

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, June 28, 2009

Schedule of Services

June 28th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 29th Monday SS Peter & Paul, end of Fast

July 1st Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 3rd Friday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 4th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession (*Fr. John Anderson*)

July 5th Sunday New Martyr Elizabeth of Moscow

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (*Fr. John Anderson*)

July 8th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 10th Friday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 11th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession (*Fr. Joseph Fester*)

July 12th Sunday Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (*Fr. Joseph Fester*)

Abba Poemen said of Abba John the Dwarf that he had prayed to God to take his passions away from him so that he might become free from care. He went and told an old man this: 'I find myself in peace, without an enemy,' he said. The old man said to him, 'Go, beseech God to stir up warfare so that you may regain the affliction and humility that you used to have, for it is by warfare that the soul makes progress.' So he besought God, and when warfare came, he no longer prayed that it might be taken away, but said, 'Lord, give me strength for the fight.'" *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*, John the Dwarf 13

Announcements for June 28th

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** be quiet in the Narthex 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.

The Special Freewill Offering today will be for our Alaskan seminarian, next week for our Priest.

A Financial Management Class is being considered for this fall. The class would last ten weeks, would cost \$55 for a couple, \$45 for a single (for materials), and would be limited to five couples (or ten persons). The materials look excellent. The class is highly recommended for young couples and singles. It will give them Christian principles to guide their finances and many practical worksheets to help them carry them out. Please see Fr. Justin if you are interested.

No Classes until the last week of July

Please Pray for our Catechumen: Thom Anderson, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Adam & Melanie Betz, and Robert & Elisabeth Terry. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Nick Gluschenko, and Nancy Rachel Saito visiting in California. Please remember Met. Jonah in your prayers, our Alaskan Seminarian Methodius Nicori, and the nun Barbara as she labors to found a new monastery in our area.

Fr. Justin on Vacation: Fr. Justin and his family will be gone from June 29 until July 17, missing two Sundays, July 5 & 12. Fr. John Anderson and Fr. Joseph Fester will be substituting those weekends respectively and will be available to hear confessions in Fr. Justin's absence if anyone has need.

In Case of Emergency: Please call one of the following local priests in case of spiritual or other emergency while Fr. Justin is gone:

Fr. Michael Storozuk (Denison, lives in Colony) (469) 688-7644;
Fr. Seraphim Hipsh (Plano) (972) 836-5790; Fr. Joseph Fester (Dallas) (972) 251-0888 or (214) 522-4149; Fr. John Anderson (Dallas) (214) 528-3741; or Fr. Basil Zebrun (FW) (817) 798-8967.

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 \$707.11 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$3651.97; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$22; Bookstore \$14; Building fund \$50; Special Gifts \$70, Monastery offering \$2. May God bless your faithful giving!
Attendance: Vigil 12; Liturgy 70.

From Saint Maximus

We carry along with us the voluptuous images of the things we once experienced. Now the one who overcomes these voluptuous images completely disdains the realities of which they are images. In fact, the battle against memories is more difficult than the battle against deeds, as sinning in thought is easier than sinning in deed.

Some of the passions are of the body, some of the soul. Those of the body take their origin in the body; those of the soul from exterior things. Love and self-control cut away both of them, the former those of the soul, the latter those of the body.

Some of the passions belong to the irascible, some to the concupiscible part of the soul. Both are moved by means of the senses; and they are moved whenever the soul is found outside love and self-control.

It happens that the passions of the irascible part of the soul are harder to combat than those of the concupiscible. Thus it is that a better remedy for it was given by the Lord: the commandment of love.

All the other passions lay hold of either the irascible or the concupiscible part of the soul only, or even of the rational part, as forgetfulness or ignorance. But sloth, by grasping onto all the soul's powers, excite nearly all of them together. In this way it is the most troublesome of all the passions. Well, then, did the Lord tell us in giving the remedy against it, "In your patience possess your souls."

400 Chapters on Love, 1.63-67

Troparia and Kontakia for June 28th



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!’

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.

Ss. Cyrus & John, Troparion, tone 5

O Christ God, who hast given us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs Cyrus and John, / as an invincible rampart, / through their supplications set at nought the counsels of the heathen / and strengthen the scepters of kings, // in that Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8

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.

SS. Cyrus & John, Kontakion, tone 3

Receiving the gifts of miracles from grace divine, / O saints, ye work wonders unceasingly, / cutting down all our passions with invisible skill, / O divinely wise Cyrus and glorious John; // for ye are divine physicians.