

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Priest Justin Frederick

Bulletin for Sunday, June 27th, 2010

Schedule of Services

June 27th 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 30th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 2nd Friday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 3rd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 4th 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Fourth of July Cookout

July 7th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 9th Friday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 10th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 11th 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 14th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers

July 16th Friday

7:00 p.m. Reader Vespers (*Fr. Justin returns*)

July 17th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 18th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Abba John the Dwarf said, "We have put the light burden on one side, that is to say self-accusation, and we have loaded ourselves with a heavy one, that is to say, self-justification. *Sayings of Desert Fathers*

Announcements for June 27th

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation. 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 'bum bag' project, next week for our Alaskan seminarian.

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.

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.

In Case of Emergency: Please call one of the following local priests in case of spiritual or other emergency while Fr. Justin is gone: Fr. Michael Storozuk (Denison, lives in The Colony) (469) 688-7644; Fr. Seraphim Hipsh (Plano) (972) 836-5790; Fr. Joseph Fester (Dallas) (972) 251-0888 or (214) 522-4149; Fr. John Anderson (Dallas) (214) 528-3741; or Fr. Basil Zebrun (FW) (817) 798-8967.

No Classes until the end of July

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

From Saint Maximus

The poor man is the one who has renounced all his possessions and owns nothing at all on earth except his body, and having severed his attachment to it has entrusted himself to the care of God and of religious men.

Some owners have possessions without attachment, and thus do not grieve when they are deprived of them, as those who accept with joy the seizure of their goods. But others possess with attachment and become filled with grief when about to be deprived, like the one in the Gospel who went away sad; and if they are deprived, they grieve until death. So it is that deprivation attests the condition of whether one is detached or attached.

The demons make war on those who are at the summit of prayer to prevent them from receiving simple representations of material things. They war on contemplatives to cause passionate thoughts to linger in their minds, and on those who are struggling in the active life to persuade them to sin by action. In every way these accursed beings struggle against everyone in order to separate men from God.

Troparia and Kontakia for June 27th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting 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. Sampson the Hospitable, Troparion, tone 8

In thy patience, O venerable father, thou didst acquire thy reward, / having endured in prayer without ceasing, / and loved the poor and provided for them. // Beseech Christ God, O merciful and blest Sampson, that our souls be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

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. Sampson the Hospitable, Kontakion, tone 8

.Rejoicing with psalms and hymns, O divinely wise and venerable Sampson, / and hastening to thy divine shrine, / as to that of an excellent physician and a right acceptable intercessor, // we glorify Christ who bestoweth upon thee such grace of healing.