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## Bulletin for Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### Schedule of Services

#### **October 13<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Russian Class

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **October 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday Prophet Hosea**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy Introductory Session 4

#### **October 18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

#### **October 19<sup>th</sup> Memorial Saturday**

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **October 20<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### The Optina Elders on Spiritual Peace

Wherever God is—there is peace. And the opposite is self-evident: where there is envy, enmity, impatience, self-love—there is the devil. Wherever the devil is—there, everything is ruinous, proud, and hostile. *St. Anatoly*

Endure everything, and you will be at peace and you will bring peace to others! But if you complain about details, you will lose peace and, along with it, salvation. *St. Anatoly*

God grant you a peaceful and soul-saving household, in accordance with the example of Christ's teaching, and not the code of civil law—eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth. *St. Moses*

## Announcements for October 13

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee, food, 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.

**Special Offering** this week will be for a new Alaskan Seminarian.

**Church School** will meet for all ages after Liturgy today.

**Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of William and Carolyn.

**A Taste and Tour of IOCC** (International Orthodox Christian Charities) will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas, Sunday, October 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the charity, one of the most efficient of its kind in the USA at getting dollars raised out into the field. Holy Trinity requests that each parish in the area participate and bring ethnic foods representing the parish as we come together to celebrate our cultural heritages and raise money for a good cause.

**Blocking Doors:** Please do not stand or sit right in front of either set of doors coming into the church during Liturgy as it makes it unnecessarily difficult for those who need to come and go while caring for small children or for latecomers. Please come on into the nave: there is plenty of room up front!

### Classes this Week

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Russian

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy Introductory Session 4: The Church and the Interpretation of Holy Scripture.

**All Saints Night**, a time for children to come dressed as a saint with clues for others to guess, will be held the evening of October 31, so start planning now.

**Please Pray:** for catechumen Shannon Goodson, for inquirers Rebecca and Destiny, the novice Svetlana, the Nun Elizabeth in hospice care, Elizabeth (Chandler) Jones, and Paraskeve. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga, and for Joanna (Sherri) Hale.

**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 1442.25. In September, we gave \$9483.80. Our monthly budget is \$8700 (\$2008 per week.) Candles \$65, Alms offering \$35, Building Fund \$280. To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$11,000 a month.) Attendance: Saturday Vigil 38, Sunday Liturgy about 84.

### From Saint Maximus

When the intellect begins to advance in love for God, the demon of blasphemy starts to tempt it, suggesting thoughts such as no man but only the devil, their father, could invent. He does this out of envy, so that the man of God, in his despair at thinking such thoughts, no longer dares to soar up to God in his accustomed prayer. But the demon does not further his own ends by this means. On the contrary, he makes us more steadfast. For through his attacks and our retaliation we grow more experienced and genuine in our love for God. May his sword enter into his own heart and may his bows be broken (cf. Ps. 37:15).

When the intellect turns its attention to the visible world, it perceives things through the medium of the senses in a way that accords with nature. And the intellect is not evil, nor is its natural capacity to form conceptual images of things, nor are the things themselves, nor are the senses, for all are the work of God. What, then, is evil? Clearly it is the passion that enters into the conceptual images formed in accordance with nature by the intellect; and this need not happen if the intellect keeps watch.

Passion is an impulse of the soul contrary to nature, as in the case of mindless love or mindless hatred for someone or for some sensible thing. In the case of love, it may be for needless food, or for a woman, or for money, or for transient glory, or for other sensible objects or on their account. In the case of hatred, it may be for any of the things mentioned, or for someone on account of these things.

*400 Chapters on Love, Second Century 14-16*

## Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, October 13

### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto the world great mercy.

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Troparion, tone 8

All-glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Kontakion, tone 6

The Son who ineffably shone forth from the Father / hath been born in two natures of a woman, / and beholding Him we do not refuse to depict His countenance; / but tracing it piously, we honor it in faith. / Wherefore, the Church, holding to the true Faith, / doth venerate the icon of the incarnation of Christ.