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Bulletin for Sunday, October 30th, 2016

Schedule of Services

October 30th Sunday, 19th after Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 103

October 31st Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. All-Saints Party

November 1st Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

November 2nd Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:45 p.m. Class: New Testament Survey

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 3rd Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

November 4th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 5th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 6th Sunday, 20th after Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 103

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

2. Just as a good act performed without genuine faith is quite dead and ineffective, so too faith alone without works of righteousness does not save us from eternal fire; for 'he who loves Me', says the Lord, 'will keep My commandments', (cf. John 14:45, 23). If, then, we love the Lord and believe in Him, we shall exert ourselves to fulfill His commandments, so as to be granted eternal life. But how can we call ourselves faithful if we neglect to keep His ordinances, which all creation obeys, and if, although we have been honored above all creation, we are the only creatures who disobey the Creator and show ourselves ungrateful to our Benefactor?

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Announcements for October 30

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 also invite you to go first through the food line.

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 St. Sava's Mission for their building fund.

Temple Oil offered in memory of Nikolay Gluschekno and William Frederick.

The Annual All Saints Party will be held tomorrow evening including Vespers at 5:00, a potluck supper at 5:45, the presentation of saints at 6:30, and games from 7:15 to 8:00. Be ready with your saint's costume and the clues to your identity.

Classes This Week

Sunday 11:30: Basics of Orthodoxy 103 is reading and discussing the Longer Catechism of the Eastern Orthodox Church, written by St. Philaret of Moscow. Reader Michael Rehmet conducts the class. The text may be found at

http://www.pravoslavieto.com/docs/eng/Orthodox_Catechism_of_Philaret.htm

Wednesday 5:45: A Survey of the Epistles of the New Testament. This week we'll examine First & Second Thessalonians.

The Feast Day for Holy Archangels Monastery will be celebrated November 7-8 this year (Monday-Tuesday) with Little Vespers Monday at 4:00 p.m., Supper at 4:30, Vigil at 6:00, Hours 8:30 Tuesday morning, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:00.

Time Change: The curiously named "Daylight Saving Time" comes to an end next Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour to Central Standard Time next Saturday before bed lest you arrive at church an hour early.

Parish Thanksgiving: We will celebrate Thanksgiving as a parish Sunday, November 13 with a Thanksgiving meal at 3:00 p.m. followed by games (inside or out) and other picnic-type fun. Please sign up with what you will bring. The parish will provide a couple turkeys.

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 \$1926.74; this month we have given \$13,673.20 in tithes and offerings. Our monthly budget is \$11,250. Candles \$79, Special Offering for Prison Ministry \$83.26, Building Fund \$45. 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 the 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. Please keep Eugene (Rick) and Nancy (Rachel) Hollembeak in your prayers.

Civil Strife: Our land is wracked with division and civil strife. Between now and the election, we'll pray for our land liturgically by serving the Litia at Vigil every week and adding petitions and a prayer to the Sunday Divine Liturgy (*See Oct 16 Bulletin for text*).

Special Offerings will generally follow this schedule in months ahead: first Sunday of the month, for a seminarian; second, for local charity or alms; third, for our building fund or for a monastery; fourth, for Fr. Seraphim Holland's prison ministry; fifth, for a mission parish.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

1.13. The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they amend their lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds.

1.14 A soul filled with thoughts of sensual desire and hatred is unpurified.

1.15 If we detect any trace of hatred in our hearts against any man whatsoever for committing any fault, we are utterly estranged from love for God, since love for God absolutely precludes us from hating any man.

1.16 He who loves Me, says the Lord, will keep My commandments (cf. John 14:15, 23); and 'this is My commandment, that you love one another' (John 15:12). Thus he who does not love his neighbor fails to keep the commandment, and so cannot love the Lord.

