

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 3rd, 2011

Schedule of Services

July 3rd 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council

July 4th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins,

July 5th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

July 6th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Lord's Prayer 5 "Forgive us..."

July 8th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Class: St. John Cassian, *Conference 5*, part 2

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

July 9th Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 10th 4th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

The amassing of money fuels the passions, for it leads to increasing indulgence in all kinds of sensual pleasure.

The failure to secure sensual pleasure breeds dejection, while sensual pleasure itself is linked with all the passions.

How God treats you depends upon how you treat your body.

God's justice is a fair requital for what we have done through our bodies.

Virtue and spiritual knowledge lead to immortality, their absence is the mother of death.

Distress that accords with God's will puts an end to sensual pleasures, and the destruction of such pleasure is the soul's resurrection.

St. Thalassios the Libyan, 400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 1,34-39

Announcements for July 3rd

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.

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 Hall Expansion—just \$113 to go!

Temple wine give for the health and salvation of Samuel Vanderburg Sr.

Ten-Year Anniversary: Tickets for the Sunday July 31 banquet are on sale now: \$30, or \$55 per couple. Please see Fr. Justin if you'd like to go but need help. Please fill out the questionnaire about your memories of the parish. Any other bits of parish history you can provide: pictures, anecdotes, etc., are welcome. Please give them to Dax & Amy Stokes. We are greatly honored to have Metropolitan Jonah and Bishop Nikon joining us for this celebration. Please don't miss it: Friday July 29-Sunday July 31.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.: Basics of Orthodoxy Class One on the Lord's Prayer 5 "Forgive us our debts".

Friday, 4:00 p.m. St. John Cassian, *Conference 5, part 2*.

Ministry to Shut-ins: We currently have two shut-ins whom the priest visits and to whom he administers the Mysteries. Each would welcome visits from parishioners. To visit Nina Johnston at 5892 Mills Road in Denton, call her son Richard to set up a visit at (972) 900-0201. Sherrie Joanna Hall has been a long-time parishioner at St. Barbara's in Fort Worth who now lives in Denton. She lives right across from the Cumberland Children's Home at 1407 Bernard apt. #1011. You may reach her by phone at (940) 381-303 or (817) 925-4183.

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 \$1195.63 in tithes and offerings; in June we gave \$5484.92 in tithes and offerings and \$3776 in special gifts for an operating total of \$9260.92; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). In addition: Candles \$65 (\$222.50 for June); Special Gifts \$360; Church Building Fund \$18; Library \$11, Hall Expansion Fund \$1038. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Vigil 41, Liturgy 79; June average attendance Vigil 42, Liturgy 91; 2010 average V 18, L 56.

Hall Expansion Fund: A Total of \$49,134.30 has been raised so far of the \$62,000. Another \$20,000 has been pledged but will not be given (for tax reasons) until January of 2012 and 2013. After paying our tithe to the diocese we still need to raise about \$113 to cover the estimated cost of construction. We are working on getting permits from the city and providing the additional drawings they asked of us. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Sean Chaney, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton, and for our inquirers Elizabeth Dakak, Joel and Mindy Brown, Shane and Ashley Gibson, and Hunter Bellan. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall.

From Saint Maximus

A long-suffering man is one who waits patiently for his trial to end and hopes that his perseverance will be rewarded.

'The long-suffering man abounds in understanding' (Proverbs 14:29), because he endures everything to the end and, while awaiting that end, patiently bears his distress. The end, as St. Paul says, is everlasting life (Romans 6:22). 'And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent' (John 17:3).

Do not lightly discard spiritual love: for men there is no other road to salvation.

Because today an assault of the devil has aroused some hatred in you, do not judge as base and wicked a brother whom yesterday you regarded as spiritual and virtuous; but with long-suffering love dwell on the goodness you perceived yesterday and expel today's hatred from your soul.

Do not condemn today as base and wicked the man whom yesterday you praised as virtuous, changing from love to hatred, because he has criticized you; but even though you are still full of resentment, commend him as before, and you will soon recover the same saving love. *400 Chapters on Love, 4.23-27*

Troparia and Kontakia for July 3rd



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

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 Hyacinth, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr *Name* received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns / that lover of the Holy Trinity, great Maximus, / who clearly taught the divinely-given Faith: / that we should give glory unto Christ our God, / Who, but one person, hath in very truth / two natures, wills, and energies. / Let us cry to him: // Rejoice, divine herald of the Faith.

Martyr Hyacinth, Kontakion, tone 6

Having acquired Thy faith like a tree of life in the midst of his soul, / Thy martyr, O Christ, became more honorable than the Garden of Eden, / boldly destroying the tree of the serpent’s deception by his spirit; // and he was crowned with Thy glory, O greatly merciful One.