

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton
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Bulletin for Sunday of August 12th, 2012

Schedule of Services

August 12th Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, tone 1 St. Maximus
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 14th Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Reader's Vigil for Dormition

August 15th Wednesday Dormition of the Theotokos
For Liturgy, find a local parish.

August 18th Saturday
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 19th Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, tone 2
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 22nd Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 25th Saturday
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 26th Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost, tone 3
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 29th Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Vespers

September 1st Saturday Church New Year
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession (*Fr. Justin back*)

From Saint Thalassios, the Libyan (*friend of St. Maximus*)

The thought of unchastity follows that of gluttony; of pride, that of self-esteem. The others all follow the three most common forms.

Thus thoughts of resentment, anger, rancor, envy, listless-ness and the rest all follow these three most common forms.

The person who has broken the bonds of his intellect's fawning friendship for the flesh has slain the body's evil acts through the live-giving Spirit.

Do not think that the intellect is free from its attachment to the flesh so long as it is still troubled by the activities that pertain to its flesh.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 3.89-90; 4.1-2

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Announcements for August 12th

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 today will go for debt reduction.

No Classes until September

No Vespers this Wednesday: Come Tuesday, instead, for the Dormition Vigil (shorter than usual) to observe the Feast and use Wednesday to visit another parish if you are so inclined.

The Annual Meeting will be held the last Sunday in September. Please plan now to attend.

Fr. Justin & Family will be on vacation from August 13 until August 31. Hieromonk Gregory will serve August 19, and Fr. Photius Avant of St. Sava's will serve August 26. Do come to services and enjoy the break from your assigned priest!

In Case of Emergency: In my absence, if you need the ministrations of a priest, please call one of the following:

Fr. John Anderson (St. Seraphim's) (214) 886-317

Fr. Michael Storozuk (lives in The Colony) (469) 688-7644

Fr. Seraphim Hipsh (St. Sava's) (972) 612-3881

Fr. Basil Zebrun, Dean (St. Barbara's) (817) 798-8967

The members of the Council and the Warden (Mike Rehmet) will have my cell phone number in case I am needed. I will be monitoring email.

The Dormition of the Theotokos, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated this week. Tuesday evening at 7:00, a reader's Vigil will be held here. On Wednesday, if you are able, choose a local parish to visit for Divine Liturgy. If you desire to commune in another parish, be sure to let the priest know ahead of time, unless he knows you already.

The One-Year Anniversary of Archbishop Dmitri's repose will be Tuesday, August 28. You may want to check at the cathedral for memorial services.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Philip Smith, Elizabeth Dakak, Sean Chaney, Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children, and for our inquirers James and Lauren. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna (Sherrie) Hale, and for the novice Svetlana.

Hall Expansion Update: The supply company ordered only four windows instead of the nine required, and two of the four that were delivered are damaged. It will take four weeks to have new ones made. Meanwhile, temporary windows have been installed so that other work can go ahead.

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 in 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) and a box for our building fund.

Last week we gave \$1685; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week. (To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$77.50, Expansion, \$1, Building Fund \$15, Renovation (soda,) \$14, special offering for alms, \$242. May God bless your faithful giving!
Attendance: Vigil 32, Liturgy 77.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$58,235.87 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

From Saint Maximus

The Holy Spirit is not absent from any created being, especially not from one which in any way participates in intelligence. For being God and God's Spirit, He embraces in unity the spiritual knowledge of all created things, providentially permeating all things with His power, and vivifying their inner essences in accordance with their nature. In this way He makes men aware of things done *sinfully* against the law of nature, and renders them capable of choosing principles which are true and in conformity with nature. Thus we find many barbarians and nomadic peoples turning to a civilized way of life and setting aside the savage laws which they had kept among themselves from time immemorial. *First Century of Various Texts, 72*

Troparia and Kontakia for August 12th

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.

Transfiguration, Troparion, tone 7

Thou wast transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ God, / showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / make Thine everlasting light shine also upon us sinners. / O Giver of Light, 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.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

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.

Transfiguration, Kontakion, tone 7

Upon the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they would behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world / that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.