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Bulletin for Sunday of November 11th, 2012

Schedule of Services

November 11th 23rd Sunday After Pentecost, tone 6

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

November 13th Tuesday

All American Council, Parma (Cleveland), Ohio

November 14th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

November 17th Thursday

6:00 p.m. 40th Day Pannikhida for Nina Johnston, George Guzik

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 16th Friday St. Matthew the Evangelist

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

November 17th Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 18th 24th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 7

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

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

The truly monk-like intellect is one that has renounced the senses and cannot stand even the thought of sensual pleasure.

The truly physician-like intellect is one that first heals itself and then heals others of the diseases of which it has been cured.

Search after virtue and do not be deprived of it, lest you live sordidly and die a wretched death.

Our Lord Jesus has given light to all men, but those who do not trust in Him bring darkness upon themselves.

Do not think that the loss of virtue is a minor matter, for it was through such a loss that death came into the world.

Obedience to the commandments is the resurrection of the dead, for by nature life follows upon virtue.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.43-48

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Announcements for November 11th

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 our hall expansion.

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

No Classes this Week

All American Council: This week, the special All-American Council will meet in Parma, Ohio at Holy Trinity Parish with the single purpose of electing a new Metropolitan. Please pray for the Orthodox Church in America that God's will be done and that much-needed cleansing and healing take place. Fr. Justin and Samuel Vanderburg will be attending to represent St. Maximus.

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.

Schedule Revision: Contrary to the monthly calendar, there will be no Liturgy this Friday. The forty-day memorial (Pannihkida) for Nina Johnston and Paul Guzik will be held this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. followed by Vespers and Confession at 7:00.

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. You may still park on the south side of the street.

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 siding is finished but for the trim. The electrical work for outside lights is done. The door hardware will be installed to make the building secure, the wall from the old building will be opened, and then the sheetrock will be installed and the attic insulated.

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 \$1477.15; in November, we have given \$3261.79; 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 \$42.50, Expansion, \$5; Building Fund \$13; Renovation (soda,) \$12, Special Offering for Alms \$183.16. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 35, Liturgy 91.

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.

From Saint Maximus

Christ mentioned the cup before the baptism (cf. Matt. 20:22) because virtue exists for the sake of truth but truth does not exist for the sake of virtue. Thus he who practices virtue for the sake of truth is not wounded by the arrows of self-esteem; but he who pursues truth for the sake of virtue does harbor the conceit which self-esteem generates.

Truth is divine knowledge, and virtue the struggles for truth on the part of those who desire it. A man who endures the labors of virtue for the sake of such knowledge is not vainglorious, because he knows that truth cannot be grasped naturally through human effort. For it is not in the nature of things for what is primary to be circumscribed by what is secondary. But a man who expects to attain knowledge by means of the struggles he makes for the sake of virtue invariably suffers from self-esteem, because he imagines he has gained the victor's crown before he has sweated for it. He does not know that labors exist for the sake of crowns, but crowns do not exist for the sake of labors. For by nature every spiritual method ceases to be practiced once the purpose for which it was intended has been achieved or is thought to have been achieved.

Various Texts, Second Century 1-2

Troparia and Kontakia for November 11th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / 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.

Ss. Minas, Victor, Vincent, Troparion, tone 4

In their sufferings, O Lord, / Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God; / for possessed of Thy might, / they cast down the tormenters and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By their supplications save Thou our souls.

St. Theodore the Studite, Troparion, tone 8

Instructor of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and purity, / beacon for the whole world, divinely inspired adornment of monastics: / by thy teachings thou hast illuminated all, O Theodore. // O harp of the Spirit, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human race /, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

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.

St. Minas, Kontakion, tone 4

O passionbearer Minas, / Christ our God, the imperishable Crown of martyrs, / took thee from a transient army, / and showed thee forth as a partaker // of what is incorruptible and heavenly.

St. Theodore the Studite, Kontakion, tone 2

Thine angelic life of fasting / thou didst adorn with the struggles of suffering, / O divinely blessed Theodore, / and thou hast been shown to abide with the angels. // With them never cease thou to pray to Christ God for us all.