

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, May 31, 2009

Schedule of Services

May 31st Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 1st Monday

6:30 Matins

June 2nd Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Molieben, Family Morning

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

June 3rd Wednesday Leavetaking of Pascha

6:30 a.m. Matins

5:30 p.m. Adult Class: First John

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 5th Friday

7:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 6th Memorial Saturday

4:30 p.m. Pannikhida for the Departed

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 7th Holy Pentecost, Holy Trinity

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

6:00 p.m. Vespers with Kneeling Prayers

June 8th Monday

6:30 p.m. Vespers with St. Tikhon's Seminary Octet

God allows man various trials, illnesses, misfortunes, and other things, and from the people around us: slanders, curses, injustices; and we must accept them with patience, without distress, as a blessing. When someone treats us unjustly, we must rejoice and consider him who treated us unjustly as a great benefactor, because he makes possible the storing up of treasure in the life to come.

God provides many opportunities for us to gain Paradise, but we don't accept the opportunities, we chase them away. *Elder Paisios, Sayings 19, 20*

Announcements for May 31"

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation and church school for the children. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the table by the door. Be aware that shortly after the sermon, the catechumens, i.e., those preparing for Baptism & Chrismation, will be dismissed, but you are invited to stay for the rest of the service.

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). We should be modestly dressed and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading).

Please Move Forward during the Liturgy! **Please** try to be quiet afterwards while the Prayers of Thanksgiving are being read in the church, or better yet, stay for the prayers so you don't have to read them later at home.

The Special Freewill Offering today will be for our Library, next week for our Priest.

Holy Pentecost, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is celebrated next Sunday. Let us all make the effort to attend at least some of the Vigil for the Feast Saturday evening and to attend the Liturgy Sunday morning and to set our hearts on seeking the Lord that His Holy Spirit may be renewed in us in greater measure. The Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers will be served at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening. Everyone is urged to make the effort to be present.

The St. Tikhon's Octet will sing at St. Maximus Monday evening June 8 at 6:30 for Vespers and then a concert. A freewill offering for the seminary will be taken. Please come out and support our seminary!

Classes this Week:

Basics of Orthodoxy, Tuesday 7:00 p.m. The Creed "One Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God..."

First John, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Please Pray for our Catechumen: Thom Anderson, **our inquirers** John Parsons and Adam & Melanie Betz. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Nick Gluschenko recovering from open-heart surgery, and Nancy Rachel Saito visiting in California. Please remember Met. Jonah in your prayers, our Alaskan Seminarian Methodius Nicori, and for the nun Barbara as she labors to found a new monastery in our area.

Tuesday Mornings at St. Maximus: we are going to have a 9:00 a.m. service, usually an Akathist or Moleben lasting 25 minutes, occasionally a Divine Liturgy, followed by playtime for children and fellowship for parents. Thus this will be an opportunity for homeschooling families and families with children not yet in school to come together during the week. All are welcome.

Orthodox Summer Camp is coming up in one month at camp Grady Spruce on Possum Kingdom Lake, June 29 through July 3, ages 8-18. Registration closes June 22. Cost \$260. Go to <http://www.stgeorgepantry.org/summercamp1.html> for registration forms; call Fr. John Anderson at St. Seraphim's cathedral (214) 528-3741 for more information. Make payment checks out to St. Seraphim Cathedral, earmarked "Summer Camp" and mail payment along with registration packet forms to Fr. John Anderson, c/o St. Seraphim Orthodox Cathedral, 4112 Throckmorton, Dallas, TX 75219.

Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, June 7. From Ascension on (May 28) we use the troparion for Ascension in place of the Paschal Troparion.

We do no prostrations until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

Tithes, Offerings & Attendance: Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God, which also 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 throughout Denton County and north Texas. Checks should be made out to St. Maximus Orthodox Church and placed in the basket on the candle table, where there is also a box for alms (those in need) and a box for the building fund.

Last week, we gave \$1444.60 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$5314.20 our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$39; Bookstore \$23; Building fund \$75; Special Offering for Alaskan Seminarian \$31. May God bless your faithful giving!
Attendance: Vigil 15; Liturgy 58.

From Saint Maximus

The mind falls from familiarity with God whenever it consorts with wicked and foul thoughts.

When the senseless man who is driven by his passions is moved by anger and becomes troubled, he will be eager to flee foolishly from

the brethren. But when he is aroused by concupiscence, he regrets this and runs back to them. The sensible man does the opposite in both situations. In time of anger he cuts off the causes of disorder and frees himself from grief toward the brethren; in time of concupiscence he controls any irrational impulse and relationship.

400 Chapters on Love, 1.50-51

Troparia and Kontakia for May 31st



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

Ascension, Troparion, tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / that Thou art the Son of God, / the Redeemer of the world.

Fathers, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Fathers, Kontakion, tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; / great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

Ascension, Kontakion, tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, / and unite earth to heaven; / Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love Thee, / but remaining with them and crying: / I am with you and no one will be against you!