

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 24th, 2011

Schedule of Services

July 24th 6th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 5

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 25th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

July 26th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 27th Wednesday Great Martyr & Healer Panteleimon

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

July 28th Thursday 10-Year Anniversary

12:00 noon: Molieben to St. Maximus

July 29th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Class with Bishop Nikon

8:00 p.m. Chantus Maximus Concert, Children's Home

July 30th Saturday

8:30 a.m. Matins

10:00—3:00 Retreat with Met. Jonah & Craft Market

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 31st 7th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 6

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:30 p.m. Vespers

5:00 p.m. Anniversary Banquet at Oakmont Country Club

The man freed from his passions has been granted God's grace; and if he has been found worthy of spiritual knowledge, he has received great mercy.

The intellect freed from the passions becomes like light, unceasingly illumined by the contemplation of created things.
St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.49-50

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Announcements for July 24th

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.

Many Thanks to those who came and worked at yesterday's workday. The grounds and church look neater as a result.

A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be served next Sunday with Metropolitan Jonah and Bishop Nikon. Please be here to meet the bishops at 9:00.

Ten-Year Anniversary Celebration next Sunday! Tickets for the Sunday July 31 banquet are on sale now: \$30, or \$55 per couple. We need your reservations today, if possible, but we must have them by Thursday at the very latest. Please see Fr. Justin if you'd like to attend but cannot for financial reasons. 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, 6:00 p.m. Class, Q&A, Discussion with Bishop Nikon

Please Note: A Divine Liturgy will be served this Wednesday morning at 7:00 for St. Panteleimon. **Friday Vespers** will be served at 5:00 p.m. this week and a class with Bishop Nikon will follow.

The Dormition Fast begins August 1 and lasts for two weeks. Now is the time to prepare to make good use of the fast for spiritual profit. Please note: as Fr. Justin will be gone for a month starting after Liturgy on August 15, you may want to plan to get a confession in before then.

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 \$2202.50 in tithes and offerings; in July we have given \$4617.06 our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$48; Special Gifts \$615; Church Building Fund \$34; Hall Expansion Fund \$8.87; renovation fund (soda), \$5. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Vigil 43, Liturgy 80.

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$49,661.17 has been raised so far of the \$62,000. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Hall Expansion Update: We are awaiting an answer from the city as to whether we must widen the driveway to build the addition. Once we have an answer, we can submit our plans to receive the building permit.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Ken and Pam Northam and their children Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Sean Chaney, 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

The deiform soul cannot nurse hatred against a man and be at peace with God, the giver of the commandments. 'For', He says, 'if you do not forgive men their faults, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your faults'. If your brother does not wish to live peaceably with you, nevertheless guard yourself against hatred, praying for him sincerely and not abusing him to anybody.

The perfect peace of the holy angels lies in their love for and in their love for one another. This is also the case with all the saints from the beginning of time. Most truly therefore is it said that 'on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Stop pleasing yourself and you will not hate your brother; stop loving yourself, and you will love God.

Once you have decided to share your life with spiritual brethren, renounce your own wishes from the start. Unless you do this, you will not be able to live peaceably either with God or with your brethren.

He who has attained perfect love, and has ordered his whole life in accordance with it, is the person who says, 'Lord Jesus' in the Holy Spirit.

Love for God always aspires to give wings to the intellect in its communion with God; lover for one's neighbor makes one always think good thoughts about him.

400 *Chapters on Love*, 4,35-40

Troparia and Kontakia for July 24th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

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.

SS Boris & Gleb, Troparion, tone 2

O righteous passion-bearers, chaste Boris and innocent Gleb, / truly obedient to the Gospel of Christ, / ye did not oppose your brother, / who slew your bodies but could not touch your souls. / Wherefore, let the evil lover of power lament; / but, rejoicing with the angelic choirs as ye stand before the Holy Trinity, / do ye pray that the dominion of your kinsmen may be pleasing to God, // and that the children of Russia may be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 5

Thou didst descend to Hades, O my Savior; / and, having shattered its gates as all-powerful; / Thou as Creator didst raise the dead with Thee; / and Thou didst destroy the sting of death, / and Adam hath been delivered from the curse, O Lover of Man. / Wherefore, we all cry: Save us, O Lord!

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

The thrice-radiant Light which abode in thy soul / showed thee to be a chosen vessel / revealing divine things to the ends of the earth, / O blessed Maximus, who givest utterance to concepts hard to grasp, / and manifestly proclaimest unto all // the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity.

SS Boris & Gleb, Kontakion, tone 3

Today hath your all-glorious memory shone forth, / O right noble
passion-bearers of Christ Boris and Gleb, / summoning us to the praise of
Christ our God. / Wherefore, hastening to the shrine of your relics, / we
receive the gift of healings by your supplications, O saints; // for ye are
divine physicians.