

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Schedule of Services

**June 20<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

**June 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday St. John the Baptist**

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**June 25<sup>th</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**June 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

All the truths of Orthodoxy emerge from one truth and converge on one truth, infinite and eternal. That truth is the God-man Christ. If you experience any truth of Orthodoxy to its limit, you will inevitably discover that its kernel is the God-man Christ. In fact, all the truths of Orthodoxy are nothing other than different aspects of the one Truth — the God-man Christ..

...Hence, the purpose of man is: to fill himself with the God-man, in His body — the Orthodox Church; to be transfigured in Him through grace-filled feats; to become omnipotent. Even while he walks prayerfully through the gloomy earthly anthill in the body, in his soul he lives above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God, for his life is constantly stretched out between earth and heaven by prayers, like a rainbow that connects the summit of heaven with the abyss of earth. *St. Justin of Chelije in "The God-Man"*

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belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

## Announcements for June 20<sup>th</sup>

**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** for our seminarian, next week for our 'bum bag' project.

**Communion Line:** The Council requests that we not line up for Communion until the chalice is brought out. We should stand quietly in our places and focus our attention on the prayers being sung in preparation for Communion. Once the chalice is brought out, we may form a line.

**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 for the health of Patrick St. Jean.

**The Apostles' Fast** 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.

**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: Fasting

**Expansion Fund:** The fund for expanding our nave has surpassed our goal of \$2500. The total cost will be about \$5000 and the parish has authorized drawing from the building fund to pay the balance, so the project will go ahead in late July. Further donations for this effort

are welcome as they will save building funds for a future church. 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 \$1599.49 in tithes and offerings; in June we have given \$2892.54; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week). Candles \$42; Bookstore \$; Building fund \$0; debt reduction \$5, special gifts \$311. May God bless your faithful giving! Expansion fund \$115 (\$2774.28 total collected; min. goal \$2500; Seminarian Fund \$24 recd., \$300 goal). Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 51, Saturday Vigil 18.

**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

It is necessary to observe some commandments of the Law both in letter and in spirit, others only in spirit. For example, the commandments "thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal," and the like have to be observed both literally and spiritually, and the latter in three ways. The commandments to be circumcised, to keep the Sabbath, to immolate the lamb, and eat unleavened bread with bitter herbs, and so for, are to be observed only spiritually.

There are three general moral states among monks [and Christians in general]. The first is not to sin in deed, the second is to to dally over passionate thoughts in the soul, and the third is to look with a detached mind on the forms of women or of those who have offended us.

*400 Chapters on Love, 2.85-86*

## Troparia and Kontakia for June 20<sup>th</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.  
/ From the womb of hell hath He delivered us, // and hath granted 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. Methodius of Patara, Troparion, tone 2

Thy blood mystically crieth out to God from the earth like that of Abel, / O divinely wise and holy hierarch Methodius, who manifestly preached that God became man. / Wherefore, thou hast put the deception of Origin to shame / and hast passed over to the heavenly bridal chamber. // Entreat Christ God, that He save our souls.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

### 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. Methodius of Patara, Kontakion, tone 4

Thou wast a priest of the mysteries of the Holy Trinity, / a proclaimer of the commandments of God which pass all understanding, / and the confirmation of the Orthodox, O Methodius; / thou didst denounce the thoughts of the heretics for the sake of Orthodoxy, / shown by thy blood to be a hieromartyr. / Standing before Christ with the angels, // entreat Him that we be saved.