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**Bulletin for Sunday, May 3, 2009**

**Schedule of Services**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:30 a.m. Mission Council

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 p.m. Church History Class

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

5:30 p.m. Adult Class: First John  
7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**May 8<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:30 a.m. Matins  
7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**May 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**May 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Paralytic (Mother's Day)**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Hearken, ye women, and give ear unto the voice of joy, for I have trampled down tyrant Hades and raised the world from corruption. Hasten ye quickly and proclaim the gladsome tidings to My friends; for I have willed that joy shine forth thence upon all My creation whence there first came forth sorrow. *Praises of Matins*

If it is a mark of love to be patient and kind, the one who acts contentiously or wickedly clearly makes himself a stranger to love, and the one who is a stranger to love is a stranger to God, since 'God is love.'

Do not say, as the divine Jeremiah tells us, that you are the Lord's Temple. And do not say that "mere faith ['faith alone'] in our Lord Jesus Christ can save me." For this is impossible unless you acquire love for Him through works. For in what concerns mere believing, "even the devils believe and tremble."

*St. Maximus, 400 Chapters on Love, 1.38-39*

## Announcements for May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation and church school for the children. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the table by the door. Be aware that shortly after the sermon, the catechumens, i.e., those preparing for Baptism & Chrismation, will be dismissed, but you are invited to stay for the rest of the service.

**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 and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading).

**Please Move Forward** during the Liturgy! **Please** try to be quiet afterwards while the Prayers of Thanksgiving are being read in the church, or better yet, stay for the prayers so you don't have to read them later at home.

**Church School** meets today after the Liturgy.

**Mission Council** meets today after the Liturgy.

**The Special Freewill Offering** today will be for our priest, next week for the new Nativity of Christ Women's Monastery.

**Fr. Justin** will be at Holy Archangels Monastery Sunday evening through Wednesday afternoon. There will be class Wednesday evening. If you need a priest, please call Fr. Michael Storozuk (469) 688-7644 or Fr. Joseph Fester or Fr. Basil Zebrun (214) 522-4149.

**A New Coffee Hour Rotation** has been made. Please see when you are scheduled. If you need to change your week, please swap with someone. Coffee Hour is a ministry. It need not be elaborate. It need not be expensive (if we prepare simple foods ourselves rather than purchase store-prepared foods).

### Classes this Week:

Church History Class, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday class will resume this week at 5:30 p.m. We shall be studying the First Epistle of St. John the Theologian

**A Women's Retreat and Lunch** is being held Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Greek Isles Restaurant in Dallas (3309 N. Central Expressway ste 370) with Missionary Kathryn Saclarides. The cost is \$25 which goes to support the new Nativity of Christ Women's Monastery. Ms. Saclarides will be with us Sunday, May 10, to speak during coffee hour.

## Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, June 7.

During the 50 days from Pascha to the Feast of Pentecost on June 7<sup>th</sup>, we do not kneel or make prostrations at home or in church in keeping with the joyful, festal character of the season. We begin to kneel and do prostrations again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

For 40 days until the Feast of Ascension (May 28), we greet each other by saying, "Christ is Risen!" "Indeed, He is Risen!"

During the same period, we replace "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal..." with the paschal troparion said thrice.

Through the Leavetaking of Pascha (May 27), we use the Paschal Troparion before and after meals and when setting out on a trip.

**Please Pray for our Catechumen:** Thom Anderson, **our inquirers** John Parsons and Adam & Melanie Betz. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Nick Gluschenko recovering from open-heart surgery, Gareth Tikhon Barnard who is working in Kansas, and Nancy Rachel Saito visiting in California. Please remember Met. Jonah in your prayers, our Alaskan Seminarian Methodius Nicori, and for the nun Barbara as she labors to found a new monastery in our area.

**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 throughout 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) and a box for the building fund.

Last week, we gave \$870.10 in tithes and offerings; in April we gave \$5701.66; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$43.50; Bookstore \$11; Building fund \$205; Special Gift \$250. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 9; Liturgy 48.

## From Saint Maximus

Detachment is a peaceful state of the soul in which it becomes resistant to vice.

The work of love is the deliberate doing of good to one's neighbor as well as long suffering and patience and the use of all things in the proper way. *400 Chapters on Love, 1.36, 40*

## Troparia and Kontakia for May 3<sup>rd</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: // ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

### Myrrh-bearing Women, Troparion, tone 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thine immaculate Body from the tree,/wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,/ and placed it in a new tomb./ But Thou didst rise on third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

### Myrrh-bearing Women, Troparion, tone 2

The Angel came to the myrrbearing women at the tomb / and said: “Myrrh is meet for the dead; / but Christ hath shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: the Lord is risen, / granting the world great mercy.

### Kontakion of Myrrhbearers, tone 2

When Thou didst cry, Rejoice, unto the Myrrh-bearers, / Thou didst make the lamentation of Eve the first mother to cease / by Thy Resurrection, O Christ God. / And Thou didst bid Thine Apostles to preach: // the Savior is risen from the grave.

### Paschal Kontakion, tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the myrrbearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

### In Place of “Meet It Is” (*Zadostoinik*)

The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say, ‘Rejoice!’ Thy Son is risen from his three days in the tomb. With Himself he hath raised all the dead. Rejoice, all ye people.” Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord hath shone on thee. Exult now and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son.