

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, July 5, 2009

Schedule of Services

July 5th Sunday New Martyr Elizabeth of Moscow

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 8th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 10th Friday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 11th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 12th Sunday Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 15th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 17th Friday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 18th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession (*Fr. Justin will be back*)

July 19th Sunday St. Seraphim of Sarov

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

If we give priority to the spiritual, we shall have no trouble with material things, since the lovingkindness of God provides us with abundant comfort in these matters. But if we grow careless of the spiritual and are eager only for material things, and, taking no account of the soul, we continually involve ourselves in what concerns our daily life, we lose the spiritual things without gaining any greater wealth of material goods. I exhort you, therefore: let us not reverse the proper order. *St. John Chrysostom, Eighth Baptismal Instruction*

For someone to believe in Christ entails their waiting on Christ, and only on Christ, with every event of their lives. *St. Justin of Cheliye, Inward Mission of our Church*

Announcements for July 5th

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** be quiet in the Narthex 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.

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.

No Classes until the last week of July

Please Pray for our Catechumen: Thom Anderson, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Adam & Melanie Betz, and Robert & Elisabeth Terry. 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.

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 substituting those weekends respectively and will be available to hear confessions in Fr. Justin's absence if anyone has need.

In Case of Emergency: Please call one of the following local priests in case of spiritual or other emergency while Fr. Justin is gone:

Fr. Michael Storozuk (Denison, lives in Colony) (469) 688-7644; Fr. Seraphim Hipsh (Plano) (972) 836-5790; Fr. Joseph Fester (Dallas) (972) 251-0888 or (214) 522-4149; Fr. John Anderson (Dallas) (214) 528-3741; or Fr. Basil Zebrun (FW) (817) 798-8967.

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 \$568.24 in tithes and offerings; in June, we gave \$4220.22; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$28.50; Bookstore \$75; Building fund \$19; Special Gifts \$333.50, Seminarian offering \$34. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 8; Liturgy 50; Sunday average in June 58; one year ago 47. Historically our giving tends to go down in the summers, but our bills remain constant or go higher. Please don't let this be the case due to neglect.

From Saint Maximus

Never strike any of the brothers, especially not without reason, lest sometime he not endure the trial and go away. For then you will never escape the reproof of your conscience, always bringing you sadness in the time of prayer and excluding your mind from familiarity the God.

Do not tolerate suspicions or people that would be occasions of scandal for you against anyone. For those who take scandal in any way from things which happen, intentionally or unintentionally, do not know the way of peace, which through love brings those who long for it to the knowledge of God.

The one who is still affected by human judgments does not yet have perfect love, as for example when he loves one and hates another for one reason or another; or even when he loves and then hates the same person for the same reasons.

Perfect love does not split up the one nature of man on the basis of their various dispositions but ever looking steadfastly at it, it loves all men equally, those who are zealous as friends, those who are negligent as enemies. It is good to them and forbearing and puts up with what they do. It does not think evil at all but rather suffers for them, if occasions requires, in order that it may even make them

friends if possible. If not, it does not fall away from its own intentions as it ever manifests the fruit of love equally for all men. In this way also our Lord and God Jesus Christ, manifesting his love for us, suffered for all mankind and granted to all equally the hope of resurrection, though each one renders himself worthy either of glory or of punishment.

400 Chapters on Love, i.68-71

Troparia and Kontakia for July 5th



Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.

/ From the womb of hell hath He delivered us, // and hath granted 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 Martyr Elizabeth, Troparion...tone 4

Causing meekness, humility and love to dwell in thy soul, / Thou didst earnestly serve the suffering, O holy passion-bearer Princess Elizabeth; / Wherefore, with faith thou didst endure sufferings and death for Christ, / with the martyr Barbara. // With her pray for all who honor you with love.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. /

Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8

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 Martyr Elizabeth, Kontakion... tone 4

Taking up the Cross of Christ, / thou didst pass from royal glory to the glory of heaven, / praying for thine enemies, O holy martyred Princess Elizabeth; / and with the martyr Barbara thou didst find everlasting joy. // Therefore, pray ye in behalf of our souls.