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Bulletin for Sunday, November 6th, 2016

Schedule of Services

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

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 103

12:30 p.m. Mission Council

November 9th Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Class: New Testament Survey: I, II Corinthians

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 10th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

November 11th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 12th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 13th Sunday, 21st after Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 103

3:00 p.m. Parish Thanksgiving Meal

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

3. When we keep Christ's commandments we do not benefit Him in any way, since He is in need of nothing and is the Bestower of every blessing. It is ourselves that we benefit, since we win for ourselves eternal life and the enjoyment of ineffable blessings.

4. If anyone whatsoever opposes us in the fulfillment of God's commandments, even if it is our father or mother, we ought to regard him with hatred and loathing, lest we be told: 'He who loves father or mother or anyone else whatsoever more than Me is not worthy of Me' (cf. Matt. 10:37).

Announcements for November 6

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 seminarian Daniel Greeson.

Temple Oil offered in memory of William Frederick.

Mission Council will meet briefly today after the Basics Class.

Many Thanks to all who worked to make the All-Saints festival a success.

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 Corinthians.

The Feast Day for Holy Archangels Monastery (20-year anniversary of founding) will be celebrated this (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.

Parish Thanksgiving: We will celebrate Thanksgiving as a parish next 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.

Commemorations: Please try to submit your Sunday commemorations Saturday night (or earlier) whenever you can.

The Nativity Fast begins November 15. Now is a good time to pick out some spiritual reading and make preparations to increase your prayer and almsgiving during the Fast.

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 \$919.30; in October, we also gave \$2756 electronically for a total of \$17,358.50 in tithes and offerings. Our monthly budget is \$11,250. Candles \$65, Special Offering for St. Sava's building fund \$95. Attendance: Liturgy 100, Vigil 32.

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

1.17 Blessed is he who can love all men equally.

1.18 Blessed is he who is not attached to anything transitory or corruptible.

1.19 Blessed is the intellect that transcends all sensible objects and ceaselessly delights in divine beauty.

1.20 If you make provision for the desires of the flesh (cf. Rom. 13:14) and bear a grudge against your neighbor on account of something transitory, you worship the creature instead of the Creator.

1.21 If you keep your body free from disease and sensual pleasure it will help you to serve what is more noble.

1.22 He who forsakes all worldly desires sets himself above all worldly distress.

1.23 He who loves God will certainly love his neighbor as well. Such a person cannot hoard money, but distributes it in a way befitting God, being generous to everyone in need.

