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Bulletin for Sunday, August 9, 2009

Schedule of Services

**August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday St. Herman of Alaska**

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**August 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fast**

7:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Molieben, Family Gathering

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class Basics of Orthodoxy

**August 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday St. Maximus *Fish, Wine, Oil***

8:15 a.m. Matins

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Ninth-Day Pannikhida for Nicholas Gluschenko

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**August 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday Leavetaking of Transfiguration**

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**August 14<sup>th</sup> Friday Fast**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday Holy Dormition**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Men Depart for Holy Archangels Monastery

“Elder, why does God allow righteous and virtuous people to suffer from dreadful illnesses?” “In order to be cleansed even from the least traces of their passions and to gain a greater crown in heaven. Furthermore, since He allowed His beloved Son to suffer and to die upon the Cross, what can we say for the people, who, no matter how holy they are, have filth and spots from sins?”

*Elder Epiphanius of Greece (+1989)*

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## Announcements for August 9<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 be quiet** in the Narthex afterwards while the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion 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.

**Temple Oil** given for the health of James Anderson and Paul Guzik.

**Memory Eternal** to newly-reposed in the Lord Nicholas Gluschenko who died on August 4. May his memory be eternal!

**The Ninth Day Memorial** for Nicholas Gluschenko will be served this Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. All welcome.

**The Summer Feast of St. Maximus**, our patronal saint, will be observed this Tuesday evening with Vespers and Wednesday morning with Matins at 8:00 and Divine Liturgy at 9:30. We have invited area clergy and faithful to attend and so will need some help in putting out fast-worthy food for after the Liturgy. Fish, wine, and oil are permitted for our parish on this day to help us keep the feast!

**The Dormition of the Theotokos**, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated this Friday evening with Vigil at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Saturday morning at 9:00. We do well to keep the Feast by attending as much of the cycle of services as we can. The Dormition Fast ends after Liturgy Saturday morning. This week is an excellent time for any who have not made a recent Confession or Communion to do so.

### **Classes this Week**

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox, Creed Article 9: The One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church.  
Wednesday, no class due to feast of St. Maximus

**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.

**The Dormition Fast** runs through the until Saturday, August 15. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, and marital relations in order to give ourselves more fully to prayer, seeking God, almsgiving, spiritual reading, and repentance. See your priest if you have any questions about the fast. Let us with God's help make this a time of seeking renewal from above and refreshment in our Faith.

**The Men's Retreat** at Holy Archangels' Monastery runs next Sunday August 16 through Wednesday August 19. If you wish to go you must let Father Justin know by Wednesday.

**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 \$1445 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$37.50; Bookstore \$56; Building fund \$100; building fund loan repayment \$200; Special Gifts \$125. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 25, Liturgy 54.

### **From Saint Maximus**

Some owners have possessions without attachment, and thus do not grieve when they are deprived of them, as those who accepted with joy the seizure of their goods. But others possess with attachment and become filled with grief when about to be deprived, like the one in the Gospel who went away sad; and if they are deprived, they grieve until death. So it is that deprivation attests the condition of whether one is detached or attached.

*400 Chapters on Love, 1.89*

## Troparia and Kontakia for August 9<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.

### Transfiguration, Troparion, tone 7

Thou wast transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ God, / showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / make Thine everlasting light shine also upon us sinners. / O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

### St Herman, Torparion

O righteous Father Herman of Alaska / North Star of Christ's holy Church, / the light of thy holy life and great deeds / guideth those that follow the Orthodox way. / Together we lift high the holy Cross, / which thou didst plant firmly in America. / Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, / singing his holy Resurrection.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

### St. Herman, Kontakion, tone 8

O beloved of the Mother of God, who received the tonsure at Valaam, / new zealot of the struggles of the desert-dwellers of old: / wielding prayer as a spear and shield, thou didst show thyself to be terrible to demons and pagan darkness. / Wherefore, we cry out to thee: // O venerable Herman, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved!

### Transfiguration, Kontakion, tone 7

Upon the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they would behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world / that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.