

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday July 27th, 2014

Schedule of Services

July 27th Sunday Great Martyr & Healer Panteleimon

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

noon Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed 5 “God Almighty”

July 29th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 30th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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July 31st Thursday

8:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 1st Friday Procession of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Water

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

August 2nd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil

August 3rd Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

noon Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed 6 “Maker-Creator”

Having come to love the piety of thy mother and to disdain the ungodliness of thy father, thou didst become a warrior of the Physician of souls and wast instructed in the healing arts. Well skilled in both, thou wast shown to be a destroyer of sufferings and a physician of souls. And as thou didst acquire steadfastness in suffering and perseverance in prayer, O Panteleimon, martyr of Christ, earnestly pray that our souls be saved.

Vespers for the Unmercenary Healer and Great Martyr Panteleimon

Announcements for July 27

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. We invite you to go first through the food line and join the priest at the table.

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 if we are communing), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

The Special Offering this week will be for IOCC.

Temple Oil given for the Health and Salvation of William and Carolyn; **Temple Wine** given for the health and salvation of Betty Casper.

Classes this Week

Sunday, noon: Basics of Orthodoxy. Today: Nicene Creed, part five: "God Almighty & the Problem of Evil".

Contacting the Priest: The priest now has unlimited texting. You may reach him at (940) 293-3032. This does not mean that he will text in unlimited fashion, but you may text him.

New Bishop: It was announced at the Diocesan Assembly in Dallas last week that a one-day special assembly to nominate a new bishop for the Diocese of the South will be held in Miami during the annual Pastoral Conference, February 16-20. Please keep praying that God will provide us with a faithful bishop to shepherd His flock here.

Safety Reminder: Parents, you are responsible for the safety and well-being of your children while they are at church. It is recommended that children under the age of twelve be accompanied to the bathroom.

The Dormition Fast begins this Friday, August 1, and lasts until the 15th. Now is a good time to begin to plan for the fast in terms of prayer, services, reading, almsgiving, etc. The fast is a good time to stretch ourselves spiritually beyond our present comfort zone, seeking God's help. Please talk to your priest if you have questions about what is appropriate for you.

An All-Night Vigil for St. Maximus will be held August 12 at 7:00 p.m. We'll serve Compline with the Akathist to the Theotokos, full

Great Vespers, and a full Matins. We shall conclude about 11:00 p.m., and Liturgy will be served the next morning at 7:00.

Please Pray: for catechumens Shannon Goodson, Holly Bellan, Seth Williams, and Virginia Warwas, for inquirer Rick Hollembeak, the postulant Elias, the novice Svetlana, and Elizabeth (Chandler) Jones. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga, for Joanna (Sherrri) Hale, for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon, and for Natalya (a Russian lady on her deathbed).

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 \$2031.80 in tithes and offerings; in July, we have given \$5422.84; our monthly budget is \$8700 (\$2008 per week). Candles \$72; Soda (renovation) \$4; Building Fund \$30, IOCC \$10.39. Attendance: Liturgy 82, Vigil 42.
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From Saint Maximus

He who has been granted knowledge of God, and fully enjoys the pleasure that comes from it, despises all the pleasures produced by the soul's desiring power.

He who desires earthly things desires either food, or things which satisfy his sexual appetite, or human fame, or wealth, or some other thing consequent upon these. Unless the intellect finds something more noble to which it may transfer its desire, it will not be persuaded to scorn these things completely. The knowledge of God and of divine things is incomparably more noble than these earthly things.

Those who scorn sensual pleasures do so either from fear, or from hope, or from knowledge and love for God.

Passion-free knowledge of divine things does not persuade the intellect to scorn material things completely; it is like the passion-free thought of a sensible thing. It is therefore possible to find many men who have much knowledge and yet wallow in the passions of the flesh like pigs in the mire. Through their diligence they temporarily cleanse themselves and attain knowledge, but then they grow negligent. In this they resemble Saul: for Saul was granted the

kingdom, but conducted himself unworthily and was driven out with terrible wrath (cf. 1 Sam. 10-15) *400 Chapters on Love, 3.63-66*

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, July 27

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.

St. Panteleimon, Troparion, tone 3

O holy great martyr and healer Panteleimon, / intercede with the merciful God, / that He grant unto our souls forgiveness // of our transgressions.

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 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.

St. Panteleimon, Kontakion, tone 5

Emulating the Merciful One, / and receiving from Him the grace of healing, / O passion-bearer and martyr of Christ God, / by thy supplications heal thou our spiritual infirmities, / ever driving away the temptations of the foe // from those who cry out with faith: Save us, O Lord!