

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, July 12, 2009

Schedule of Services

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

July 19th Sunday St. Seraphim of Sarov

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 22nd Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 24th Friday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 25th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 26th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

A brother asked Abba Sisoës, 'What shall I do, abba, for I have fallen?' The old man said to him, 'Get up again.' The brother said, 'I have got up again, but I have fallen again.' The old man said, 'Get up again and again.' So then the brother said, 'How many times?' The old man said, 'Until you are taken up either in virtue or in sin. For a man presents himself to judgment in the state in which he is found.'

Sayings of the Desert Fathers, Sisoës 38

All virtue is found in moderation, and any declension to either side of it becomes a vice. He, in fact, who grasps the middle point between doing too little and doing too much has hit the distinction between vice and virtue. *St. Gregory of Nyssa, On Virginity 8*

Announcements for July 12th

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 debt reduction, next week for our building fund.

A Financial Management Class is being considered for this fall. The class lasts ten weeks beginning in September and ending before Thanksgiving, costs \$55 for a couple, \$45 for a single (for materials), and is 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 this 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.

Our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). In past years, our giving has fallen off during the summer while our bills remain constant or higher. May God bless your faithful giving!

From Saint Maximus

The one who does not disdain glory and dishonor, riches and poverty, pleasure and pain, does not yet possess perfect love. For perfect love disdains not only these things but also this very transitory life.

The one who does not disdain glory and pleasure and greed which increases them and which is in turn produced by them cannot cut away the occasions of anger. And the one who does not cut them away cannot attain perfect love.

Humility and distress free man from every sin, the former by cutting out the passions of the soul, the latter those of the body. The blessed David shows that he did this in one of his prayers to God, "Look upon my humility and my trouble and forgive all my sins."

By means of the commandments the Lord renders detached those who carry them out; by means of the divine doctrines he bestows on them the enlightenment of knowledge.

All doctrines are concerned either with God or with visible and invisible things or with Providence and judgment about them.

Almsgiving heals the irascible part of the soul; fasting extinguishes the concupiscible part, and prayer purifies the mind and prepares it for the contemplation of reality. For the powers of the soul the Lord has granted us the commandments as well

400 Chapters on Love, 1.72, 75-79

Troparia and Kontakia for July 12th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting 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.

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our Fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

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.

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Kontakion, tone 8

The preaching of the Apostles and the dogmas of the Fathers / sealed the one Faith of the Church; / and clad in the robe of Truth woven of theology from on high, / it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.