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## Bulletin for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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### Schedule of Services

#### **January 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Tone 7 New Martyrs of Russia**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **February 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:45 p.m. Class: NT Survey James

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **February 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Meeting of the Lord in the Temple**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **February 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Class: NT Survey James

6:30 p.m. Vespers

#### **February 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **February 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Tone 8 Publican & Pharisee**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

21. Faith is a quality inherent in our nature. It begets in us the fear of God; and fear of God instills that keeping of the commandments which constitutes the practice of the virtues. From such practice grows the precious flower of dispassion. The offspring of dispassion is love, which is the fulfillment of all the commandments (cf. Rom. 13:10), bidding and holding them in unity.

22. When the body's perception is sound one is aware of what sickness afflicts it, while if one is not aware one is a victim of obtuseness. Similarly, the intellect, as long as it preserves its own proper energy, is conscious of its powers and knows from where the tyrannizing passions enter it; and it makes a determined stand against them. But it is terrible to pass one's days in a state of oblivion, like one who fights by night, not being able to see the evil thoughts against which one is battling.

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## Announcements for January 29

**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. Arsenius Skete.

**Temple Oil** offered in memory William Frederick.

### Classes This Week.

Sunday: Basics of Orthodoxy 103, 11:45

Wednesday: NT Survey 5:45 p.m.: Philippians & Philemon

Friday: NT Survey 2:00 p.m.: Philippians & Philemon

**The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple**, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated this week with Vigil Wednesday evening at 7:00 and Divine Liturgy Thursday morning at 9:00. The faithful do well to keep the feast by attending the cycle of services for it. If you are healthy and not at work, you should be present for at least part of the cycle.

**Stick Fighting:** A reminder that this is no longer to be engaged in at church.

**Children & Candles:** We request that children not extinguish candles during the Divine Liturgy as it has become distracting and cause for competition. We ask that adults standing at the front do extinguish candles that burn within an inch of the top of the candle holder. No one should be lighting or extinguishing candles during the anaphora (from, after the Creed, the exclamation "Let us stand aright, let us stand with fear, let us attend, that we may offer the holy Oblation in peace" to the litany before the Lord's Prayer after the consecration of the Gifts). Thank you.

**The Parish Directory** is being updated, but a few of you have yet to fill out the information form. Please see Subdeacon Anthony Stokes—if you want your data to be correct.

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

**Congregational Singing:** The choir leads the congregation's singing. Please sing in such a way that you may hear and follow the choir.

**Forgiveness Sunday** comes five Sundays from today, February 26. Please put Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00 that day on your calendar and plan to come. All members should attend.

**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 about \$3500 in tithes and offerings. This month we have given \$8799.08; our monthly budget is \$11,250. Candles \$?; Building Fund \$5; Special Offering for Prison Ministry \$191.61. Attendance: Liturgy 93, Great Vespers 23; St. Maximus Liturgy 86, Vigil 42.

**Please Pray:** for catechumens the Wells family and Marsha Northam, our inquirers the Dean family, for David & Sally Roberts, and for the Jones family; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

1.73 Listen to the words of those who have been granted perfect love: 'What can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written, "For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded as sheep for slaughtering (Ps. 44:22). But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom. 8:35-39). Those who speak and act thus with regard to divine love are all saints.

1.74 Listen now to what they say about love for our neighbor: 'I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience also bears me witness in the Holy Spirit: I have great distress and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were severed from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites' (Rom. 9:1-3). Moses and the other saints speak in a similar manner.

## Troparia and Kontakia for January 29<sup>th</sup>



### 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.

### 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.

### New Martyrs of Russia, Troparion, tone 4

O ye holy hierarchs, royal passion bearers and pastors, / monks and laymen, ye countless new martyrs and confessors, / men, women, and children, / flowers of the spiritual meadow of Russia, / who blossomed forth wondrously in time of grievous persecutions, / bearing good fruit for Christ in your endurance: / Entreat Him as the One who planted you, / that He deliver His people from godless and evil men, / and that the Church of Russia / be made steadfast through your blood and suffering, // unto the salvation of 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.

### New Martyrs of Russia, Kontakion, tone 2

O ye new passion-bearers of Russia, / who have with you r confession finished the course of this earth, / receiving boldness through your sufferings: / Beseech Christ who strengthened you, / that we also, whenever the hour of trial find us, / may receive the gift of courage from God. / For ye are a model for us who venerate your struggle; / for neither tribulation, prison, nor death / could separate you from the love of God.