

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 25th, 2010

Schedule of Services

July 25th 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 26th Monday

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 27th Tuesday Great Martyr Panteleimon

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 28th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Fasting

July 30th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 31st Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptism of Colin Anthony Stokes

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 1st 10th Sunday after Pentecost Procession of Cross

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Reception for Mike Rodgers & Leif Pierson, Rector

The heart itself is a small vessel, yet dragons are there, and lions; there are poisonous beasts and all the treasures of evil, there are rough and uneven roads; there, too, are precipices. But there are God and the angels also, life is there, and the kingdom; there too is light, there are the apostles and heavenly cities and treasures of grace: all things lie within that little space.
St. Macarius the Great

“The life in Christ is a mystery. It is not a reality that can be encapsulated in thoughts or words or ideas; it is not a collection of concepts that we adhere to and analyze and assent to; it is not a collection of teachings of dogmatic principles; it is not a system of philosophy, it is not, despite the fact that it is often thought of in this way, even a system of belief. Christianity is fundamentally a life, and a life has to be lived. And this life unique in all creation, for it is a life bound up in Christ Himself.” *Hieromonk Ireney*

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

Announcements for July 25th

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 this week is for our .

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.

The Parish Phone Book is being updated. Please make sure we have your current phone numbers, address, email, birthdays and namedays.

Divine Liturgy this Tuesday will be served in honor of the Great Martyr and Unmercenary Healer Panteleimon.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Fasting

A Reception will be held to honor and say farewell to Michael Rodgers and Leif Pierson who both will be leaving the parish: Mike to go to St. Tikhon's Seminary, and Leif to take a job in Tyler, TX, where he will be a member of St. John of Damascus Mission.

The Annual Assembly of the Diocese of the South was held this past week in Atlanta at Holy Annunciation Cathedral (GOA). You are strongly encouraged to hear the Keynote Address by Hieromonk Ireney (Steenburg) on The Place of the Fathers in the 21st Century which treats their knowledge of the science of the human heart. There is a link to it on the DOS webpage, along with other documents about the assembly, <http://www.dosoca.org/>, or you may find it at http://www.atlantaorthodoxchurches.org/stjohn/sounds/SouthernDiocese2010/DOSOCA_01.html. If you are interested to know more about the DOS Assembly please see your lay representative Ben Tolleson or Fr. Justin and look for next week's Confessor's Tongue for a report.

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 \$1469 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$3963.30; our monthly budget is \$8835 (\$2039 per week), which includes \$1500 for building a new church. Candles \$23; bookstore unknown, building fund \$0, special gifts \$325. May God bless y our faithful giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 52; Vigil 21.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Thom Anderson, Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Robert & Elisabeth Terry and their children Thomas, Calvin, Owen, and Claire. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston and for Elias Ashley Davis who is in Alaska to work for four months. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

From Saint Maximus

The reasonable use of thoughts and things is productive of moderation, love, and knoweldge; the unreasonable use, f excess, hate, and ignorance.

"Thou preparest a table before more, etc." *Table* here signifies practical virtue, for this has been prepared by Christ "against those who afflict us." The *oil* which anoints the mind is the contemplation of creatures, the *cup* of God is the nowledge of God itself; His *mercy* is His Word and God. For through His incarnation he pursues us *all the days of our life* until He gets hold of those who are to be saved, as He did with Paul. The *house* is the kingdom in which all the saints will be restored. The *forever* means eternal life.

400 Chapters on Love, 3.1-2

Troparia and Kontakia for July 25th



Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, 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. Anna, Troparion, tone 4

O divinely wise Anna, / in thy womb thou didst bear the pure Mother of God, / who gave birth unto Life. / Wherefore, rejoicing in glory, / thou hast now been translated to the mansions of heaven, / where is the abode of those who rejoice. / O ever-blessed one, / beseech thou the cleansing of transgressions // for those who honor thee with love.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

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. Anna, Kontakion, tone 2

We celebrate the memory of the forbears of Christ, / entreating them with faith for help, / that from every tribulation / all may be delivered who cry: // Our God is with us, who hath glorified them, as was His good pleasure.