

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**October 17<sup>th</sup> Monday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

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

**October 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

**October 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**October 21<sup>st</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

10:00 a.m. Baptisms

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**October 30<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 3**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

A depraved mind thinks evil thoughts and regards as defects the achievements of a neighbor.

Do not trust a thought that would judge your neighbor: for it is the man who is a storehouse of evil that thinks evil thoughts.

A good heart produces good thoughts: its thoughts correspond to what it stores up in itself.

Keep watch over your thoughts and shun evil. Then your intellect will not be darkened, but, on the contrary, will see.

Bear in mind the Jews and watch yourself carefully; for the Jews were blinded with jealousy and took Beelzebub for their Lord and God.

An evil suspicion darkens the mind and diverts attention from the path to what lies beside it.

*St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.83-88*

## Announcements for October 23<sup>rd</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.

**Church School** meets today after Liturgy.

**Many Years** to the newly illumined Kenneth, Anna, Bridgit, Elizabeth, and Ruth Northam and their sponsors George Rovny, Eudokia Stevenson, Elisabeth Terry, and Svetlana Cole.

**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.

**Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of the David Eaton family and of the newly-illumined Northams.

### 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 17-31.

**The OCA All-American Council** will be held October 31 through November 4 in Bellevue, Washington. Fr. Justin and Subdn Anthony will attend to represent our parish. This council, including the bishops and clergy and lay representatives from each parish meets every three years, is "the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Church" according to our statute. Its decisions must be approved by the Synod of Bishops to take effect. Please pray that our Lord will guide the work of the council this year.

**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.

**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 \$2150; this month we have given \$4799.16 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week). In addition: Candles \$56.50;. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 27, Liturgy 71.

**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 this Thursday. It appears that we shall have to widen the driveway now, which would have had to be done with the church construction anyway.

**Please Pray for our Catechumens:** David Eaton who is 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

Some of the things which we do for the sake of God are done in obedience to the commandments; others are done not in obedience to the commandments, so to speak, but as a voluntary offering. For example, we are required by the commandments to love God and our neighbor, to love our enemies, not to commit adultery or murder and so on. And when we transgress these commandments, we are condemned. But we are not commanded to live as virgins, to abstain from marriage, to renounce possessions, to withdraw into solitude, and so forth. These are of the nature of gifts, so that if through weakness we are unable to fulfill some of the commandments, we may by these free gifts propitiate our blessed Master.

He who honors celibacy and virginity must keep his loins girded and his lamp burning. He keeps his loins girded through self-control, and is lamp burning through prayer, contemplation, and spiritual love.

*400 Chapters on Love, 4.67-68*

## Troparia and Kontakia for October 23<sup>rd</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

### 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. James, Brother of the Lord, Troparion, tone 2

As a disciple of the Lord thou didst receive the Gospel, O just one; / as a martyr thou dost possess what is infinite; / as the brother of God, thou hast boldness before Him; / and as a hierarch, thou canst make entreaty.  
// Beseech Christ God that our souls be saved.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

### 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. James, Brother of the Lord, Kontakion, tone 4

The Word of God, the only-begotten of the Father, / who came unto us in latter times, / showed thee to be the first pastor and teacher of the people of Jerusalem, / and a faithful server of the mysteries of the Spirit, O godly James. // Wherefore, we all honor thee, O apostle.