

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, October 30th, 2011

Schedule of Services

October 30th 20th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

November 2nd Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

November 5th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

Daylight Wasting Time Resumes

November 6th 21st Sunday after Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

To each virtue there is an opposing vice; hence the wicked take vices for virtues.

If the intellect dallies with pleasure or dejection, it rapidly succumbs to the passion of listlessness.

A pure conscience rouses the soul, but an impure thought debases it.

When the passions are active, they cast out self-esteem; when they are expelled, they reintroduce it.

If you want to be free of all the passions, practice self-control, love, and prayer.

An intellect that gives itself over to God in prayer frees the soul's passible aspect from the passions.

God, who gave being to all that is, at the same time united all things together in His providence.

Being Master, He became servant, and so revealed to the world the depths of His providence.

God the Logos, in becoming incarnate while remaining unchanged, was united through His flesh with the whole of creation.

There is a new wonder in heaven and on earth: God is on earth, and man is in heaven.

He united men and angels so as to bestow deification on all creation.

The knowledge of the holy and coessential Trinity is the sanctification and deification of men and angels.

St. Thalassios, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1.89-100

Announcements for October 30th

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.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Michelle Frederick (birthday and nameday).

No Classes this Week

The OCA All-American Council will be held this week Bellevue, Washington. Fr. Justin and Subdn Anthony will attend to represent our parish. Please pray that our Lord will guide the work of the council this year.

A New Parish Phonebook is being compiled. Please look at the master copy on the candle table and check that we have your latest information: address, phone, email, birthday, nameday, anniversary.

Ministry to Shut-ins: We currently have two shut-ins. Each would welcome visits from parishioners. To visit Nina Johnston, founding member of our parish, call her son Richard to set up a visit at (972) 900-0201. Sherrie Joanna Hale may be reached at (817) 925-4183.

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 \$1695.65; this month we have given \$6494.81 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week). In addition: Candles \$74; Building Fund, \$165, Monastery Offering \$147. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 45, 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: Two of the three city departments have officially approved our plans; we wait official approval from the third, which has given oral approval. Once we have that, we get the architect's stamp on the plans and we can get our permits.

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.

November Namedays: **8** Michelle Frederick, Michael Rodgers, Michael Remet (Archangel Michael) **24** Katherine Frederick, Ekaterina Chernaya (Great-Martyr Katherine) **27** Emmanuel Lyda (James the Persian)

November Birthdays: **4** Michelle Frederick, **9** Geoff Stevenson, **11** Derek Sancer, **14** Anastasia Sancer, **23** Raina Joines, **24** Wendy Jackson, **25** Fr. Justin, Elizabeth Dakak

From Saint Maximus

Some of the brethren think that they are excluded from the Holy Spirit's gifts of grace. Because they neglect to practice the commandments, they do not know that he who has an unadulterated faith in Christ has within him the sum total of all the divine gifts. Since through our laziness we are far from having an active love for Him—a love which shows us the divine treasures within us—we naturally think that we are excluded from these gifts.

If, as St. Paul says, Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, and all the treasures of wisdom and spiritual knowledge are hidden in Him, then all the treasures of wisdom and spiritual knowledge are hidden in our hearts. They are revealed to the heart in proportion to our purification by means of the commandments.

This is the treasure hidden in the field of your heart, which you have not yet found because of your laziness. Had you found it, you would have sold everything and bought that field. But now you have abandoned that field and give all your attention to the land nearby, where is nothing but thorns and thistles.

It is for this reason that the Savior says, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God': for He is hidden in the hearts of those who believe in Him. They shall see Him and the riches that are in Him when they have purified themselves through love and self-control; and the greater the purity, the more they will see.

400 Chapters on Love, 4.69-72

Troparia and Kontakia for October 30th



Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.
/ From the womb of hell hath He delivered us, // and hath granted the world great mercy.

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.

Martyrs Zenobius & Zenobia, Troparion, tone 4

In their sufferings, O Lord, / thy martyrs Zenobius and Zenobia received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God; / for, possessed of Thy might, / they set at nought the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By their supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

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.

Martyrs Zenobius & Zenobia, Kontakion, tone 8

With divinely inspired hymns let us worthily honor Zenobius and the wise Zenobia / as true witnesses and preachers of piety, / for they lived and departed this life together, // and have received the crown of incorruption through martyrdom.