

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 16th, 2011

Schedule of Services

October 16th 18th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 1

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 17th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 p.m. Late Vocations Class: Church History

October 19th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

October 20th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 21st Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers

October 22nd Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptisms

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 23rd 19th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

He who does not envy the spiritually mature and is merciful to the wicked has attained an equal love for all.

The person who applies the laws of virtue to soul and body is truly fit to rule.

Spiritual commerce consists in being detached equally from the pleasures and pains of this life for the sake of the blessings held in store.

Love and self-control strengthen the soul; pure prayer and contemplation, the intellect [nous].

When you hear something to your benefit, do not condemn the speaker; for if you do you will nullify his helpful admonition.

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.78-82

Announcements for October 16th

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.

Church School meets today after Liturgy.

Baptism: The Northam Family and David Eaton will be received into the Church by Holy Baptism this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

A Weekday Liturgy will be served this Thursday at 8:00 a.m. preceded immediately by Matins at 7:00. It will be done Greek-style, with Liturgy beginning right after the Great Doxology.

Possible Change: Your priest has to visit our Austin mission this Tuesday and may go on to Holy Archangels Monastery which he has not been able to visit for two years. That would cancel class on Wednesday night and Matins/Liturgy on Thursday morning. You will be notified as soon as he knows. He would return Thurs. afternoon.

Classes this Week

Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Late Vocations Church History

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class: Introductory
Session 4: The Church and the Scriptures: Interpretation

Friday, 4:00 p.m.: Adult Class: Psalms 1-16.

A New Parish Phonebook will be compiled and published soon. Please look at the master copy on the candle table and check that we have your latest information: address, phone, email, birthday, nameday, anniversary. Please give it if we don't.

Learning Russian: Fr. Justin will not be able to offer any instruction in Russian until after the first of the year (if then!). We may organize a class with our resident Russians, if someone wishes to take the initiative to do it.

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 financial plans now!

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 \$1126.28; this month we have given \$2649.16 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week). In addition: Candles \$64.50; Building Fund \$151; Renovation (soda) \$22; Expansion \$3. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 39, Liturgy 78.

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$52,095.17 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 were resubmitted this past week to the city. They await approval or further requests for more from the city, which is giving itself two weeks from last Thursday to respond.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Ken and Pam Northam and their children Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, and David Eaton who are preparing for Holy Illumination; Sean Chaney, Caleb Rehmet, Elizabeth Dakak, and Hunter Bellan; and for our inquirers Joel and Mindy Brown, Shane and Ashley Gibson, and Philip Smith. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall.

From Saint Maximus

He who always concentrates on the inner life becomes restrained, long-suffering, kind, and humble. He will also be able to contemplate, theologize, and pray. That is what St. Paul meant when he said: "Walk in the Spirit."

One ignorant of the spiritual path is not on his guard against impassioned conceptual images, but devotes himself entirely to the flesh. He is either a glutton, or licentious, or full of resentment, anger, and rancor. As a result, he darkens his intellect [nous], or he practices excessive asceticism and so confuses his mind.

Scripture does not forbid anything which God has given us for our use; but it condemns immoderation and thoughtless behavior. For instance, it does not forbid us to eat, or to beget children, or to possess material things and to administer them properly. But it does forbid us to be gluttonous, to fornicate and so on. It does not forbid us to think of these things—they were made to be thought of—but it forbids us to think of them with passion. *400 Chapters on Love, 4.64-66*

Troparia and Kontakia for October 16th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

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.

Martyr Longinus the Centurion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Longinus received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all 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.

Martyr Longinus Kontakion tone 4

The Church hath rejoiced in gladness / on the day of the commemoration of the ever-memorable athlete Longinus, // crying out: "Thou art my might and confirmation, O Christ!"