

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, August 14th, 2011

Schedule of Services

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

August 17th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

August 20th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 21st 10th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 1

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 24th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

August 27th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 28th 11th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 31st Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

September 3rd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 4th 12th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 7th Wednesday Eve of Nativity of Theotokos

7:00 p.m. Vespers, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

September 10th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 11th 13th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 14th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

Announcements for August 14th

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 Dormition of the Theotokos, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be observed with Vigil tonight at 6:00 and Divine Liturgy tomorrow morning at 8:00, with which the Dormition Fast ends. All the faithful should make the effort to keep the Feast by attending at least part of its cycle of services.

Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord for rain, who sends it upon the just and the unjust!

Fr. Justin will be gone the Sundays of August 21, 28, September 4, and 11. Hieromonk Gregory and Fr. Photius Avant will each be taking two of those Sundays. Please enjoy your beak from your regularly scheduled priest but do come to support your parish and to tend to your own soul! In case of emergency, you may contact any of the following priests: Fr. John Anderson (214) 886-3179 (cell), Fr. Michael Storozuk (469) 688-7644 (cell), Fr. Seraphim Hipsh (972) 612-3881 (church), Fr. Photius Avant (972) 612-3881 (church), Fr. Basil Zebrun (817) 798-8967 (cell). For church property related matters, please call Dax Stoks (940) 390-7648 or Mike Rehmet (817) 337-7117 or Rick Joines (940) 594-7138.

The Basics of Orthodox Class will be taught by Subdeacon Anthony at the usual time for the next five sessions.

Holy Water is again available. The self-service jug is in the little room with the Library, and if that runs low, there is more stashed in the sacristy, in which case see Dax or Rick.

The Rectory is partially available for use on Sundays, particularly the kitchen and the bathroom. As the Fredericks are not completely moved out, please respect the privacy requested indicated by the posted signs. If the rectory is open during services, please use only the bathroom and do not allow children to run around or play up there: going in the kitchen or living room will be heard downstairs.

The Great Feasts of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Sept 8) and Elevation of the Cross (Sept 14) fall during Father's absence. The faithful are encouraged to attend services for those feasts at other parishes in the area.

No Picnic: There will be no Labor Day picnic this year.

All-Night Vigil: We are thinking of scheduling a literal All-Night Vigil for the Feast of the Protection, Sept 30-Oct 1 to be geared to youth and young people, but open to all. See Fr. Justin if interested.

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 \$2954.31 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$82.50; Special Gifts \$806.17; Church Building Fund \$400. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 30, Liturgy 76.

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: Our revised drawings have been submitted to our local architect for his professional stamp; once we have that, our project goes back to the city for permits.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Ken and Pam Northam and their children Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, David Eaton, Elizabeth Dakak, and Caleb Rehmet; our inquirers 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 passions are roused in us by, for example, women, wealth, fame, and so on. We can achieve detachment with regard to women when, after withdrawing from the world, we wither the body, as we should, through self control. We can achieve detachment where wealth is concerned when we make up our mind to be frugal in all things. We can become indifferent to fame by practicing the virtues inwardly, in a way visible only to God. And we can act in a similar fashion with respect to other things. A person who has achieved such detachment as this will never hate anybody.

400 Chapters on Love, 4.49

Troparia and Kontakia for August 14th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

Dormition Forefeast, Troparion, tone 4

Clapping your hands with faith, O ye people, / Leap up in anticipation and assemble with love, / all rejoicing today and exclaiming with splendor; / for the Mother of God, whom we ever glorify with hymns as the Theotokos, // will gloriously pass over from those on earth to those on high.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Prophet Micah, Troparion, tone 2

As we celebrate the memory / of Thy Prophet Micah, O Lord, // through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

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.

Prophet Micah, Kontakion, tone 4

Thou wast enlightened with the Holy Spirit's beams, / setting forth in prophecy the condescension of Christ God, O blest Micah; / and by His grace / we who revere thee // are saved from eternal death.

Dormition Forefeast, Kontakion, tone 4

The universe, embroidered by the immaterial Spirit / for thy glorious memorial, / noetically crieth out to thee with gladness: / Rejoice, O Virgin, // thou boast of Christians!