

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 18, 2009

Schedule of Services

October 18th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 20th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Akathist, Blessing of Water

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox: Divine Liturgy

October 21st Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

12.30 p.m. Bible Study: First John

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 22nd Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 23rd Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida

October 24th Saturday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Departed

4:00 p.m. *Lecture on End Times at St. Barbara's, Fort Worth*

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 25th Sunday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

He who prays in a hurry, without whole-hearted understanding and feeling, being conquered by his slothful, sleepy flesh, serves not God but his own flesh, his own self-love, and reviles God by his inattention and the indifference of his heart to prayer: *God is a spirit: and they that worship Him just worship Him in spirit and in truth*—not hypocritically. However slothful and weak your flesh may be, however inclined to sleep...conquer yourself; do not spare yourself, for God; renounce yourself; let your gift to God be perfect; give God your heart.
St. John of Kronstadt

Announcements for October 18th

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 our seminarian.

Church School will meet as usual following the Liturgy today.

Blessing of Cars will be postponed until next Sunday when our supply of Holy Water will have been replenished.

New Golgotha: We have acquired the Golgotha from the Cathedral. This is a traditional place to remember the departed with prayers and candles, a place where pannikhidas may be served.

Classes this Week

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Divine Liturgy Line-by-Line: Homily & Litanies Following.

Wednesday, 12:30: Bible Study, First John 4

Please note the time for Vigil this week will be at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate those who wish to attend the talk on End Times at St. Barbara's in Fort Worth (talk 4:00, Vespers 6:00), donation requested to defray Fr. Dmitri's expenses.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, and for Adam & Melanie Betz, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Mary Moses, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire, 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.

Bookstore Matters: We have a new bookstore account. Please make bookstore checks to "St. Maximus Bookstore". For any

purchase from the bookstore table, please fill out a receipt with the items purchased and the cost of each item. Please don't just write 'book' but give enough of the title so we know what you bought. Rick Joines is serving as bookstore manager. He may be emailed at stmaximusbookstore@gmail.com on all matters concerning the bookstore. Please clear all IOU purchases with Rick or Fr. Justin before making them. You may make requests of books to be ordered to Rick. A special slip will be provided, or you may email him. Coming soon we hope to have reproductions of our St. Maximus icons for sale in the bookstore. Sales of the icons will benefit our building fund.

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 \$2677.50 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given 4213.33 in regular tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$26.50; Bookstore \$; Building fund \$100; Special Gifts \$1425; Debt Reduction \$27 May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 14, Liturgy 73.

From Saint Maximus

The demon of fornication is oppressive, and he violently attacks those who contend against passion. Especially does he do this in their careless living and in their contact with women. For imperceptibly in the softness of pleasure he steals upon the mind and then assails it through the memory when it is quiet. He inflames the body and presents various forms to the mind to provoke its consent to sin. If you do not want these things to remain in you, take up fasting and hard work and vigils and blessed solitude with assiduous prayer.

Those who are ever seeking our soul do so through passionate thoughts in order to involve it in some sin of thought or deed, When therefore they find that the mind is not receptive, then they will be put to shame and confusion.; and when they find it devoted to spiritual contemplation, then they will be quickly turned back and disgraced.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.19, 20

Troparia and Kontakia for October 18th



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!’

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.

St. Luke, Troparion, tone 3

O holy apostle / and evangelist Luke // entreat the merciful God that He grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

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.

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.

St. Luke, Kontakion, tone 2

Let us praise the godly Luke / the true preacher of piety, / the speaker of ineffable mysteries, / the star of the Church: / for the Word who alone knoweth men’s hearts / chose him to be, // with the wise Paul, a teacher of the gentiles.

Theotokion, tone 6

O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, / unchanging mediation before the Creator, / despise not the voice of the sinner’s prayer, / but in that thou art good come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith, / make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, / O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.