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## Bulletin for Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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### Schedule of Services

#### **July 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 7**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

#### **July 31<sup>st</sup> Monday**

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **August 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Procession of Cross; Dormition Fast Begins**

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Water

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

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

#### **August 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 a.m. Bible Study: Ephesians

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **August 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

#### **August 4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office

6:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Bible Study: Ephesians

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

7:00 p.m. Compline

#### **August 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **August 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 8 Transfiguration**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

77. The hardships of the ascetic life end in the repose of dispassion, while soft ways of living breed shameful passions.

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## Announcements for July 30<sup>th</sup>

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee, food, 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. We also invite you to go first through the food line.

**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).

**Temple Oil** in memory of William Frederick.

**The Special Offering** this week is for Fr. Seraphim Holland's prison ministry.

### Classes This Week

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy "Christ's Church and Scripture." All welcome.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Ephesians

Friday, 10:00 a.m. Ephesians

**Memory Eternal** to Nina, Tatiana Garner's mother, who reposed in the Lord on Friday. The funeral will be Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., at Restland in Dallas.

**The Dormition Fast** begins Tuesday, August 1 and lasts through August 14. We break the fast after Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition, August 15. This is a short fast—two weeks—but stricter than any but Great Lent. Plan now how to use the Fast for you spiritual benefit: how you may increase and improve your prayer, increase your almsgiving, keep the fast in terms of food for body and soul, and what you may read for edification and inspiration. Christ commands us to work for the food which endures unto everlasting life, and the Fast is a time during which to carry out that command with increased intensity and purpose.

**Confessions:** The Dormition Fast is a time for all to prepare to make a good confession. Please make good use of the abundant opportunities offered. Appointments may be made outside the scheduled times. Fr. Justin will be gone on vacation starting August 16, so plan to make your confession early in the fast.

**Blessing of Water** will be done Tuesday morning after Liturgy.

**Building Fund Watch:** Building fund balance: \$95,883. We are aiming to break \$100k by September 1. Special, designated gifts are welcome (and needed!), but the most important regular giving is our tithe. If all who have regular income tithe, we shall have plenty, for whatever we take in over our budget will go to the building fund.

**Tithes, Offerings & Attendance:** Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God and 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 slot in the candle table (or in the basket passed during service). There are also boxes for alms (those in need) and our building fund.

Last Sunday, we gave \$1828 in tithes and offerings; in July we have given \$8707; our monthly budget is \$11,250; candles \$91.50; Building Fund \$1000.22; Special Offering for Prison Ministry \$164. Attendance: Vigil 50; Sunday Liturgy 130.

**Commemorations:** Please try to submit your Sunday commemorations Saturday night (or earlier) whenever you can.

**Please Pray** for Cassian and Ruth Brown and their children Daniel, Anna, Elijah; for our catechumens Miguel Dean and Marsha Northam, for our inquirers Joel and Alta Morris, Connor, and the Dean family; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, for Eugene and Rachel, for Jeremy Gleb Rovny, travelling in India, for Ricky Dean and Adam Bramlett looking for work.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.51 When you find your intellect occupied pleasurably with material things and becoming fondly attached to its conceptual images of them, you may be sure that you love these things more than God. 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also' (Matt. 6:21).

2.52 The intellect joined to God for long periods through prayer and love becomes wise, good, powerful, compassionate, merciful and long-suffering; in short, it includes within itself almost all the divine qualities. But when the intellect withdraws from God and attaches itself to material things, either it becomes self-indulgent like some domestic animal, or like a wild beast it fights with men for the sake of these things.

2.53 Scripture calls material things 'the world'; and worldly men are those who occupy their intellect with these things. It is such men that Scripture rebukes when it says: 'Do not love the world or the things that are in the world . . . The desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes, and pride in one's possessions, are not of God but of the world' (cf. 1 John 2:15-16).

2.54 A monk is a man who has freed his intellect from attachment to material things and by means of self-control, love, psalmody and prayer cleaves to God.

### Troparia and Kontakia for July 30<sup>th</sup>

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#### 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

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.

#### Apostles Silas & Silvanus, Troparion, tone 3

O ye holy apostles, / intercede with the merciful God, / that He grant unto our souls // forgiveness of our transgressions.

#### 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.

#### Apostles Silas & Silvanus, Kontakion, tone 4

Ye were shown to be branches of the vine of Christ, / bearing clusters of the virtues, / putting forth upon us the wine of salvation, O wise ones, / which receiving, we are filled with gladness, / celebrating your most honored memory, / whereon pray ye, O apostles of the Lord, // for the remission of our sins.