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Bulletin for Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Schedule of Services

**March 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Orthodoxy, tone 1**

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

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

**March 14<sup>th</sup> Monday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Vespers

**March 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**March 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Beginning Russian Class

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

**March 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**March 18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

7:00 p.m. Russian Vespers, Confession

**March 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, tone 2**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Church School

6:00 p.m. *Pan Orthodox Vespers, St. Barbara's, Fort Worth*

We must always say, "O Lord, let it be according to Thy will," either this way or that, for we must receive all that is sent to us as from the hand of God; the sorrowful with patience, the pleasant with thanksgiving.  
*St. Moses of Optina*

## Announcements for March 13<sup>th</sup>

**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 the IOCC, International Orthodox Christian Charities, to fund relief efforts in Japan.

**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!

**Congratulations** to the Birthesel family, which on Friday welcomed Irene Theodora into the world at 1:57 p.m. on Friday, 20 inches, and 8 lbs 13 ozs.

**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.

**Job Needed?** As the U.S. economic recovery is slower than would be preferred the newly formed Jobs4Justice volunteer organization is working to start a network of those who are looking for work and employers who are looking for employees. If you are looking for work or if you are an employer looking for an employee who has certain qualifications please contact Michael Nolan at 210-379-9875 or MichaelUNT08@gmail.com. .

**Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts:** The Presanctified Liturgy will be served on Wednesday this week. 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

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Divine Liturgy 5:  
The Three Antiphons

Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, chapter 3.

### The Fast: Second Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil, and marital relations. If fasting strictly, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

**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 \$1501 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$56.50; Special Gifts \$300, Building Fund \$0; Hall Expansion Fund \$1104, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund \$21. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 63, Vigil 36.

**Hall Expansion Fund:** The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$5500 of which has been given; a total of \$7304 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week; \$4 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.

### From Saint Maximus

It is one thing to be delivered from thoughts and another to be freed from passions. In fact, someone may be often delivered from thoughts of those objects in their absence toward which he has acquired a passion, but the passions are hidden in the soul and are revealed with the objects appear. Therefore it is necessary to observe the mind when the objects are present and determine for which of them it holds an attachment.

That is a genuine friend if in time of temptation he supports his neighbor by bearing as his own, without clamor or display, his incidental tribulations, suffering, and misfortunes.

*400 Chapters on Love, 3,78-79*

### Troparia and Kontakia for March 13<sup>th</sup>



#### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

#### Sunday of Orthodoxy, Troparion, tone 2

We venerate Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, / asking pardon of our offenses, O Christ God. / For Thou wast pleased of thy good will to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / to deliver those whom Thou hadst fashioned from bondage to the enemy. / Wherefore, in thanksgiving, we cry out to Thee: / Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior, having come to save the world.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Sunday of Orthodoxy, Kontakion, tone 8

The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed, / taking flesh from thee, O Theotokos, / and He hath restored the sullied image to its ancient glory, filling it with the divine beauty. / This our salvation we confess in deed and word, and we depict it in the holy icons.