

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 24th, 2010

Schedule of Services

October 24th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, tone 5

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

October 27th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

October 29th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

2:30 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. *Molieben, Akathist to Theotokos with Kursk Root Icon, St. Nicholas, McKinney*

October 30th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 31st 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, tone 6

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

Gratitude in a Christian is such a great thing that, along with love, it accompanies him into the future life, where he will celebrate with them the eternal Pascha. *St. Ambrose of Optina*

It is disastrous to endlessly grieve and unnecessarily castigate oneself, for we must in all ways thank the Lord for all things, for those punishments with which He may have chastised us in this world.

St. Leo of Optina

We must give thanks for all things to the Lord, who has rightly given us difficulties that we may learn patience, which is more beneficial than comforts, and ennobles the soul. *St. Moses of Optina*

The feeling of love of the Lord corresponds to how much we fulfill His commandments. *St. Nikon of Optina*

If you will receive people for the sake of God, then be assured that all will be well with you. *St. Ambrose of Optina*

Announcements for October 24th

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 our building fund.

Church School meets today following the Divine Liturgy. Please let the children and teachers go through the coffee hour line first.

The Kursk Root Icon will be at St. Nicholas Parish in McKinney this Friday. A Molieben with the Akathist to the Theotokos will be served at 7:30 in the evening .

A Nursing Room for mothers with small children who need to take them out is found through the curtained doorway by the choir and straight through the next door. A changing table is there.

Friday Vespers this week will be at 2:30 after OT Class.

A Russian Divine Liturgy will be held here at St. Maximus on Saturday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed II Article 6 "And ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand..."

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History Session 7 "Binding the Strong Man" Samson and the Judges.

Copies of the Confessor's Tongue and the weekly Bulletin may be found on our website. So too recordings of some homilies and some of the Basics of Orthodoxy Class lectures.

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 \$1464.30 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$4848.31; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$51.50; Alaskan Seminarin \$10, bookstore \$?. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 65; Vigil 20. Mortgage balance: \$93,631

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 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

Impurity of mind means first to have false knowledge; next to be ignorant of any of the universals—I speak of the human mind, since an angel is not ignorant of particular things; thirdly, in having passionate thoughts; and fourthly, in consenting to sin.

Impurity of soul means not acting in accordance to nature, for from this are begotten passionate thoughts in the mind. Now it acts in accord with nature when it sensitive drives, that is, anger and concupiscence, remain free of passion under the assault of material things and the representations they bring.

Impurity of body is a sin in deed.

The one who is not affected by the things of the world loves solitude; the one who does not love anything human loves all men; and the one who takes no offense at anyone, either because of faults or suspicious thoughts, possesses the knowledge of God and of divine realities.

It is a great thing not to be affected by things; but it is far better to remain detached from their representations [i.e. thoughts in mind].

Love and self-mastery keep the mind detached from things and from their representations.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.34-36

Troparia and Kontakia for October 24th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

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.

Martyr Arethas & Others, Troparion, tone 1

By the pangs of the saints, / whereby they suffered for Thee, / be Thou entreated, O Lord; // and heal all our pain, we pray Thee, who lovest mankind.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 5

Thou didst descend to Hades, O my Savior; / and, having shattered its gates as all-powerful; / Thou as Creator didst raise the dead with Thee; / and Thou didst destroy the sting of death, / and Adam hath been delivered from the curse, O Lover of Man. / Wherefore, we all cry: Save us, O Lord!

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.

Martyr Arethas & Others, Kontakion, tone 4

The feast of the passion-bearers / hath dawned upon us today as the harbinger of gladness; / and celebrating it, / we glorify the Lord, // who liveth in the highest.