

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 6th, 2010

All Saints of North America

Schedule of Services

June 6th Sunday All Saints of North America

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council

June 7th Monday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 8th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 9th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers (Confession available before service)

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Prayer

June 10th Thursday

1:00 p.m. Class: St. Theophan, *Path of Salvation*

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 11th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

12:00 p.m. Post-Baptismal Catechesis

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 12th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 13th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sin gradually diminishes the soul in man, driving it into death, transforming the soul's immortality into mortality, and its incorruption into corruption. The more sins a man has, the more mortal he is. If man does not feel immortality in himself, know that he is in sins, in bad thoughts, in languid feelings. Christianity is a vocation—a battle with death until the last breath, a battle until a final victory has been reached. Every sin is a retreat, every passion a means of running away, and every vice is a defeat.

St. Justin of Chelije in "Sentenced to Immortality"

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Announcements for June 6th

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).

The Special Offering today will be for our priest, next week for debt reduction.

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.

Temple Oil offered in memory of Hieromonk Nazario.

The Apostles' Fast begins Monday and runs until the Feast of Peter & Paul, June 29. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil etc., (daily modifications may be found on the wall calendar) and give ourselves to greater prayer, almsgiving, spiritual reading, and charitable works in order to seek God, to cultivate repentance and humility, and to be renewed in Him.

The Mission Council will meet today after the Liturgy at 11:30.

Vacation: Fr. Justin and his family will be gone on vacation from Monday, June 28 until Friday July 16. Fr. Christopher Allen will be here to service Vigil and Liturgy, and Reader Vespers will be held Wednesdays and Fridays.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Prayer
Thursday, 1:00 p.m., St. Theophan, *Path of Salvation*

Expansion Fund: The expansion fund is \$10.72 short of our initial goal of \$2500. This represents about half the cost of our planned expansion. As the work will not be started until late July, if we will keep giving a little extra towards this, perhaps we'll not have to use our building fund at all for this. May this project and your giving for it be blessed!

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 \$698.22 in tithes and offerings; in May we gave \$4661.62 our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$37; Bookstore \$96; Building fund \$0; special gifts \$95; Alaska Seminarian \$22. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$150 (\$2639.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500; Seminarian Fund \$24 collected, \$300 goal). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 81, Saturday Vigil 19. Mortgage now stands at \$96,700 (to the Diocese); the portion of our building fund on deposit with the Diocese has grown to \$48,140.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, for **our inquirers** John Parsons, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston. Please pray for Elias Ashley Davis as he heads to Alaska to work for four months.

From Saint Maximus

If you wish to find the way the leads to life, look for it and you will find it in the Way who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Only seek it very intensely, because "few there are who find it"; otherwise you may be left behind by the few and found among the many.

For these five reasons will the soul abstain from sin: the fear of man, the fear of judgment, the future reward, the love of God, or finally, the prompting of conscience.

Some say that there would be no evil in beings unless there were some other power which pulled us on to it, and this is nothing other than carelessness of the natural functioning of the mind. Therefore, those who are careful about this always do good deeds, never bad. So, if you too, are willing, banish carelessness, and you drive evil away as well, which is the mistaken use of thoughts on which follows the misuse of things.

400 Chapters on Love, 2.80-82

Troparia and Kontakia for June 6th



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.

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.

All Saints of North America, Troparion, Feast, tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace / through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

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!

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.

All Saints of North America, Kontakion, tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God / in the lands of North America / now stand before us in the Church / and invisibly pray to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ / keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.