

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 16, 2009

Schedule of Services

August 16th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

August 19th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 20th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 21st Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, Dallas*

August 22nd Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 23rd Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

When someone is free, he has rights and obligations. When he gets married, he has few rights and very many obligations. When, however, he obtains children, also, he has no rights, but only obligations.

“Do much prayer for the matter of the flesh [sexual temptation]. This sin enters by the barrel and leaves by the pin hole. Much guarding is needed from everywhere and always.

I would be falling [to the above] also, even at my age, if in confession I did not keep strictness and distance. God’s grace keeps us. If we get too bold, O woe unto us!

The finding of a suitable person for marriage is a matter for the knees (prayer).
Elder Epiphanius of Greece (+1989)

Announcements for August 16th

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 the new women's monastery, next week for St. Nicholas ROCOR, McKinney. Let us see if we can purchase at least another square foot's worth of church for them (\$130). They are building now.

Temple Oil given for the health Paul Guzik.

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

No Classes this Week

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 Men's Retreat at Holy Archangels' Monastery runs today, August 16 through Wednesday evening, August 19.

The Labor Day Picnic will be held Monday September 7 at noon, following Liturgy at 10. Start to plan what food or drink you will bring and whom you will invite. As the next day is the Nativity of the Theotokos, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, Great Vespers for the Feast will be served that afternoon at 5:00 in preparation for Liturgy the next morning.

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, October 4. at 11:30 We ask that all members plan to attend this meeting. To be able to vote on any motions, one must be an Orthodox Christian who has expressed a desire to be a member of the parish, has participated in the Sacraments of Confession and Communion within the past year, and supports the parish financially (no prescribed level, left to priest's discretion to determine per the decision of last year's annual meeting, but the assumption is regular, consistent support in proportion to one's means.) Others are welcome sit in the meeting and participate as recognized by the chair, but may not make motions or vote. If you are arrived at the parish since last year's meeting and wish to be a member of the parish, or if you have any questions about your standing, please see Fr. Justin.

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 \$4152.93 in tithes and offerings; in August we have given \$5597.93; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$57.50; Bookstore \$14.50; Building fund \$100; debt reduction, \$16; Special Gifts \$175. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 12, Liturgy 73.

From Saint Maximus

Just as the beauty of visible things attracts the eye of sense, so also the knowledge of invisible things attracts the pure mind to itself; by invisible things I mean those without a body.

It is a great thing not to be affected by things; but it is much greater to remain detached from the thought of them. Therefore, the demons' battle against us through thoughts is more severe than that through deeds.

The one who has had success with the virtues and has become rich in knowledge as at last discerning things by their nature does and considers everything according to right reason and is in no way misled. For it is on the basis of whether we make use of things rationally or irrationally that we become either virtuous or wicked.

400 Chapters on Love, 1.90-92

Troparia and Kontakia for August 16th



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.

Mandylion, 'Made without Hands', Troparion, tone 2

We venerate Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, / asking pardon of our offenses, O Christ God. / For thou wast pleased of Thy good will to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / to deliver those whom thou hadst fashioned from bondage to the enemy. / Wherefore, in thanksgiving, we cry out to Thee, / with joy hast Thou filled all things, O our Savior, having come to save the world.

Dormition Troparion, tone 1

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity, / in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O thou who art the Mother of Life, / and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

Mandylion, 'Made without Hands', Kontakion, tone 2

Uncircumscribed Word of the Father, / as we behold the victorious image of Thy true incarnation, / not made by hands, but divinely wrought / in Thine ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, // we honor it with veneration.

Dormition, Kontakion, tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life / by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.