

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 14th -Sept 4 2016



Schedule of Services

August 14th Sunday, Eighth after Pentecost, tone 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Mission Council

August 17th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

7:30 p.m. Class: Way of the Pilgrim

August 20th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil

August 21st Sunday, Ninth after Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

August 24th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

7:30 p.m. Class: Way of the Pilgrim

August 27th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil

August 28th Sunday, Tenth after Pentecost, tone 1

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

August 31st Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

7:30 p.m. Class: Way of the Pilgrim

September 3rd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 4th Sunday, Eleventh after Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

September 7th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

7:30 p.m. Class: Way of the Pilgrim

September 10th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 11th Sunday, Twelfth after Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Announcements for August 14–September 4

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 (Aug 14) will be for the St. Vladimir Seminary scholarship fund.

The Special Offering August 21 will be for the building fund of St. Sava's in McKinney.

The Special Offering August 28 will be for our intern this summer, Daniel Maximus Greeson.

The Special Offering September 4 will be for our building program.

Confessions in Father Justin's absence are available after Vigil from the serving priest.

Commemorative Picture Books celebrating our fifteen years as a parish are available. See Dax.

An All-Night Vigil is planned to celebrate the feast of the Protection of the Theotokos, October 1.

Classes This Week

Sunday 11:45 Ignatius (last class)

Wednesday 7:30 *The Way of the Pilgrim*

Priest on Vacation: Fr. Justin will be gone until September 9. Arrangements have been made for Hieromonk Gregory and Fr. John Anderson to fill in at Vigil and Liturgy. A reader's Vespers will be served on Wednesday evenings. Please call Fr. Gerasim (214) 921-1567, Fr. John Anderson (214) 886-3179, Fr. Basil Zebrun (817) 798-8967, Fr. Michael Storozuk (972) 625-1515 in case of emergency.

Way of the Pilgrim: Subdeacon Anthony (Dax) will offer a class on this spiritual classic on Wednesday evenings after reader's Vespers starting August 17. Come, read, and discuss this classic together and be inspired and edified.

Church Plans: The most recent set of drawings for our new church is on the board in the kitchen. We may now go to the city to get their response and guidance to our project.

Tithes, Offerings & Attendance: Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God and 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 slot in the candle table (or in the basket passed during service). There are also boxes for alms (those in need) and our building fund.

Our monthly budget is \$10,350 (\$2389 per week). Attendance Aug 6-7: Vigil 24; Liturgy 79; Transfiguration Liturgy 44.

Please Pray: for our catechumen Marsha Northam, our inquirers the Wells family, the Dean family, for David & Sally Roberts, and for Meghann Jones & family; for the novices Elias and Svetlana. Pray for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon. Please pray for John Roberts who just lost his wife, for Frieda as she cares for her mother, for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph.

From Saint Maximus 500 Various Texts

The first type of dispassion is complete abstention from the actual committing of sin, and it may be found in those beginning the spiritual way. The second is the complete rejection in the mind of all assent to evil thoughts; this is found in those who have achieved an intelligent participation in virtue. The third is the complete quiescence of passionate desire; this is found in those who contemplate noetically the inner essences of visible things through their outer forms. The fourth type of dispassion is the complete purging even of passion-free images; this is found in those who have made their intellect a pure, transparent mirror of God through spiritual knowledge and contemplation. If, then, you have cleansed yourself from the committing of acts prompted by the passions, have freed yourself from mental assent to them, have put a stop to the stimulation of passionate desire, and have purged your intellect of even the passion-free images of what were once objects of the passions, you have attained the four general types of dispassion. You have emerged from the realm of matter and material things, and have entered the sphere of intelligible realities, noetic, tranquil and divine. 3.51

Isaiah the Solitary on Guarding the Senses, 27 Texts

22. Be attentive to yourself, so that nothing destructive can separate you from the love of God. Guard your heart, and do not grow listless and say: 'How shall I guard it, since I am a sinner?' For when a man abandons his sins and returns to God, his repentance regenerates him and renews him entirely.

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.

Dormition Forefeast, Troparion, tone 4

Clapping your hands with faith, O ye people, / Leap up in anticipation and assemble with love, / all rejoicing today and exclaiming with splendor; / for the Mother of God, whom we ever glorify with hymns as the Theotokos, // will gloriously pass over from those on earth to those on high.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Prophet Micah, Troparion, tone 2

As we celebrate the memory / of Thy Prophet Micah, O Lord, // through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.

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.

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.

Prophet Micah, Kontakion, tone 4

Thou wast enlightened with the Holy Spirit's beams, / setting forth in prophecy the condescension of Christ God, O blest Micah; / and by His grace / we who revere thee // are saved from eternal death.

Dormition Forefeast, Kontakion, tone 4

The universe, embroidered by the immaterial Spirit / for thy glorious memorial, / noetically crieth out to thee with gladness: / Rejoice, O Virgin, // thou boast of Christians!