

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 7, 2009

Schedule of Services

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 Matins

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

June 9th Tuesday Third Day of the Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Akathist, Family Morning

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

June 10th Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

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

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 12th Friday

7:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 13th Saturday Leavetaking of Pentecost

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 14th Sunday All Saints

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

Lt us not trust ourselves. Self confidence is a great obstacle to Divine Grace. We should have absolute trust only in God. When we entrust every thing to Him, God is obliged to help us.

Live in constant glorification and thanksgiving to God, because the greatest sin in ungratefulness, and the worst sinner, the ungrateful person.

Time has been give us by God to make good use of it, to struggle constantly for the salvation of our souls.

Elder Paisios, Sayings 21, 24, 25

Announcements for June 7th

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 Priest, next week for debt reduction.

Holy Pentecost, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, is celebrated today. 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 for this important service as we kneel together for the first time since Holy Week in order to implore the Lord to deliver our souls from captivity to sin and the corrupting pleasures of this world, to purify us by the Holy Spirit, to strengthen us to delight in the treasures to come, and to show us the way wherein we should walk as we enter the season of Pentecost, the time of the Church's mission in the world.

The Mission Council will meet today following Coffee Hour. All are welcome to attend. Council members are: Dax Stokes, Derek Sancer, Patrick St. Jean, Frieda Gluschenko, Anna Stokes, Louise Newcomb, and Fr. Justin.

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 Article 3 The Humanity of Christ.

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

Please Pray for our Catechumen: Thom Anderson, and for the Birthisel family who will be received into the Church on June 21, for **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 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 Molieben lasting 25 minutes or so, 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. Our first Tuesday saw more than 20 in attendance.

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.

Pentecost

We resume saying the prayer to the Holy Spirit "O Heavenly King" with the Vigil of Pentecost, and we resume making prostrations with our prayers and in church with the kneeling prayers of Pentecost Vespers.

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 \$1046.31 in tithes and offerings; in May we gave 6131.01 our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$56.60; Bookstore \$28; Building fund \$70; Special Offering for Library \$33; Special Gifts \$250. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 12; Liturgy 51. Avg. Sundry attendance in May: 50; May 2008: 42.

