

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 25, 2009

Schedule of Services

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**October 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Akathist

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox: Divine Liturgy

**October 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

12.30 p.m. Bible Study: First John

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**October 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**October 30<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida

**October 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Councils

When praying, a man must lay aside every worldly care, and care only for the salvation of his soul.

Is your heart impatient [when praying] to go to vain, worldly matters? Master it; let its treasure be not earthly vanity, but God; teach it to attach itself through prayer to God, and not to worldly vanity, so that you may not be covered with shame in the day of sickness, and in the hour of death, like him who as rich in worldly vanity, but poor in faith, hope, and love. If you do not pray as I say, you will prosper neither in life, nor in faith, nor in spiritual understanding.

*St. John of Kronstadt*

## Announcements for October 25<sup>th</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 be quiet** in the Narthex afterwards while the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion 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 alms, next week for our priest.

**Church School** will meet as usual following the Liturgy today.

**Blessing of Cars** will follow the Liturgy today.

**New Mission Council:** Our new mission council will be commissioned after the Liturgy next week and will then meet for their first meeting.

### Classes this Week

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Divine Liturgy Line-by-Line: Litanies for the Catechumens and the Faithful.

Wednesday, 12:30: Bible Study, First John 5

**New Class:** Our study of First John is finally winding down, and a new study will be offered on Wednesdays beginning in November. We shall most likely take up a work of St. Theophan the Recluse, either *Path of Salvation* or *On the Spiritual Life*.

**Alms:** Besides the almsbox on the candle table and special offerings, we have bins under the bookstore for two local charities: woman to woman, which helps unwed pregnant mothers, and Interfaith Ministries, which helps local people in need. Items such as food and diapers made be brought (see the sheet of needs on each bin). There is also a bin for the new women's monastery.

**Please Pray for our Catechumens:** Thom Anderson, and for Adam & Melanie Betz, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Mary Moses, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin,

Owen, and Claire, and Ken & Pam Northam and their daughters Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Georgii. Please remember Met. Jonah in your prayers, and the nun Barbara.

**New Bookstore Matters:** Please make bookstore checks to "St. Maximus Bookstore". Place checks, money, and receipts in the box on the bookstore table. For any purchase from the bookstore table, please fill out a receipt with the items purchased and the cost of each item. Rick Joines is serving as bookstore manager. He may be emailed at stmaximusbookstore@gmail.com on all matters concerning the bookstore. You may make requests of books to be ordered to Rick. A special slip will be provided, or you may email him.

**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 \$1003.11 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$3680.61 in regular tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$26; Bookstore \$; Building fund \$70; Special Gifts \$50; Seminarian \$18.01 May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 13, Liturgy 51.

### From Saint Maximus

The one who anoints his mind for the sacred contests and drives away passionate thoughts from it possesses the character of a deacon. The one who illumines it with knowledge of beings and obliterates counterfeit knowledge possesses that of a priest. Finally, the one who perfects it with the holy perfume of the knowledge of a worshipper of the Holy Trinity possesses that of a bishop.

The demons become weak when through the commandments the passions are diminished in us. And they perish when finally they are obliterated through detachment of soul, since they no longer find anything by which they might gain and do battle against it. And this is surely the meaning of "They shall be weakened and perish before your face." (Psalm 9:4)

*400 Chapters on Love, 2.21-22*

## Troparia and Kontakia for October 25<sup>th</sup>



### 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

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. Marcian and Martyrius, tone 4

In their sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / they cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By their supplications save Thou our souls.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

### St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

The thrice-radiant Light which abode in thy soul / showed thee to be a chosen vessel / revealing divine things to the ends of the earth, / O blessed Maximus, who givest utterance to concepts hard to grasp, / and manifestly proclaimest unto all // the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity.

### Ss. Marcian and Matyrius, Kontakion, tone 4

Having struggled well from childhood, / O Marcian and wise Martyrius, / ye cast down the apostate Arius, / preserving the Orthodox faith unadulterated, / following Paul, the wise teacher. / Wherefore with him yet have found life, // as most excellent champions of the Trinity.