

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 14, 2009

Schedule of Services

**June 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday All Saints**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**June 15<sup>th</sup> Monday**

6:30 Matins

**June 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. Molieben to St. Maximus, Family Morning

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

**June 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:30 a.m. Matins

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

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**June 19<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**June 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**June 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday All Saints of North America**

8:45 a.m. Chrismation of Birthisels

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayer sets man free, releasing him from servitude both to external nature and to himself. Prayer keeps the soul open to God as Person. The man who does not pray remains a slave, enclosed in the complex mechanisms of the natural world and of the movements of his own passions, by which he is dominated even more than by the world outside.

The refusal to grant forgiveness or to ask for it keeps our soul in a state of rigidity. If we retain the memory of a wrong done to us, it lodges in us as an impurity; it festers in us continually, and its loathsome smell pervades our whole being. The false lights or shadows of this poisonous matter obstruct our vision and we cannot look at the other with purity. In this situation we cannot love the other, neither can the other love us. *Dmitru Staniloae, Prayer and Holiness*

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## Announcements for June 14<sup>th</sup>

**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 debt reduction, next week for the new women's monastery.

**A Financial Management Class** is being considered for this fall. The class would last ten weeks, would cost \$55 for a couple, \$45 for a single (for materials), and would be limited to five couples (or ten persons). The materials look excellent. The class is highly recommended for young couples and singles. It will give them Christian principles to guide their finances and many practical worksheets to help them carry them out. Please see Fr. Justin if you are interested.

### Classes this Week:

Basics of Orthodoxy, Tuesday 7:00 p.m. The Creed Article 4 The Ministry 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 having 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 is an opportunity for homeschooling families and families with children not yet in school to come together during the week. All are welcome.

**Fr. Justin on Vacation:** Fr. Justin and his family will be gone from June 29 until July 17, missing two Sundays, July 5 & 12. Fr. John Anderson and Fr. Joseph Fester will be subbing those weekends respectively. If will want or need a confession with Fr. Justin before he leaves, you have two weeks. The substitute priests will be available to hear confessions in Fr. Justin's absence, if anyone has need.

**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.

**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 \$2072.66 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$39; Bookstore \$117; Building fund \$0; Special Gifts \$322.50. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 18; Liturgy 57. As of the end of May, we owe \$105,989.91 to the Diocese on our mortgage.

### From Saint Maximus

If 'love is the fullness of the law,' how can the one who keeps a grudge against his brother and sets a trap for him and curses him and rejoices over his misfortune be anything but a transgressor and liable to eternal punishment?

If 'the one who slanders his brother and judges his brother slanders and judges the law,' and the law of Christ is love, how does the slanderer do anything but fall away from the love of Christ and become the cause of his own eternal punishment?

Do not lend your ear to the slanderer's tongue nor your tongue to the fault-finder's ear by readily speaking or listening to anything against your neighbor. Otherwise you will fall away from divine love and be found excluded from eternal life.

Do not allow any abuse of your father or encourage anyone who dishonors him, let the Lord become angry at your deeds and destroy you utterly from the land of the living.

Silence the one who is slandering in your hearing lest you commit a double sin with him: by accustoming yourself to this deadly vice and by not restraining him from foolish talk against his neighbor.

*400 Chapters on Love, 1.56-60*



### Troparia and Kontakia for June 14<sup>th</sup>



#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

#### **All Saints, Troparion, tone 4**

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world, / Thy Church as in purple and fine linen / through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God; / Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; / grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

**Glory... Now and ever...**

#### **All Saints, Kontakion, tone 8**

All the world doth offer unto Thee, O Lord, as to creation's Planter, / the God-bearing Martyrs as nature's first fruits for they bare witness unto Thee. / Thus preserve Thou Thy Church in the profoundest peace by their entreaties, O Savior, / through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.