

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, August 7th, 2011

Schedule of Services

August 7th 8th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 7

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

August 8th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

August 9th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 10th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

August 11th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 12th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:15 a.m. Adult Class: St. Theophan

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, Confession in Dallas*

August 13th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 14th 9th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vigil for Dormition, Confession

August 15th Monday Dormition of the Theotokos

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

The lover of Jesus will be freed from evil; the disciples of Jesus will behold true knowledge.

The intellect freed from the passions forms conceptual images that are also passion-free, whether the body is asleep or awake.

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.53-54

Announcements for August 7th

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 morning is for our priest.

Many Years to the newly-illuminated Anna Lyda and Aleksandra Mozuliova and their sponsors!

Mission Council will meet today following the Liturgy.

The Adult Class this week will meet after Matins Friday morning to read and discuss passages from St. Theophan.

In Father Justin's Absence, Subdeacon Anthony will be teaching the Basics of Orthodoxy Class, offering five sessions on a variety of topics, which will be posted soon.

Many thanks to the people of this parish for their expressions of love for their priest. It is a privilege to serve you.

Classes this Week

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

Friday, 8:15 a.m.: Adult Class, St. Theophan the Recluse

The Dormition Fast 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!

Confession: Fr. Justin will be leaving for a month after Liturgy on Dormition. You may want to take advantage of scheduled times this week to get a confession in. Otherwise, it will only be available after Vigil on Saturdays with the visiting priest, or with another priest by appointment.

Holy Water is again available. The self-service jug is in the little room with the Library.

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 \$944.01 in tithes and offerings; in July we gave \$7265.22; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$54.50 (\$261 in July); Special Gifts \$6484 (\$8967.10 in July); Church Building Fund \$801 (\$930 in July); renovation fund (soda; \$80.77 in July), \$17. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 65, Liturgy 125.

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 intellect functions in accordance with nature when it keeps the passions under control, contemplates the inner essences of created beings, and abides with God.

As health and disease are to the body of a living thing, and light and darkness to the eye, so virtue and vice are to the soul, and knowledge and ignorance to the intellect.

The commandments, the doctrines, the faith: these are the three objects of the Christian's philosophy. The commandments separate the intellect from the passions; the doctrines lead it to the spiritual knowledge of created beings; and faith to the contemplation of the Holy Trinity.

Some of those pursuing the spiritual way only repel impassioned thoughts; others cut off the passions themselves. Such thoughts are repelled by psalmody, or by prayer, or by raising one's mind to God, or by occupying one's attention in some similar way. The passions are cut off through appropriate detachment from those things by which they are roused.

400 Chapters on Love, 4.45-48

Troparia and Kontakia for August 7th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto the world great mercy.

Transfiguration, Troparion, tone 7

Thou wast transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ God, / showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / make Thine everlasting light shine also upon us sinners. / O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Dometius, Troparion, tone 4

Having struggled in fasting upon the mountain, / thou didst destroy the noetic hordes of the enemy with the weaponry of the Cross, O most blessed one. / And thou didst likewise manfully array thyself for battle, / slaying Copronymous with the sword of faith. // And for both thou hast been crowned by God, O ever-memorable martyr Dometius.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

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.

St. Dometius, Kontakion, tone 6

Having utterly spurned corruptible thing / and thoughts which draw one down to the depths, / O venerable martyr Dometius, / thou didst who thyself to be a great leader of monks, / changing into fear the wrath of the king / who did not wish to worship Christ as the true God. / Wherefore, thou didst repose, chanting the hymn: // God is with me, and no one is against me!

Transfiguration, Kontakion, tone 7

Upon the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they would behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world / that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.