

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 18th, 2010

Schedule of Services

July 18th 8th Sunday after Pentecost St. Elizabeth of Moscow

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 19th Monday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 21st Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 23rd Friday

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, Confession, Dallas*

July 24th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 25th 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 26th Monday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 27th Tuesday Great Martyr Panteleimon

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 28th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

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

God Himself heals the proud. This means that inner sorrows (by which pride is cured) are sent to us by God, for the proud man will not suffer anything from others. But the humble person will endure everything, and will always say, "I deserve this." *St. Ambrose of Optina*

If you are constantly angry and complaining, it is indicative of a proud soul. Humble yourself, reproach yourself, and the Lord is powerful to give you comfort and a helping hand. *St. Anatoly of Optina*

Announcements for July 18th

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. 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).

The Special Offering this week is for our priest.

A Special Welcome to Deacon Gregory Connelly who is visiting this morning from the cathedral.

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.

The Parish Phone Book is being updated. Please make sure we have your current phone numbers, address, email, birthdays and namedays.

No Liturgy this Tuesday.

No Classes until the end of July

The Diocesan Assembly meets this week in Atlanta, Tuesday through Friday. According to the Statute of the OCA, the Assembly, comprising lay and clergy delegates from each parish and monastery, helps the bishop govern the diocese, elects members of the Diocesan Council and Auditing Committee, approves measures to strengthen the Orthodox Faith, education, and charities and discusses financial means to fulfill those ends, approves the budget, nominates candidates for Diocesan bishop, etc. It normally meets once a year. Our parish will be represented by Fr. Justin and Reader Benjamin Tolleson, who was elected at our annual meeting as our representative. Please pray for the Assembly and its work. Documents relating to the DOS Assembly are available online, <http://www.dosoca.org/>

Expansion Fund: The fund for expanding our nave has surpassed our goal of \$2500. The total cost will be about \$5000 and the parish has authorized drawing from the building fund to pay the balance, so the project will go ahead in late July. Further donations for this effort

are welcome as they will save building funds for a future church. May this project and your giving for it be blessed!

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.

On July 4 we gave \$1457.80 in tithes and offerings; on July 11 we gave \$986.50; this month we have given \$2444.30; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week), which includes \$1500 for building a new church. Candles \$22 & \$22.50; bookstore \$66 & \$63; debt reduction \$5, seminarian \$45, building fund \$20, expansion fund \$16 (\$2816.28 total), special gifts \$326. May God bless y our faithful giving!
Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 53, 55; Vigil 32, 12.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston and for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska to work for four months. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

From Saint Maximus

A pure mind sees things rightly, a straightforward speech brings what it sees into view, and a keen hearing hearkens to it. But, the one who is deprived of these three things abuses the speaker.

The one who knows the Trinity and its creation and Providence and who keeps the emotional part of his soul unattached is with God.

The rod is said to signify God's judgment, and His staff his Providence. Thus the one who has obtained knowledge of these things can say, "Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." [Psm 22/23]

When the mind has become stripped of passion and enlightened in the contemplation of things, then it can be in God and pray as it ought.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.97-2.100

Troparia and Kontakia for July 18th



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

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our Fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

New Martyr Elizabeth, Troparion...tone 4

Causing meekness, humility and love to dwell in thy soul, / Thou didst earnestly serve the suffering, O holy passion-bearer Princess Elizabeth; / Wherefore, with faith thou didst endure sufferings and death for Christ, / with the martyr Barbara. // With her pray for all who honor you with love.

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*

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Kontakion, tone 8

The preaching of the Apostles and the dogmas of the Fathers / sealed the one Faith of the Church; / and clad in the robe of Truth woven of theology from on high, / it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

New Martyr Elizabeth, Kontakion... tone 4

Taking up the Cross of Christ, / thou didst pass from royal glory to the glory of heaven, / praying for thine enemies, O holy martyred Princess Elizabeth; / and with the martyr Barbara thou didst find everlasting joy. // Therefore, pray ye in behalf of our souls.