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Bulletin for Sunday of October 7th, 2012

Schedule of Services

October 7th 18th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 1

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

October 9th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 10th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed: One Church

October 11th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers

4:00 p.m. Class: *The Sermon on the Mount*

October 12th Friday

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

October 13th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 14th 19th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

You have been sentenced to eat the bread of spiritual knowledge with toil, struggle and the sweat of your face (cf. Gen. 3:19). Just as spring stimulates the growth of plants, so dispassion stimulates the intellect to attain spiritual knowledge of created beings.

Negligence led our first forefather to transgress, and instead of enjoying paradise he was condemned to die (cf. Gen. 3:22).

You, too, should keep control of Eve; and you should watch out for the serpent, lest she is deceived by it and gives you the fruit of the tree.

As by nature the soul gives life to the body, so virtue and spiritual knowledge give life to the soul.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.22-25

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Announcements for October 7th

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 the Hall Expansion.

Parish History: This Sunday in 2007 (Oct 7) was Archbishop Dmitri's last pastoral visit to our parish.

Temple Oil given in memory of Nicholas Gluschenko.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed Article 9: "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church".

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. The Sermon on the Mount

Many Thanks to all of you who attended the annual meeting last week; also to those who have been helping Olga Fincher, and to those who are cleaning the church.

Memory Eternal to George Paul Guzik who passed away on Friday just before noon. The funeral will be this Wednesday at Holy Trinity, 10:00 a.m.

Membership Forms: Please fill out a membership form and put it in the church building offering box. This is to regularize the process of indicating your desire to be a member and provide a record of it.

Priest's Cell Phone: You may reach your priest by cell phone and are encouraged to do so. His number is (940) 293-3032.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: for newly received catechumen Lauren Williams, for Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children Ariel, Analise, and Alexandra, Jacob Neff, Elizabeth Dakak, Philip, Sean, and for our inquirers Faith Neff and Jason. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna (Sherrie) Hale, and for the novice Svetlana. Pray for Joe Fincher (stroke) and for the Guzik family grieving over the loss of Paul.

Hall Expansion Update: We have passed the framing inspection, and should pass the gas pipe inspection. The plumbers installed the

gas lines like they do routinely here in Denton using stainless steel flex pipe in the wall, but the inspector for some reason wanted black pipe instead, so the plumbers changed it out Friday.

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 \$3489.62; this month we have given \$10,870.94; our new monthly budget is \$9187 (\$2297 per week. (To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$11,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$65 (\$322 for Sept), Expansion, \$47 (\$3334.91 for Sept) Building Fund \$11 (\$239 for Sept), Renovation (soda,) \$13 (\$74.71 for Sept). May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 28, Liturgy 86.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$61,536.78 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

From Saint Maximus

It is entirely fitting and just that those who gladly accept the devil's cunning suggestions to commit sins through their own volition should also be chastised by him. For through the passions to which we willingly accede the devil is the begetter of pleasure, and through the experiences that we suffer against our will he is the inflictor of pain.

The contemplative and gnostic intellect is often committed for punishment to the devil, deservedly suffering hardship and affliction at his hands. This is so that by suffering it may learn patiently to endure affliction rather than to trifle arrogantly to no purpose with things that do not exist.

If he who suffers for having transgressed one of God's commandments recognizes the principle of divine providence which is healing him, he accepts the affliction with joy and gratitude, and corrects the fault for which he is being disciplined. But if he is insensitive to this treatment, he is justly deprived of the grace that was once given him and is handed over to the turbulence of the passions; he is abandoned so that he may acquire by ascetic labor those things for which he inwardly longs. *Various Texts, 87-89*

Troparia and Kontakia for October 7th

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.

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.

Ss. Sergius & Bacchus, Troparion, tone 1

In contest, ye were victorious warriors of the Trinity / and an illustrious pair of martyrs, / Sergius, godly champion, / and Bacchus, noble athlete. / In the radiance of your glory you shelter those who cry: / Glory to Him who has strengthened you; / Glory to Him who has crowned you; // Glory to Him who through you worketh healings for all.

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.

Ss. Sergius & Bacchus, Kontakion, tone 3

Let us gather and crown with praises / the noble martyrs and brothers in the Faith / Sergius the warrior of the Trinity / and Bacchus who with him in tortures // persevered in praising Christ the Prizegiver and Creator of all.