

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, February 19th, 2012

Schedule of Services

February 19th Sunday of the Last Judgment, Meatfare

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

February 21st Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

12:00 p.m. Molieben for Parish, Confession

February 22nd Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: A Rule of Prayer: Why?

February 23rd Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:30 p.m. Class: A Christian Ending

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 24th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. *St. Maximus Women's Retreat at Monastery begins*

February 25th Saturday

St. Maximus Women's Retreat at Monastery

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

February 26th Forgiveness Sunday Cheesefare

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers

12:00 a.m. The Great Fast Begins

From Saint Thalassios, the Libyan

Struggle until death to fulfill the commandments: purified through them, you will enter into life.

Make the body serve the commandments, keeping it so far as possible free from sickness and sensual pleasure.

The flesh revolts when prayer, frugality, and blessed stillness are neglected.

Blessed stillness gives birth to blessed children: self-control, love, and pure prayer. *400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 2.80-83*

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Announcements for February 19th

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 Michael Rodgers.

Schedule Change: Tuesday, Vespers will not be served at 3:00. Instead, a Molieben for the parish will be served at noon, followed by Confession.

Construction Mud: We should like to keep the construction mud outside. To this end we ask that children either stay out of the mud entirely, or, if they must play in it, they do not re-enter the church. Adults too!

Church Cleaning: Help is needed to clean the church, especially now with construction underway. Please consider signing up for this needed ministry in the hall, especially if you have not done it for awhile.

Forgiveness Sunday is next Sunday, February 26. Forgiveness Vespers will be served at 6:00 with the rite of forgiveness; ice cream, in accordance with local tradition, will follow at Beth Marie's on the Square. It is of deep importance to our souls and the health of our parish that everyone who makes St. Maximus his parish home attends this service.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Why We Need a Rule of Prayer and How to Develop One.

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Christian Burial Class: read *A Christian Ending* and do the homework assigned. Come prepared to discuss your findings.

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 \$1474.16 \$2653.80 in tithes and offerings; in February we have given \$4127.96; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week. (To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$42.50; building fund \$0, Hall Expansion \$335. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 24, Liturgy 86.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$55,651.17 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. The estimate was recently revised to reflect current prices of materials, compliance with the city's requirement that the driveway be widened now (which would have had to be done later anyway), handicapped ramps and rails, and a few modifications made by our architect to improve the beauty and use of expansion. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Expansion Update: Please keep an eye on your children in regard to the construction site. Thank you. We shall bless the worksite this morning with a Molieben for the start of a good work.

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

From Saint Maximus

If when the flesh has an easy life the force of sins tends to grow stronger, it is clear that when the flesh suffers affliction the force of virtue will also increase. So let us bravely endure the affliction of the flesh, which cleanses the soul's stains and brings us future glory. For 'the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).

First Century of Various Texts, 19

Sung on the Beatitudes: From the Triodion, tone 6

Blessed are ye, whom men shall revile you... At thy fearful coming, O Christ, / when Thou appearest from heaven, / when the thrones are set up and the books opened, // then spare, O Savior, spare Thy creature

Rejoice and be glad... O Lord, let me not hear Thee say, / “Take what is due to thee,” / as Thou dost send me from Thy presence; / let me not hear Thee say, / “Depart from Me into the fire of the accursed,” // but may I hear Thy words of blessing to the righteous.

Glory... Deliver me, O Lord, from the gates of hell, / from chaos and darkness without light, / from the lowest depths of the earth and the unquenchable fire, // and from all the other everlasting punishments.

Now and ever... Thou art the gate, pure Lady, / through which One alone hath passed, / going in and out, yet not breaking the seal of thy virginity: // Jesus, Adam’s Creator and thy Son.

Troparia and Kontakia for February 19th



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

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.

Last Judgment, Kontakion, tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, upon the earth with glory, / the whole world will tremble. / The river of fire will bring men before Thy judgment seat, / the books will be opened and the secrets disclosed. / Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, / and count me worthy to stand on Thy right hand, O most righteous Judge.