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Bulletin for Sunday February 14th, 2016

Schedule of Services

February 14th Sunday tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 102 (Orthodox Way)

February 16th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 201

February 17th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:15 p.m. Class: Therapy of Spiritual Illnesses "Lust"

7:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 18th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

February 19th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

4:00 p.m. Class: Pastoral Epistles

7:30 p.m. Compline, Confession

February 20th Saturday

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

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

February 21st Sunday tone 5 Publican & Pharisee

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 102 (Orthodox Way)

From Saint Maximus 500 Various Texts

He who has just begun to follow a holy way of life, and has received instruction about how to act righteously, devotes himself wholly to the practice of the virtues in all obedience and faith, nourishing himself, as if on meat, on their manifest aspects, that is to say, on moral training. The inner principles of the commandments, which constitute the knowledge of the perfect, in his faith he leaves to God, for he cannot as yet embrace the full magnitude of faith. 2.14

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Announcements for February 14

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 his 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).

The Special Offering this week will be for the education of Alaskan Seminarian Deacon Methodius Nicori, in his last year at St. Herman's Seminary.

Classes This Week

Today 11:30 Basics of Orthodox 102: *Orthodox Way 2*

Tuesday 8:00 Basics of Orthodox 201 Mechanics of Prayer

Wednesday 6:15 Therapy of Spiritual Illnesses "Lust"

Sts. Sebastian and Mardarije Orthodox Institute: Fr. Justin has received blessing to attend this institute conducted by Bishop Maxim for continuing education the week of February 22-26 at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in San Diego.

Pre-Lent: Zachaeus Sunday, named for the subject of today's Gospel reading, marks the last Sunday numbered after Pentecost. Next Sunday, the Triodion will be opened and we begin the pre-lenten Sundays in preparation for the Great Fast.

The Transfer of the Remains of Archbishop Dmitri of blessed memory from the cemetery to the new crypt at the cathedral will be accomplished Friday, March 4 — Saturday, March 5: Vespers 6:30 Friday, Liturgy 9:30 Saturday.

Censing: During censings, there is no need to come off the walls as though a person standing against the wall is somehow 'blocking' the censing. The only movement needed is to make space for the priest to pass in his circumambulation.

Myrrhbearers at St. Nicholas Church in McKinney invite any of us interested to participate in a talk on caring for our departed Tuesday, March 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Speakers include Andrew Eells, Licensed funeral director. See fliers on candle table.

House Blessings are now being performed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If the listed times don't work for you, something else may be worked out with the priest.

Forgiveness Vespers is Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. Please plan on present for this time of reconciliation, of the liturgical beginning of the Great Fast, and for the fellowship at Beth Marie's afterwards.

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 slot in the candle table (or in the basket passed during Liturgy), where there is also a box for alms (those in need) and a box for our building fund.

Last week, we gave \$173.30 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$10,350 (\$2389 per week). Candles \$57; building fund \$15.12, drink jar (renovation) \$5; special offering for Alaskan Seminarian \$262.66. Attendance: Sat Vigil 33 Sun Liturgy 77.
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Please Pray: for our catechumens, Adam and Jenilee Skelton and Marsha Northam, for the inquirers Dante, the Wells family, the Dean family, for the novices Elias and Svetlana. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga, for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon. Please pray for former parishioner Natalya Perrin, and for our diocesan administrator, Fr. Gerasim. Pray that the Lord will send laborers into His harvest field here in Denton and North Texas. Remember always to pray for your priest. Please pray for John Roberts and his wife Edith, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for those whom you have not seen at church for some time. Pray for Mother Lukia, and for Moses (Dave) Eaton and his son Nathan.

From Saint Maximus (*continued*)

The perfect man, who has passed beyond the category not only of beginners but also of those who are advancing, is not ignorant of the inner principles of the actions he performs in carrying out the commandments. On the contrary, he first spiritually imbibes those principles and then by means of his actions feeds upon the whole body of the virtues. In this way he transposes to the plane of spiritual knowledge actions which take place in the sensible realm. 2.15

The Lord said, 'First seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness' (Matt. 6:33). That is, seek the knowledge of truth before all things, and therefore seek training in appropriate methods of attaining it. In saying this, He showed clearly that believers must seek only divine knowledge and the virtue which adorns it with corresponding actions.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, February 14

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.

St. Auxentius, Troparion, tone 1

A dweller in the desert, an angel in the flesh / and a wonder-worker wast thou shown to be, O our God-bearing father Auxentius. / Receiving heavenly gifts through fasting, vigils, and prayers, / thou healest the infirm and the souls of those who with faith have recourse to thee. / Glory to Him who hath given thee strength. / Glory to Him who hath crowned thee! // Glory to Him who worketh healings for all through thee!

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 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. Auxentius, Kontakion, tone

Delighting in abstinence / and restraining the desires of the flesh, / O divinely wise and sacred father, Auxentius, / thou wast shown forth, shining with faith, / and didst blossom like a plant in the midst of paradise.