

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 23, 2009

Schedule of Services

August 23rd Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Women's Tea

August 25th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Akathist

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox: Creed Eschatology

August 26th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

12:00 p.m. Bible Study: First John

7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 27th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 28th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 29th Saturday Beheading of John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 30th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

People have many faults and idiosyncrasies. To correct them all is impossible. So, there is no other choice, no other solution than for us to learn to forbear and put up with them all.

I am not afraid for the humble-minded person. Even if he commits the worst and foulest sins, God in the end will have mercy on him. Humility never loses.

Elder Epiphanius of Greece (+1989)

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Announcements for August 23rd

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 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!

Classes this Week

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed: Second Coming, Resurrection from the Dead, Life of Age to Come.

Wednesday, noon: Bible Study, First John

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 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 \$1154.38 in tithes and offerings; in August we have given \$6752.31; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$39.50; Bookstore \$25; Building fund \$0; Special Gifts \$25. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 12, Liturgy 43.

From Saint Maximus

Through the working out of the commandments, the mind puts off the passions. Through the spiritual contemplation of visible realities, it puts off impassioned thoughts of things. Through the knowledge of invisible realities, it puts off the contemplation of visible things. And finally, this it puts off through the knowledge of the Holy Trinity.

We do not know God from His being but from His magnificent works and His Providence for beings. Through these as through mirrors we perceive His infinite goodness and wisdom and power.

The mind which dallies on a thing of sense [a part of creation perceived by the five senses] certainly has some passion about it, such as desire or sorrow or anger or resentment; and unless he disdains the thing he cannot be freed from the passion.

400 Chapters on Love, 1.94, 96; 2.2

Troparia and Kontakia for August 23rd



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

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 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

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.

