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Bulletin for Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Schedule of Services

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 4**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

**October 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Nicene Creed 10

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

1:00 p.m. Adult Class: Old Testament History: Judges

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

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**October 24<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 5**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Church School

Laziness is not a small vice, and it is numbered among the mortal sins, and therefore we must force ourselves to fulfill our duties and ask God for help and not rely on our own strength. Seeing our good intentions, He will give strength and power and will help us overcome the paralyzing laziness; but without our effort and good intention, God does not help. During time of infirmity and weakness, let these take the place of our idleness: pain of heart, remorse, and humility.

Laziness often attacks those who labor in piety, and frequently it overcomes a person when he is negligent. To drive away this passion, the holy fathers advise us to hold on to the memory of death, eternal torments, and the blessedness of the righteous, being guided in this with humility, which, by drawing down upon us the mercy of God, will completely free us from the captivity of laziness.

*St. Macarius of Optina*

Flee from suspicion like fire, for with it the enemy of the human race catches people in his net and strives to present everything in a distorted appearance—white is black and black is white, as he did in Paradise with our ancestors Adam and Eve. *St. Ambrose of Optina*

## Announcements for October 17<sup>th</sup>

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee, 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 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). If we are visiting from another parish, we should know that proper church etiquette is to contact the priest ahead of time if we wish to receive Holy Communion so he doesn't have to question us as to our identity in the Communion line. We should be modestly dressed and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" at the beginning of the Liturgy (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

**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 Special Offering** this week is for our Alaskan seminarian.

**Church School** meets today following the Divine Liturgy. Please let the children and teachers go through the coffee hour line first.

**Vigil Next Saturday** will be served at its usual time: 5:00 p.m.

**Remodeling** to add more space to the nave is going on this week and possibly into next. Please bear with any inconvenience.

**Nursing Room:** We have converted the preschool classroom into a room for nursing mothers or mothers wish small children who need to take them out. Go through the curtained doorway by the choir and straight through the next door. The changing table is there, too. You're not obligated to us this room, but it is now available for your convenience.

**Friday Vespers** will generally be done partly in Russian/Slavonic as an outreach and ministry to speakers of Russian. The amount will depend on who is there. The Pannikhida will be done in English on the first Friday of the month (a full pannikhida); a full Russian Pannikhida on the second Friday of the month, and the shorter Trisagion service for the departed on the other Fridays. Anyone is welcome, and confession then is open to all. The priest is still considering how best to carry out this ministry.

**A Russian Divine Liturgy** will be held here at St. Maximus on Saturday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: The Creed 10 Article 5 "And the third day He rose again..."

Friday 1:00 p.m. Old Testament History Session 7 "Binding the Strong Man" Samson and the Judges.

**Copies** of the Confessor's Tongue and the weekly Bulletin may be found on our website. So too recordings of some homilies and some of the Basics of Orthodoxy Class lectures.

**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).

Last week we gave \$1695.96 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$3384.01; our monthly budget is \$7975. Candles \$42; bookstore \$76.25. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 65; Vigil 11.
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**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; Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet. Please pray for our **shut-in** Nina Johnston, for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Please pray for all your fellow parishioners that we all may keep the Faith and be firmly established therein.

### From Saint Maximus

All bodies are by nature without movement. They are moved by a soul, whether rational, irrational, or insensitive.

The soul's powers are for nourishment and growth [1], for imagination and appetite [2], for reason and understanding [3]. Plants share only in the first powers, irrational animals share in the second as well, and men in the third in addition to the first two. Moreover, the first two powers prove to be perishable, but the third is imperishable and immortal.

The holy angels, in communicating their illumination with one another, also communicate to human nature either their virtue or the

knowledge which they have. Thus with their virtue, as an imitation of the Divine goodness, they benefit themselves, each other, and those beneath them by making them Godlike. [They benefit themselves, each other, and man] With their knowledge, as either something loftier about God (“You, Lord, are forever most high,” says Scripture), or deeper about bodies, or more accurate about incorporeal beings, or clearer about Providence, or more manifest about judgment.

*400 Chapters on Love, 3.31-II*

## Troparia and Kontakia for October 17<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.

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Troparion, tone 8

All-glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### 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.

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Kontakion, tone 6

The Son who ineffably shone forth from the Father / hath been born in two natures of a woman, / and beholding Him we do not refuse to depict His countenance; / but tracing it piously, we honor it in faith.  
/Wherefore, the Church, holding to the true Faith, / doth venerate the icon of the incarnation of Christ.