

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**July 31<sup>st</sup> 7th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 6**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy w/ Met. Jonah & Bp. Nikon

3:30 p.m. Vespers

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

**\*\*\*Dormition Fast August 1-14\*\*\***

**August 1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

**August 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**August 5<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:45 p.m. Adult Class

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**August 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday Holy Transfiguration**

8:00 a.m. Baptisms

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**August 7<sup>th</sup> 8th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 7**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Holy knowledge is the light of the soul; bereft of it, 'the fool walks in darkness.'

The man who live in darkness is a fool, and murk of ignorance awaits him.

*St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.51-52*

## Announcements for July 31<sup>st</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.

**We welcome** Metropolitan Jonah and our Locum Tenens, Bishop Nikon, along with all those visiting.

**Many Thanks** to those who have labored long and well to make this weekend's tenth anniversary celebration a reality.

**Banquet Tickets:** If you have not purchased a banquet ticket but still want to come, please see Dax Stokes (940) 390-7648.

### Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class, Divine Liturgy  
Friday, 5:45 p.m. Class: We shall read and discuss a classic spiritual text.

**Baptisms:** This Saturday at 8:00 a.m., Eliana Lyda and Aleksandra Mozuliova will be received into the Church by Holy Baptism.

**The Dormition Fast** begins Monday, August 1 and lasts through Liturgy on Dormition, August 15. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, and sin in order to seek God through prayer, reading, almsgiving, and works of mercy. See wall calendar for modifications. May the Lord strengthen our desire for Him and grant each one of His grace that we may have a soul-profitting fast!

**Holy Transfiguration**, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is celebrated this Saturday, August 6, commemorating Christ's manifestation of His Divine glory to three of His disciples in a preview of the glory which shall be ours in the Resurrection. We do well to keep the feast by attending Vigil Friday evening at 7:00 and Liturgy Saturday morning at 9:30, or at least as much of those services as we possibly can attend.

**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 in 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 \$1704.15 in tithes and offerings; in July we have given \$6321.21 our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$61; Special Gifts \$623.60; Church Building Fund \$50; Hall Expansion Fund \$664; renovation fund (soda), \$37.54. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Vigil 34, Liturgy 87.

**Hall Expansion Fund:** A Total of \$50,325.17 has been raised so far of the \$62,000. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

**Hall Expansion Update:** It appears we do not have to widen our driveway at this time. We await permits from the city to build.

**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 man who still loves empty fame, or is attached to some material object, is naturally vexed with people on account of transitory things, or harbors rancor or hatred against them, or is a slave to shameful thoughts. Such things are quite foreign to the soul that loves God.

If you have no thought of any shameful word or action in your mind, harbor no rancor against someone who has injured or slandered you, and, while praying, always keep your intellect free from matter and form, you may be sure that you have attained the full measure of dispassion and perfect love.

It is no small struggle to be freed from self-esteem. Such freedom is to be attained by the inner practice of the virtues and by more frequent prayer; and the sign that you have attained it is that you no longer harbor rancor against anyone who abuses or has abused you.

If you want to be a just person, assign to each aspect of yourself—to your soul and your body—what accords with it. To the intelligent aspect of the soul assign spiritual reading, contemplation, and prayer; to the incensive [power to be angry and hate], spiritual love, the opposite of hatred; to the desiring aspect, moderation and self-control; to the fleshly part, food and clothing, for these alone are necessary.

*400 Chapters on Love, 4.41-44*

## Troparia and Kontakia for July 31<sup>st</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

### Elevation of the Cross, Troparion tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance. / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over the enemy; / and by Thy Cross / preserve Thine estate.

### 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.

### St. Eudocimus, Troparion, tone 4

He who summoned thee from earth to the mansions of heaven / also preserveth thy body incorrupt after death, O holy Eudocimus; / for thou didst live in chastity and a pure life, / without defiling thy flesh, O blessed one. // Wherefore entreat Christ God with boldness that we may be saved.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human race /, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

### 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. Eudocimus, Kontakion, tone 2

Desiring higher things, and uniting thyself with those on high, / thou didst make thy soul a fiery chariot / by the divine ascents of the virtues, O all-blessed Eudocimus; / and living on earth like one of the incorporeal ones, // thou was well pleasing to the Creator of all.

### Elevation of the Cross, Kontakion tone 4

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, / so grant mercy, O Christ God, to those who are called by Thy name; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over the enemy, / by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.