the ground, / and, having struggled well therein against the snares of the invisible foe, / thou didst shine forth like the radiant sun upon all the ends of the earth. / Wherefore, in gladness thou didst pass over to the mansions of heaven. / Standing now with the angels before the throne of the Master, / be thou mindful of us who honor thy memory, // that we may cry out to thee: Rejoice, O Anthony our father!