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Bulletin for Sunday, March 4th, 2012

Schedule of Services during Clean Week

March 4th Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. *Vespers at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Dallas*

March 6th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

March 7th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Meal

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Fasting

March 8th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

March 9th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

8:00 p.m. *Late Vocations Class: Doctrine, Dallas*

March 10th Saturday

9:00 a.m. Baptism of David Eaton

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

March 11th Sunday of Orthodoxy St Gregory Palamas

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. *Vespers at St. Mary's Romanian Church, Colleyville*

From Saint Thalassios, the Libyan

Always keep the same measure of self-control; otherwise, through irregularity you will go from one extreme to another.

IF you lay down rules for yourself, do not disobey yourself; for he who cheats himself is self-deluded.

The soul filled with passion lies in noetic darkness, for in such a soul the sun of righteousness has set.

A son of God is a person who through wisdom, power, and righteousness has become like God. *400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 2.85-88*

Announcements for March 4th

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.

A Procession and Molieben for the Sunday of Orthodoxy will be held at the end of the Liturgy. Following the servers and choir, we shall go out to the right front corner of the property at the street, go down the street to the driveway, turn in and come back to the porch for the Molieben. Copies of the hymns will be available.

Church School will meet today after the Liturgy.

The Special Offering is for our hall expansion.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: When You Fast: Why We Fast and How to Do It.

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Christian Burial Class: read *A Christian Ending*. Do your homework, come prepared to share and discuss your findings.

Friday, 8:00 p.m. *St. Seraphim's, Dallas*: Orthodox Doctrine.

Baptism: David Eaton will be baptized this Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: The customary preparation for Holy Communion is needed: pre-Communion Prayers, recent confession, and fasting. Strictly, this eucharistic fasting is from midnight, but our bishops have blessed beginning the complete abstention from food and drink at noon.

Church Cleaning: Help is needed to clean the church. Please sign up for this ministry in the hall.

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 \$1663.09 in tithes and offerings; in February we gave \$8194.81; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week. We mad budget again! (To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$80.50; building fund \$141.50, Hall Expansion \$1976.45 Renovation (soda) \$8.90. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 30, Liturgy 88; Great Canon Mon 35, Tue 29, Wed 28, Thur 25, Friday Presanctified Liturgy 23.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$57,888.62 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Expansion Update: Concrete has been poured for the driveway and wheelchair ramp. The new driveway may be driven on Monday. We need the expansion site to dry out more before pouring the foundation there. Please keep an eye on your children in regard to the construction site. Thank you.

The Fast: Second Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil. If fasting strictly, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: David Eaton who is being baptized Saturday; 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

When physicians are treating the body, they do not administer the same remedy in all cases. Neither does God, when treating the illnesses of the soul, regard a single kind of therapy as suitable for all conditions; but He allots to each soul what is suitable for it and effects its cure. So let us give thanks while we are being treated, however great our suffering, for the result is blessed.

First Century of Various Texts, 20

