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## Bulletin for Sunday of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Schedule of Services

#### **October 28<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 4**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **October 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **October 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. All-Saints Party

#### **November 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

3:00 p.m. Vespers

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

#### **November 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

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

8:00 p.m. *Russian Class: Sermon on the Mount, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

#### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **November 4<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 5**

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

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

Pride deprives us of God's help, making us over-reliant on ourselves and arrogant towards other people.

There are two remedies against pride; and if you do not avail yourself of them you will find yourself given a third, far more painful to bear.

Prayer with tears, and having no scorn for anyone, destroy pride; but so do chastisements inflicted against our will.

Chastisement through the trials imposed on us is a spiritual rod, teaching us humility when in our foolishness we think too much of ourselves.

*400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.34-37*

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## Announcements for October 28<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**Temple Oil** was given in thanksgiving to God for blessings received and in memory of James Anderson on the two-year anniversary of his departure.

**All Saints Party:** This Wednesday, Vespers will be served at 6:00 to accommodate an All-Saints party for the children at youth at 7:00. Children and youth are encouraged to dress as saints and come with clues to offer to help others guess who they are.

### Classes this Week

Wednesday, no Basics class, but Fr. Justin will be available for questions and conversation.

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

**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 note: your priest does not do text messages. Each one you send costs 20¢.

**Please Pray for our Catechumens:** for Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children Ariel, Analise, and Alexandra, Jacob Neff, Lauren Williams, Elizabeth Dakak, Philip, Sean, and for our inquirers Faith Neff and Jason. Please pray for the novice Svetlana. Pray for Joe Fincher (stroke) and for the Guzik and Johnston families grieving over the loss of loved ones.

**Hall Expansion Update:** We have passed the framing inspection. The carpenter will be here Monday to start installing siding, and the insulation should be installed this week as well.

**Mission Council Members:** Archbishop Nikon has confirmed the members of our mission council for October 2012 through September 2012. They are Michael Rehmet, George Rovny, Pamela Ward, Anna Stokes, and Jordan Rovny. Michael Rehmet will serve as our parish warden, and Jordan Rovny will serve as treasurer.

**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 \$1637 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$7083,21; our 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 \$51, Expansion, \$18; Building Fund \$6; Renovation (soda.) \$6; Special Offering for debt relief \$27. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 20, Liturgy 85.

**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

God reveals Himself to each person according to each person's mode of conceiving Him. To those whose aspiration transcends the complex structure of matter, and whose psychic powers are fully integrated in a single unceasing gyration around God, He reveals Himself as Unity and Trinity. In this way He both shows forth His own existence and mystically makes known the mode in which that existence subsists. To those whose aspiration is limited to the complex structure of matter, and whose psychic powers are not integrated, He reveals Himself not as He is but as they are, showing that they are completely caught in the material dualism whereby the physical world is conceived as composed of matter and form.

St Paul refers to the different energies of the Holy Spirit as different gifts of grace, stating that they are all energized by one and the same Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor. 12:11). The 'manifestation of the Spirit' (1 Cor. 12:7) is given according to the measure of every man's faith through participation in a particular gift of grace. Thus every believer is receptive to the energy of the Spirit in a way that corresponds to his

degree of faith and the state of his soul; and this energy grants him the capacity needed to carry out a particular commandment.

*Various Texts, 95-96*

### **Troparia and Kontakia for October 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4**

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

#### **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 Parasceva, Troparion, tone 4**

O all-wise and most lauded Parasceva, Martyr of Christ / having received manly might and set aside thy womanly weakness, / thou didst vanquisheth the devil and put the tyrant to shame, / crying out and saying: / "Come ye, cut my body asunder with your words and burn me with fire; / for, rejoicing, I shall go to Christ my Bridegroom!" / Through her supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

#### **Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4**

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

#### **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.

#### **Martyr Parasceva, Kontakion, tone 3**

Bearing to Christ, the immortal Bridegroom as a dowry / thine all-holy and undefiled torment, / thou didst gladden the choir of the angels / and didst foil the wiles of the demons. / Wherefore, we cherish thee with honor and faith, O much-suffering martyr Parasceva.