

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, September 13, 2009

Schedule of Services

September 13th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vigil

September 14th Monday Elevation of the Cross Fast

9:00 a.m. Liturgy

September 15th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox: Divine Liturgy Great Litany 2

September 16th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

12:30 p.m. Bible Study: First John

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

September 18th Friday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

September 19th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 20th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Leaving for High School one day, the young Epiphanius told his Aunt Alexandra: "Aunt, from today, no more meat! Please fix something else for lunch." His aunt paid no attention to his words, considering them a passing oddity, and she prepared meatballs, which—it should be noted—he liked a lot! As soon as he returned at noon and saw the meatballs, he told his Aunt: "Didn't I tell you, Aunt, to fix me something else, because from today I am stopping meat?" "Oh, well, my dear child, what could I cook now? I decided to make meatballs since I already had the hamburger. Eat now, and tomorrow you can stop eating meat." "No, aunt! When we say something, we must keep it!" And from that day, without eating the already prepared meatballs, he ceased eating meat, a practice he kept till his death.

Elder Epiphanius of Greece (+1989)

Announcements for September 13th

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 our Alaskan seminarian.

Church School meets after Liturgy today for children and youth.

Classes this Week

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Divine Liturgy Line-by-Line: the Great Litany part 2 and the Antiphons.

Wednesday, 12:30: Bible Study, First John.

Please Pray for our Catechumen: Thom Anderson, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Mary Moses, Adam & Melanie Betz, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Clair, and Ken & Pam Northam and their daughters Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Georgii. Please remember Met. Jonah in your prayers, and the nun Barbara.

The Elevation of the Cross, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated this week with Vigil with Lita and veneration of the Cross tonight at 7:00, and Divine Liturgy Monday at 9:00 a.m. (The Feast itself is observed as a strict fast day.) We do well to celebrate the Feasts by attending at least a part of the cycle of services.

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 \$1410 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$6218 (\$1554 per week). Candles \$38; Bookstore \$49; Building fund \$20; Special Gifts \$430. May God bless your faithful giving!
Attendance: Vigil 14, Liturgy 67.

From Saint Maximus

Whatever anyone loves he surely holds on to, and looks down on everything that hinders his way to it so as not to be deprived of it. And the one who loves God cultivates pure prayer and throws off from himself every passion which hinders him.

The one who throws off self-love, the mother of the passions, will very easily with God's help put aside the others, such as anger, grief, grudges, and so on. But whoever is under the control of the former is wounded, even though unwillingly, by the latter. Self-love is the passion for the body.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.7-8



Troparia and Kontakia for September 13th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

Dedication of Church, Troparion, tone 4

Thou didst show forth the beauty / of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory here below, O Lord, / like the splendor of the firmament on high. / Establish it for all ages, / and through the Theotokos accept the supplications / we unceasingly offer unto Thee, therein, // O Thou life and resurrection of all.

Forefeast of Cross, Troparion, tone 4

O Lord, we offer unto Thee in supplication / the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, / which Thou hast bestowed upon us, unworthy though we are. / Save Thou all Orthodox Christians and this Thy city, // which entreateth Thee through the Theotokos, O Thou who alone lovest makind.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 5

Thou didst descend to Hades, O my Savior; / and, having shattered its gates as all-powerful; / Thou as Creator didst raise the dead with Thee; / and Thou didst destroy the sting of death, / and Adam hath been delivered from the curse, O Lover of Man. / Wherefore, we all cry: Save us, O Lord!

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.

Dedication of Church, Kontakion, tone 2

Grant inner enlightenment and spiritual renewal of heart / unto those who with faith celebrate / the sacred dedication of the temple of Thy house, / which it was Thy good pleasure to have built unto Thy divine name, // O Thou who art glorious in the saints.