

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, September 19th, 2010

Schedule of Services

September 19th 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School,

September 22nd Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Nicene Creed 5

September 23rd Thursday Conception of John the Baptist

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 24th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

1:00 p.m. Adult Class: Old Testament History: Moses

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

September 25th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 26th 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

11:45 a.m. Parish Annual Meeting

“Every soul has, to a greater or lesser degree, a yearning for solitude, for abiding within oneself. Only base souls are satisfied with the luster and fuss of vain life and place all their satisfaction in ceaseless conversations, in laughter, and in all manner of distractions. The Lord Jesus Christ was True God, but was also a Man, and therefore, rendering human nature its due, He at times would seclude Himself from the surrounding din.” *Elder Barsanuphius of Optina*

“Life is complicated. The enemy violently attacks those who wish to be saved; but the Mysteries, prayer, and the sign of the Cross destroy all his wiles and make them as nothing. Life is a book. Its pages are the events of our life.... There is nothing in our life that does not have meaning, only we often don't understand this, and only minds enlightened by God's grace understand the meaning of each event. In a book, misprints appear. In life, mistakes happen, often difficult to correction, and only the Lord can correct them. *Elder Barsanuphius*

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Announcements for September 19th

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee, 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 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). If we are visiting from another parish, we should know that proper church etiquette is to contact the priest ahead of time if we wish to receive Holy Communion so he doesn't have to question us as to our identity in the Communion line. We should be modestly dressed and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" at the beginning of the Liturgy (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

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 Special Offering this week is for debt reduction.

Church School meets after Liturgy. We ask that church school students and teachers go through the coffee hour line first and go directly to class.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 6 "God the Creator of All Things".

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History Session 4 "Let My People Go": Moses.

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

Copies of the Confessor's Tongue and the weekly Bulletin may be found on our website each week.

The Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, September 26 at 11:30. If you are a member here, please plan on attending.

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).

Last week we gave \$1682 in tithes and offerings; in September we have given \$3380.75 our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$69; bookstore \$76.25, Seminarian offering \$28. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 76; Vigil 27.

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; Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska, for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

From Saint Maximus

God knows Himself and the things created by Him. The holy angels also know God, and they know, too, the things created by Him. But the holy angels do not know God and the things created by Him as God knows Himself and the things created by Him.

God knows Himself of His own sacred essence, and the things created by him from his wisdom, through which and in which he made all things. The holy angels, however, know God by participation, though He is beyond participation, and they know things created by Him by a perception of what is contemplated in them.

Created things are indeed outside the mind, but it receives their contemplation inside it. This is not so with the eternal, infinite, and immense God, who freely bestows being, well-being, and eternal being on His creatures.

A nature endowed with reason and understanding participates in the holy God by its very being, by its aptitude for well-being (that is, for goodness and wisdom), and by the free gift of eternal being. In this way it knows God; and things created by Him, as was said, it knows by a perception of the ordered wisdom to be observed in creation. This wisdom exists in the mind as simple and without substance of its own.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.21-24

Troparia and Kontakia for September 19th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

Elevation of the Cross, Troparion tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance. / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over the enemy; / and by Thy Cross / preserve Thine estate.

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.

The Martyrs, Troparion, tone 8

God who is praised in Trinity hath glorified a trinity of martyrs: / Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon. / For, believing in Him, they cast down the enemy. // By their supplications, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 8 (*Serbian Melody*)

The Martyrs, Kontakion, tone 8

As the foundation of the athletes and confirmation of piety / the Church doth honor and glorify thy luminous suffering, / O right wise and glorious Trophimus, ever-hymned and blest athlete. // With those who suffered with thee ask cleansing for those who hymn thee, // in that thou art invincible.

Elevation of the Cross, Kontakion tone 4

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, / so grant mercy, O Christ God, to those who are called by Thy name; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over the enemy, / by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.