

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, March 6th, 2011

Schedule of Services

March 6th Forgiveness Sunday, Cheesefare, tone 8

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

6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers

March 7th Clean Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Great Canon

March 8th Clean Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Great Canon

March 9th Clean Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian Class

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Great Canon

March 10th Clean Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Great Canon

March 11th Clean Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Class: Life after Death, Chapter 3

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

March 12th Clean Saturday

7:00 a.m. Matins

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

March 13th Sunday of Orthodoxy, tone 1

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

6:00 p.m. *Pan Orthodox Vespers, Holy Trinity, Dallas*

Before you ask the Lord for forgiveness, you yourself must forgive.
This is what it says in the Lord's Prayer. *St. Nikon of Optina*

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Announcements for March 6th

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

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 (so as not to distract others) 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.

The Special Offering this week is for our priest, next week for debt reduction.

Coffee Hour Donations go to support building new space for Coffee Hour (our hall expansion). A few dollars a week from each of us will do much!

Patio Breaking: Men are needed to swing the sledge against the patio to break it up in preparation for construction and move the rubble off onto the ground. Come by at any time during daylight hours for any amount of time.

Daylight "Savings" Time begins next weekend. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

Clean Week Services: Everyone should make the effort to attend at least one evening of the Great Canon (Monday through Thursday: it is different each night). Vespers and Matins are served daily. Begin the cleansing of the Fast by bathing your soul in the services.

Clean Week Quiet: Please abstain from loud chatter and unnecessary conversation before and after services this week in observance of the first week of the Fast.

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: The Presanctified Liturgy will be served on Wednesday and two Friday evenings during the Fast. The customary preparation for Holy Communion is needed: pre-Communion Prayers, recent confession, and fasting. Strictly, this eucharistic fasting is from midnight, but our bishops have blessed beginning the complete abstention from food and drink at noon.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian
Basics of Orthodoxy: Come for the Services!
Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, chapter 3.

Forgiveness Vespers is tonight at 6:00. Everyone who considers this to be his home parish is expected to attend.

The Fast: Clean Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and marital relations. Those with the strength eat only one uncooked meal on Wednesday and one on Friday in the evening. Others eat similar meals on Tuesday and Thursday and so keep only Monday as a day of complete abstinence from food. Some may not be able even to do this. On weekends, two meals each day, at noon and in the evening, are permitted. Whatever level of fasting we do manage, we should keep this week as strictly as we possibly can. The rules of fasting are relaxed for the elderly, the very young, and those in poor health. As always, see your priest if you have questions how you should fast. To fasting we join prayer and almsgiving to make it yield spiritual gain. The daily services should be our priority this week, especially the Great Canon and the Presanctified Liturgy.

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 \$1503 in tithes and offerings; in February, we gave \$5297.14 (plus \$800 in special gifts for a total undesignated giving of \$6097.14); our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$26.50; Special Gifts \$300, Building Fund \$6; Hall Expansion Fund \$131, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund \$6.50. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 81, Vigil 38.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$4400 of which has been given; a total of \$6200 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week; \$31 was given last week).

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for the premature infant Victoria, and for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

