

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 17, 2010

Schedule of Services

January 17th Sunday St. Anthony the Great

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

January 19th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

2:30 p.m. Vespers

January 20th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Class: St. Theophan "Path of Salvation"

7:00 p.m. Vigil for St. Maximus

January 21st Thursday St. Maximus

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

January 22nd Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

5:30 p.m. Class: Solzhenitsyn *Gulag Archipelago*

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

January 23rd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

January 24th Sunday Sanctity of Life

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

If anyone has in any way changed for the better, he has done so by the power of grace alone. Without grace, you cannot conquer any sin, any vice; therefore, always ask help of Christ your deliverer. It was for this that He came into the world, for this that He suffered, died, and rose from the dead—in order to help us in all things, to save us from the power of sin, and from the force of our vices, to cleanse us from our offences, to bestow upon us in the Holy Spirit power to do good works, to enlighten us, to strengthen us, to give us peace. You ask how you can save yourself when sin stands at every step, and you sin at every moment? The answer is simple: at every step, at every moment, call upon the Savior, and you will save yourself and others.

St. John of Kronstadt

Announcements for January 17th

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 lest to forget to read them on your own later.

The Special Freewill Offering today will be for IOCC's relief efforts in Haiti.

Church School today will not meet as usual but will work at putting together relief packets for Haiti.

Classes this Week

Basics of Orthodoxy class will attend the Vigil for St. Maximus, Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

St. Theophan the Recluse, Wednesday, **3:00 p.m.** *The Path of Salvation*. Note the time change, this week only.

A. Solzhenitsyn, *Gulag Archipelago*, will meet this Friday at 5:30

Open House at the Rectory Friday, January 29, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Water is available to take home. Please help yourselves.

House Blessings have begun. Please sign up if you wish to have your dwelling blessed.

The Feast of St. Maximus, a Great Feast for our parish, will be celebrated with Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday January 20 and Divine Liturgy Thursday morning at 9:30, followed by a festive brunch. Area clergy have been invited. Let us keep the feast together on that day!

Forgiveness Vespers: February 14, 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are expected to attend this service. Plan now!

NTOM Pre-Lenten Retreat: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 8:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Fr. Joseph Honeycutt will be speaking at Holy Trinity in Dallas on "Kindling the Original Spark". Matins, continental

breakfast, discussion groups, closing session, and Vespers at 3:00 also included. Plan now to attend.

Elder Zacharias of St. John's Monastery, England, will be in Dallas for the last time February 6 at St. Seraphim's from 7:00 a.m. Liturgy, talk at 9:30) to noon and then at St. Sava's for Vespers at 5:00 and a talk with youth at 6:00. He is the spiritual grandson of St. Silouan of Athos. Highly recommended for all; don't miss this opportunity.

Coffee Hour: Not everyone is able to bring food for coffee hour, but that need not keep those who can't from participating in this important ministry. Every week chairs and tables must be set up and taken down, the church and coffee hour room must be picked up and cleaned. We intend to organize those who can't bring food to support the ministry of coffee hour in these other ways. Coming soon! See Becki Stevenson, our new Coffee Hour Coordinator.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Adam & Melanie Betz, and Ashley Davis and for our new catechumens Mary Moses, Javier Largazspada, and Sean; for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Jason O'Brien, 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-in** Nina Johnston, and remember the newly-departed servant of God Georgii.

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 \$763.35 1216.90 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$1980.25; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$39; Bookstore \$; Building fund \$4; Special Gifts \$100; Debt Reduction \$6. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 20, Liturgy 64.

From Saint Maximus

Pride comes along in the quieting of the passions either in the removal of the causes or in the crafty withdrawal of the demons.

Nearly every sin is committed for pleasures, and its removal comes about through distress and sorrow whether voluntary or involuntary, through repentance or any predetermined happening brought on by

Providence. For, “if we should judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But while we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, lest we be condemned with this world.” *400 Chapters on Love, 2.40-41*

Troparia and Kontakia for January 17th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto the world great mercy.

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. Anthony, Troparion, tone 4

Emulating the ways of the zealous Elijah, / and following the Baptist with forthright steps, O father Anthony, / thou wast a dweller in the desert, / and hast made the whole world steadfast by thy supplications. // Wherefore entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

The thrice-radiant Light which abode in thy soul / showed thee to be a chosen vessel / revealing divine things to the ends of the earth, / O blessed Maximus, who givest utterance to concepts hard to grasp, / and manifestly proclaimest unto all // the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity.

St. Anthony, Kontakion, tone 2

Having cast off the tumults of life, / thou didst live a life of stillness to the end, / emulating the Baptist in every way, O all venerable one. // Wherefore, we honor thee with him, O Anthony, first among the fathers.