

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

Schedule of Services

October 2nd 16th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 7

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

October 3rd Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

October 4th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

October 5th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: New Session

October 7th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Adult Class: The Psalms

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

October 8th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 9th 17th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Curb the impulses of desire by means of self-control and those of anger with spiritual love.

Stillness and prayer are the greatest weapons of virtue, for they purify the intellect and confer on it spiritual insight.

Only spiritual conversation is beneficial; it is better to preserve stillness than to indulge in any other kind.

Of the five kinds of conversation, choose the first three, be sparing of the fourth, and avoid the fifth.

The person who is unaffected by the things of this world loves stillness; and he who loves no human thing loves all men.

The conscience is a true teacher, and whoever listens to it will not stumble.

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.66-71

Announcements for October 2nd

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 Annual Meeting last Sunday passed a budget for the period October 2011 to September 2012 of \$8179 per month and deferred the selection of a parish representative and an audit committee for next year's diocesan assembly to the Mission Council later in the year.

Church School begins today after Liturgy.

The 40-Day Memorial Liturgy for Archbishop Dmitri will be celebrated this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Restland Cemetery in Dallas in the Orthodox section outdoors.

The Seventh Annual Winter Service Retreat will be held December 26 through January 1 at St. George's Orthodox Church in Pharr, Texas. Cost is \$225 a person. Make plans now!

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class: Introductory
Session 2: The Church and Jesus Christ

Friday, 4:00 p.m.: Adult Class: The Psalms: Introduction

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 \$1203.195 in tithes and offerings, in September, we gave \$4681.08; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week). In addition: Candles \$66; Special Gifts \$100 Hall Expansion \$10; Soda Jar \$8 Church Building Fund \$81, Special offering \$174.20;. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 28, Liturgy 88; All-Night Vigil for Pokrov 27.

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$52,092.17 has been raised so far of the estimated \$62,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Expansion Update: revised drawings of our hall expansion are at the city awaiting approval and feedback.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Ken and Pam Northam and their children Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Sean Chaney, David Eaton, Caleb Rehmet, Elizabeth Dakak, and Hunter Bellan; and for our inquirers Joel and Mindy Brown, Shane and Ashley Gibson. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall and for our departed Father in Christ Archbishop Dmitri.

A New Parish Phonebook will be compiled and published soon. Please be certain that we have your latest information: address, phone, email, birthday, nameday, anniversary.

From Saint Maximus

He who loves Christ is bound to imitate Him to the best of his ability. Christ, for example, was always conferring blessings on people; He was long-suffering when they were ungrateful and blasphemed Him; and when they beat Him and put Him to death, He endured it, imputing no evil at all to anyone. These are the three acts which manifest love for one's neighbor. If he is incapable of them, the person who says he loves Christ or has attained the kingdom deceives himself. For 'not everyone who says to Me: "Lord, Lord" shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father' (Matt. 7:21); and again, 'He who loves Me will keep My commandments' (John 14:15, 23).

The whole purpose of the Savior's commandments is to free the intellect from dissipation and hatred, and to lead it to the love of Him and one's neighbor. From this love springs the light of active, holy knowledge.

When God has granted you a degree of spiritual knowledge, do not neglect love and self-control; for it is these which, once they have purified the soul's passible aspect, always keep open for you the way to such knowledge.

Dispassion and humility lead to spiritual knowledge. Without them, no one will see the Lord.

400 Chapters on Love, 4.55-5

Troparia and Kontakia for October 2nd



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. **St. 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.

Blessed Andrew, Troparion, tone 1

Hearkening to the voice of Thine Apostle Paul / saying: "We are fools for Christ's sake," / Thy servant Andrew became a fool on earth / for Thy sake, O Christ God. / Wherefore, honoring his memory now, / we entreat Thee, O Lord: "Save Thou our souls!"

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 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.

Blessed Andrew, Kontakion, tone 4

Feigning foolishness of thine own will, / thou didst hate the beauties of this world / and didst cause the carnal thoughts to wither away / through fasting and thirst, the heat of day and freezing cold, rain and snow; / and unbowed by any of the vagaries of the weather, / thou didst purify thyself // like gold in a crucible, O blest Andrew.