

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 17th, 2011

Schedule of Services

July 17th 5th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 18th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

July 18th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 20th Wednesday Prophet Elijah

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Divine Liturgy

July 22nd Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Class: St. John of the Ladder

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 23rd Saturday

10:00 a.m. Work Day, Church Cleaning

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 24th 6th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 5

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

There are three ways through which thoughts arise in you: through the senses, through the memory, and through the body's temperament. Of these, the most irksome are those that come through the memory.

The man to whom wisdom has been given knows the inward essences of immaterial things and what is the origin and consummation of the world.

Do not neglect the practice of the virtues and your intellect will be illumined; for it is written, 'I will open for you invisible secret treasures.'

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.46-48

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Announcements for July 17th

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 alms.

Ten-Year Anniversary: Tickets for the Sunday July 31 banquet are on sale now: \$30, or \$55 per couple. We need your reservations by next Sunday, please! Please see Fr. Justin if you'd like to go but need help. We have a few sponsored tickets available. 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.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class, Divine Liturgy

Friday, 4:00 p.m. St. John of the Ladder

Please Note: Friday Vespers will be served at 5:00 p.m. this week after class, with Confession following.

A Parish Work Day will be held next Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. to prepare for our ten-year anniversary.

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 \$1203.81 in tithes and offerings; in July we have given \$2414.56 our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$31.50; Special Gifts \$880; Church Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$510. May God bless your giving!
Attendance: Vigil 35, Liturgy 83.

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$49,652.30 has been raised so far of the \$62,000. 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 think that those who bring you reports which fill you with resentment and make you hate your brother are affectionately disposed towards you, even if they seem to speak the truth. On the contrary, turn away from them as if they were poisonous snakes, so that you may both prevent them from uttering slanders and deliver your own soul from wickedness.

Do not irritate your brother by speaking to him equivocally; otherwise you may receive the same treatment from and so drive out both your love and his. Rather, rebuke him frankly and affectionately, thus removing the grounds for resentment and freeing both him and yourself from your irritation and distress.

Examine your conscience scrupulously, in case it is your fault that your brother is still hostile. Do not cheat your conscience, for it knows your secrets, and at the hour of your death it will accuse you, and in time of prayer it will be a stumbling block to you.

In times of peaceful relationship do not recall what was said by a brother when there was bad feeling between you, even if offensive things were said to your face, and to another person about you and you subsequently heard of them. Otherwise you will harbor thoughts of rancor and revert to your destructive hatred of your brother.

400 Chapters on Love, 4.31-34



Troparia and Kontakia for July 17th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / thou didst pour forth Christ's sacred teachings, / thou didst expound with Divine authority / the self-emptying of God the Word / and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith: / O, Glorious Father Maximus / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our Fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

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.

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Kontakion, tone 8

The preaching of the Apostles and the dogmas of the Fathers / sealed the one Faith of the Church; / and clad in the robe of Truth woven of theology from on high, / it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.