

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 21, 2009

Schedule of Services

June 21st Sunday All Saints of North America

8:45 a.m. Chrismation of Birthisels

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 22nd Monday

6:30 Matins

June 23rd Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Akathist, Family Morning

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

June 24th Wednesday St. John the Baptist

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 26th Friday

7:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 20th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 28th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

We can never secure our own freedom by dominating others. There is no true freedom in isolation; if a man entrenches himself in isolation, there he remains, for it is impossible for any one to free himself from himself. Wanting to be lord over himself, man then finds that he is subject to himself; similarly, in his relationship with nature, wanting to lord it over the natural world, he becomes its slave. Certainly man must be over nature, but that is a very different thing from the passionate desire to dominate it; man is lord of nature, indeed, only when he is free in relation to it.

Dmitru Staniloae, *Prayer and Holiness*

Announcements for June 21st

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 the new women's monastery, next week for our Alaskan seminarian.

Many Years! to the Joseph and Lauren (Svetlana) Birthisel and their children Noah, Mimi (Magdalena) Daniel, Anna, Ellis, and Basil on their reception into the Holy Orthodox Church.

A Blessed Father' Day to all our fathers. Let us honor them and pray for them!

Our Permanent Altar is now in place, to be consecrated when we get our church built, and the church and priest are adorned with green vestments. May the Lord bless those whose gifts has made possible this beautification of the Lord's House.

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, for **our inquirers** John Parsons and Adam & Melanie Betz. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Nick Gluschenko, 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 \$872.20 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$2944.86; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$74.50; Bookstore \$46.25; Building fund \$50; Special Gifts \$50.99. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 16; Liturgy 55.

From Saint Maximus

“But I say to you,” the Lord says, “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you.” Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hate, sadness, anger, and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all men in imitation of God, who loves all men equally and “wills that they be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.”

“But I tell you not to resist evil, but should anyone strike you on the right cheek turn to him the other as well. And if anyone wants to go to court with you and take your tunic, offer him your coat as well; and if one forces you to go one mile, go two with him.” Why is this? To keep you free from anger and sadness and to instruct him through your forbearance and to bring you both in His goodness, under the yoke of His love.

400 Chapters on Love, 1.61-62

Troparia and Kontakia for June 21st



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

All Saints of North America, Troparion, Feast, tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them./By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace/through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Glory... Now and ever...

All Saints of North America, Kontakion, tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God / in the lands of North America / now stand before us in the Church / and invisibly pray to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ / keep festive with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.