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Bulletin for Sunday, October 9th, 2016

Schedule of Services

October 9nd Sunday, 16th after Pentecost, tone 7 St. Tikhon

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Meeting of the Myrrhbearers

4:00 p.m. Vespers (Synaxis of the Elders of Optina)

October 10th Monday Optina Elders

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

October 12th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 13th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 14th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:30 p.m. Vespers (*Confession at 6:00 by appointment*)

7:30 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 301: Lord's Prayer

October 15th Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 16th Sunday, 17th after Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 103

Isaiah the Solitary on Guarding the Senses, 27 Texts

26. At the time of prayer, we should expel from our heart the provocation of each evil thought, rebutting it in a spirit of devotion so that we do not prove to be speaking to God with our lips, while pondering wicked thoughts in our heart. God will not accept from the hesychast a prayer that is turbid and careless, for everywhere Scripture tells us to guard the soul's organs of perception. If a monk submits his will to the law of God, then his intellect will govern in accordance with this law all that is subordinate to itself. It will direct as it should all the soul's impulses, especially its incensive power and desire, for these are subordinate to it. We have practiced virtue and done what is right, turning our desire towards God and His will, and directing our incensive power, or wrath, against the devil and sin. What then do we still lack? Inward meditation.

Announcements for October 9

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 building fund.

Temple Oil offered in memory of William Frederick.

Civil Strife: Our land is wracked with division and civil strife. Between now and the election, we'll pray for our land liturgically in at least two ways: 1. by serving the Lita as part of Vigil every week, and 2. by adding petitions and a prayer to the Sunday Divine Liturgy from the "Molieben for the Salvation of Our Land and the Appeasing in it of Discord and Strife." We may also schedule the Molieben itself to be served in full.

The Myrrhbearers will meet today during coffee hour. This is our local ministry of Christian burial. All who are interested, both old members and new are invited to attend today in the church when the bell rings. The topic will be "How Orthodox Christians Can Give a Christian Ending to Their Non-Orthodox Kin".

The Annual Meeting was held last week and a new budget approved. The meeting delegated the appointing of a parish lay representative and an audit committee to the council.

Parish Council for the next year will consist of Subdeacon Anthony Stokes, Reader Michael Rehmet, George Rovny, Shane Maximus Gibson, and Jordan Boris Rovny.

The Life Chain demonstration went well. It was peaceful and generally well received. A couple of us took part. Participants from other Christian groups were glad for the presence of the Orthodox.

New Icons adorn our church. Look to find icons of the Prophet Elijah and St. Moses the Black. We also have a new censer without bells—all gifts. May God bless the givers.

Classes This Week

Friday: Basics of Orthodoxy 301 7:30- 8:45, the "Our Father". This 'advanced' level Basics Class over the course of ten weeks will consider the meaning of the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, drawing on the writings of the Fathers and St. Maximus' work on the Our Father. Fr. Justin

Next Sunday: Basics of Orthodoxy 103 will begin meeting this fall to read and discuss the Longer Catechism of the Eastern Orthodox Church, written by St. Philaret of Moscow. Reader Michael Rehmet will conduct the class.

The Annual All Saints Party will be held Monday evening, October 31. Start planning now.

Parish Thanksgiving: As we have dropped our Labor Day picnics in recent years and in the interest of a coming together as a community before the Nativity Fast, the priest would like to see us organize an annual gathering the Sunday before the Nativity Fast (Nov 13 this year), as a combination of a parish Thanksgiving meal/picnic/festival. Please see Fr. Justin with ideas and your interest.

Poetry and Port: Fr. Justin will host a modest gathering to discuss the poem "Choruses from the Rock" by T. S. Eliot over port at his house Monday, October 24, at 7:30. Please let Fr. Justin know if you are interested in coming and then read the poem ahead of time.

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.

Last week, we gave \$1541.72 in tithes and offerings. Our monthly budget is \$11,250. Candles \$107.50, Special Offering for seminarian \$95, Building Fund \$200. Attendance: Liturgy 102, Vigil 26.

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 Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph. Remember Eugene and Rachel Hollembeak as Eugene (Rick) is in the hospital.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

1.1 Love is a holy state of the soul, disposing it to value knowledge of God above all created things. We cannot attain lasting possession of such love while we are still attached to anything worldly.

1.2 Dispassion engenders love, hope in God engenders dispassion, and patience and forbearance engender hope in God; these in turn are the product of complete self-control, which itself springs from fear of God. Fear of God is the result of faith in God.

1.3 If you have faith in the Lord you will fear punishment, and this fear will lead you to control the passions. Once you control the passions you will

accept affliction patiently, and through such acceptance you will acquire hope in God. Hope in God separates the intellect from every worldly attachment, and when the intellect is detached in this way it will acquire love for God.

Troparia and Kontakia for October 9th



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.

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. Tikhon, Troparion, tone 5

Sent forth to the New World as a shepherd of the flock, / thou wast called back to the old, / to take up the Cross as a staff / and from wolves and faithless shepherds to defend the Church; / and after thee, the sheep of Christ knew no shepherd to be true / who kept not thy good confession, / wherein, O Tikhon, preserve us unharmed throughout our earthly pilgrimage.

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 6

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. Tikhon, Kontakion, tone 4

The most holy Patriarch, / venerable Tikhon, the Confessor of the Faith, / hath gained from Christ the crown of life; / for he did labor with godly zeal // and strove till death in defence of the Church of Christ.