

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, April 10th, 2011

Schedule of Services

April 10th Sunday St. Mary of Egypt, tone 5

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Church School

6:00 p.m. *Pan Orthodox Vespers, St. Seraphim Cathedral, Dallas*

April 11th Monday

7:00 p.m. DFW Late Vocations Scripture Survey

April 12th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

April 13th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Services of Holy Week

April 14th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins

2:00 p.m. Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

April 15th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Class: Life after Death, Chapter 6

5:15 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

8:00 p.m. Compline with Lazarus Canon

April 16th Lazarus Saturday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Confession

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

April 17th Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Bridgroom Matins

It is better for you to free yourself from the shackle of sin than to free slaves from their slavery. It is better for you to make peace with your soul, causing concord to reign over your trinity within you (body, soul, spirit) than by your teaching to bring peace among men at variance. *St. Isaac the Syrian*

Announcements for April 10th

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

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 (so as not to distract others) 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.

The Special Offering this week is for Michael Rodgers.

Coffee Hour Donations go to support building new space for Coffee Hour (our hall expansion). A few dollars a week from each of us will do much!

No Vespers Tuesday, contrary to the monthly calendar.

Confession: If you have not been to Confession for a time, now is the time to come. Please come this week and do not wait until Holy Week, when the schedule is too busy for the priest to hear many confessions. Normally we should confess monthly; if it has been longer, or if we have not received Holy Communion for some time, we should make the effort to prepare ourselves now to receive worthily. Please note that extra times are scheduled for Confession this week.

Ministry to Shut-ins: We currently have two shut-ins whom the priest visits and to whom he administers the Mysteries. Each would welcome visits from parishioners. To visit Nina Johnston at 5892 Mills Road in Denton, call her son Richard to set up a visit at (972) 900-0201. Sherrie Joanna Hall has been a long-time parishioner at St. Barbara's in Fort Worth who now lives in Denton. She lives right across from the Cumberland Children's Home at 1407 Bernard apt. #1011. You may reach her by phone at (940) 381-303 or (817)925-4183.

A Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 7, at the church to raise money the construction of our new hall. Your donations of all sorts of unneeded household goods are welcome. Please see Ben and Lois Lyda for more information and about what to do with your donations.

Job Needed? If you are looking for work or if you are an employer looking for a employee who has certain qualifications please contact

Michael Nolan with the Jobs4Justice volunteer organization at 210-379-9875 or MichaelUNT08@gmail.com.

Classes this Week

Monday, 7:00 p.m. DFW Late Vocations Scripture

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Services of Holy Week

Friday, 4:00 p.m. *Life After Death*, chapter 6.

The Fast: Sixth Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), and oil. If fasting strictly, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and avoid all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion at the Presanctified Liturgy keep a Eucharistic fast from noon. Please see your priest if you have problems or questions.

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 \$2113.50 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$7975 (\$1994 per week). Candles \$68.50; Special Gifts \$550, Church Building Fund \$25; Hall Expansion Fund \$50, Soda Jar for Building Renovation Fund \$61. May God bless your giving! Attendance: Sunday Liturgy 84, Vigil 35.

Hall Expansion Fund: The hall expansion fund has pledges for \$7700 of the \$17,000 we need to pay for our hall expansion, \$6100 of which has been given; a total of \$11,104 has been raised so far. All coffee hour donations will go for this end. (Parish council suggests \$5 per family per week; \$50 was given last week).

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Sean Chaney, Ken and Pam Northam and their children Marsha, Jessica, Mariah, Emalie, Jeremy Pike, and David Eaton; **those preparing for Holy Illumination** Thom Anderson, Samuel Vanderburg, Michael, Gina, and Ian Rehmet. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna Hall, and for Michael Rodgers at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Thanks be to God: the premature baby Victoria is now home from the hospital and in good health.

