

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

Schedule of Services

January 22th 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

7:00 p.m. Teen Gathering at Lydas: Tangled Theology

January Tuesday St. Xenia of St. Petersburg

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

January 25th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Christ's First Command

January 26th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Class: Orthodox Death & Burial

6:30 p.m. Vigil at St. Sava's with Chantus Maximus

January 27th Friday

9:30 a.m. Liturgy, St. Sava's, Plano for Feast of St. Sava, OS

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

January 28th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas

10:30 a.m. Ladies Coffee at Susan Henderson's

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

January 29th Zacchaeus Sunday, New Martyrs of Russia

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

A wise man is one who pays attention to himself and is quick to separate himself from all defilement.

An obdurate soul does not notice when it is whipped and so is unaware of its benefactor.

A soiled garment excludes one from the divine wedding feast and makes one a communicant of outer darkness.

He who fears God will pay careful attention to his soul and will free himself from communion with evil.

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 2.60-63

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belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

Announcements for January 22nd

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 for children from preschool to high school meets today after Liturgy.

The Special Offering is for new windows upstairs.

Temple Wine given for the health and salvation of Rick & Raina Joines.

The Teens will meet this evening at 6:00 at Ben and Lois Lyda's for "Tangled Theology", a screening of the movie "Tangled" and a discussion of its underlying theological themes.

A Ladies' Coffee will be held this Saturday at Susan Henderson's to build up fellowship among the women of the parish. Please see the flier for more information.

We welcome Mr. Milos Konjevich, treasurer of the Diocese of the South. He will be joining the mission council meeting after Liturgy to help us understand how we may move forward in funding and building our church. Members of the parish are welcome to attend the meeting and to ask questions.

The Patronal Feast of St. Sava's Mission will be celebrated this week in Plano: Vigil Thursday evening at 6:30 with Chantus Maximus, Liturgy Friday morning at 9:30.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Three Pillars of Christian Life

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. "A Christian Ending"

Houseblessings have begun. If you would like your house blessed, please indicate your desire by signing up on the sheet in the hall.

Jesus Prayer: When you enter the church before a service, find your place and pray the Jesus Prayer silently until the service begins.

Ministry to Shut-ins: We currently have two shut-ins who would welcome visits from parishioners. To visit Nina Johnston at 5892 Mills Road in Denton, call her son Richard to set up a visit at (972) 900-0201. Sherrie Joanna Hall 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 \$3555.81; in January, we have given \$6775.65; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week). In addition: Candles \$62, building fund \$100, Special Collection for Windows, \$63. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 32, Liturgy 80.

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$52,129.17 has been raised so far of the estimated \$62,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Expansion Update: We have our building permit as of Friday. Construction will begin within a few days. Please keep an eye on your children in regard to the construction site. Parents: we need to make a sweep of the play areas outside and move all toys away from the construction zone. Thank you.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: David Eaton who is preparing for Holy Illumination; Sean Chaney, Caleb Rehmet, Elizabeth Dakak, Hunter Bellan, and Philip Smith; and for our inquirers Shane and Ashley Gibson who are being received as catechumens, and for Joel and Mindy Brown and their children. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall, and for the novice Svetlana.

From Saint Maximus

For the sake of love all the saints resisted sin, not showing any regard for this present life. And they endured many forms of death, in order to be separated from the world and united with themselves and with God, joining together in themselves the broken fragments of human nature. For this is the true and undefiled theosophy of the faithful. Its consummation is goodness and truth—if indeed goodness as compassion and truth as devotion to God in faith are the marks of love. It unites men to God and to one another, and on this account contains the unchanging permanence of all blessings.

First Century of Various Texts, 35

Troparia and Kontakia for January 22nd



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. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Troparion, Apostle Timothy, tone 4

Learning goodness / and being sober in all things with a good conscience, / arrayed as a priest, / thou didst draw forth ineffable things from the chosen vessel [*i.e. St. Paul*]; / and having kept the faith, / thou didst finish the even course. // O Apostle Timothy, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

Martyr Anastasius the Persian, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Anastasius 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 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.

Apostle Timothy, Kontakion, tone 1

O ye faithful, let us all hymn Timothy, / the divine disciple and companion of Paul, / honoring with him the wise Anastasius, / who shone forth from Persia like a star and dispelleth the passions of our souls // and our bodily infirmities.