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## Bulletin for Sunday of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Schedule of Services

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

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. OCF Dinner, Talk, Fellowship

#### **November 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **November 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
6:00 p.m. *Feast day Vigil at Holy Archangels Monastery*

#### **November 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday Archangel Michael**

8:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy at Holy Archangels Monastery*

#### **November 9<sup>th</sup> Friday**

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession  
8:00 p.m. *Russian Class: Sermon on the Mount, St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

#### **November 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **November 11<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, tone 6**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council Install & Meeting

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

The intellect's task is to reject any thought that secretly vilifies a fellow being.

Just as the gardener who does not weed his garden chokes his vegetables, so the intellect that does not purify its thoughts is wasting its efforts.

A wise man is one who accepts advice, especially that of a spiritual father counseling him in accordance with the will of God.

A man deadened by the passions is impervious to advice and will not accept any spiritual correction.

He who does not accept advice will never go by the straight path, but will always find himself among cliffs and gorges.

*400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.38-42*

## Announcements for November 4<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 alms.

**Temple Wine** is given for the health and salvation of Michelle Frederick on her birthday and for the health and salvation of George, Margaret, and Terence.

### No Classes this Week

The Basics of Orthodoxy Class will not meet this month. It will resume for two weeks in December to finish the Creed, and then start afresh with the Divine Liturgy in January.

**Fr. Justin** and family will be at Holy Archangels Monastery for their feastday and Matushka's nameday this week, leaving Wednesday midday and returning Friday afternoon.

**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.

**Oak Street Traffic Revision:** The city is converting Oak Street into a one-way street going west in the next few weeks. No parking is permitted on the north side of the street (the church's side). It is already posted, and they are already issuing warnings. Tickets will begin to be issued within a week. You may still park on the south side of the street.

**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:** Insulation has gone in the walls. The electrician will be here Monday to remedy an oversight of no external lights. The sheetrockers are ready to go, and the carpenter should be back this week to finish the siding.

**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 \$1784.64; in October we have gave \$8863.85; 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 \$83, Expansion, \$49; Building Fund \$0; Renovation (soda,) \$8. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 33, Liturgy 85.

**Hall Expansion Fund:** A total of \$65,587.78 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

**The Nativity Fast** begins Thursday, November 15. This time is given to us to clean out the clutter of sin from our lives that we may make more room for Christ and have more of His presence and power in our lives. Now is a good time to prepare for the fast with some planning for prayer, spiritual reading, fasting, and almsgiving and how to cut back on secular entertainments and other things which distract us from Christ

### From Saint Maximus

The baptism of the Lord (cf. Matt. 20:22) is the utter mortification of our propensity for the sensible world; and the cup is the disavowal of our present mode of life for the sake of truth.

The baptism of the Lord typifies the sufferings we willingly embrace for the sake of virtue. Through these sufferings we wash off the stains in our conscience and readily accept the death of our propensity for visible things. The cup typifies the involuntary trials which attack us in the form of adverse circumstances because of our pursuit of the truth. If throughout these trials we value our desire for God more than nature, we willingly submit to the death of nature forced on us by these circumstances.

The baptism and the cup differ in this way: baptism for the sake of virtue mortifies our propensity for the pleasures of this life; the cup makes the devout value truth above even nature itself.

*Various Texts, 98-100*

### **Troparia and Kontakia for November 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5**

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

#### **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.

#### **Unmercenary Healers, Troparion, tone 8**

O holy unmercenary physicians and wonderworkers, / visit our infirmities. // Freely have ye received; freely give unto us.

#### **Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 5**

Thou didst descend to Hades, O my Savior; / and, having shattered its gates as all-powerful; / Thou as Creator didst raise the dead with Thee; / and Thou didst destroy the sting of death, / and Adam hath been delivered from the curse, O Lover of Man. / Wherefore, we all cry: Save us, O Lord!

#### **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.

#### **Unmercenary Healers, Kontakion, tone 2**

Having received the grace of healings, / ye extend health to those in need, / O all-glorious physicians and wonderworkers. / By your visitation cast down the audacity of the enemy, // healing the world through your miracles.