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Bulletin for Sunday of July 29th, 2012

Schedule of Services

July 29th Eighth Sunday After Pentecost, tone 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 31st Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Blessing of Water

August 1st Wednesday Procession of the Cross; Fast Begins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed Article 2: Son

August 2nd Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Confession (please let priest know you will come)

3:00 p.m. Vespers

4:00 p.m. Class: *The Arena*

August 3rd Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. *Russian Vespers, Confession at St. Seraphim's, Dallas*

August 4th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 5th Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

From Saint Thalassios, the Libyan (*friend of St. Maximus*)

These three forms are gluttony, self-esteem and avarice. All other impassioned thoughts follow in their wake, though they do not all follow each of them.

The thought of unchastity follows that of gluttony; of pride, that of self-esteem. The others all follow the three most common forms.

Thus thoughts of resentment, anger, rancor, envy, listlessness and the rest all follow these three most common forms.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 3.88-90

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

Announcements for July 29th

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.

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 today will go to alms. We have several needs.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed Article 2: One Lord Jesus Christ the Only-begotten Son of God

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. *The Arena*

A Report on the Assembly of the Diocese of the South will be given by Fr. Justin and Michael Rehmet during Coffee Hour today. Your questions are welcome.

The Dormition Fast begins Wednesday, August 1 and runs through Wednesday, August 15. The norms the Church has given us for the fast call us to devote ourselves to prayer, almsgiving, fasting (abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, marital relations—see wall calendar for modifications), and reading the Scriptures and other Orthodox spiritual literature to nourish our souls, and to reduce or eliminate secular entertainments and elective social engagements which often distract us from God and lead us into sin. *In prayer*, we seek to pray more and more often, with greater attention and compunction, often adding prostrations to humble ourselves before God, and coming more frequently to service. *In almsgiving*, we make an offering to God by giving to those in need (in theory, the money saved from not eating more expensive foods and eating less overall is given as alms). *In fasting*, we abstain from sin and from lesser goods and even necessary things in order to seek our ultimate Good: Christ Himself. *In reading*, we especially seek to know Christ's commandments and will and to submit ourselves more fully to Him. Reading nourishes our souls, warms our hearts, and inspires us to seek Christ first. We do all this by God's grace, to cultivate a spirit of humility and repentance and to put aside distractions so that we can draw near to God. We should pray that God will give us strength for the fast and that we may find much profit in it. We fast most profitably when we always keep in mind the goal: turning away from

sin so that we can draw near to God. It is God Himself we seek, for it is God Himself that we need. We need to be filled anew with His Spirit. Since we often fail to seek God diligently and attentively due to the busyness of our lives in the world, the fast is given to us for refreshment and renewal in the Lord. All the faithful should prepare themselves for Confession and Holy Communion during the Fast.

The Annual Meeting will be held the last Sunday in September. Please plan now to attend.

Fr. Justin & Family will be on vacation from August 13 until August 31. Hieromonk Gregory will serve August 19, and Fr. Photius Avant will serve August 26. Please plan accordingly. Do come to services and enjoy your break from your usual priest!

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Philip Smith, Elizabeth Dakak, Sean Chaney, Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children, and for our inquirers James and Lauren. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna (Sherrie) Hale, and for the novice Svetlana.

Hall Expansion Update: The initial installation of heating and air conditioning equipment has nearly been accomplished. The electrical rough-in has been done. Doors and windows will be delivered this week, and inspections made. The painting of the outside of our existing building is nearly finished.

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 in 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 our building fund.

Last week we gave \$1446; in July, we have given \$6557.91; our monthly budget is \$8179 (\$2045 per week. (To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$81, Expansion, \$2, Building Fund \$21, Renovation (soda.) \$13, Special Offering for Abp. Dmitri Memorial Chapel \$57.11. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 35, Liturgy 82.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$58,234.87 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

Troparia and Kontakia for July 29th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto 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.

Martyr Callinicus, Troparion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Callinicus received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

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.

Martyr Callinicus, Kontakion, tone 2

The beautiful things of heaven / thou hast now inherited as is meet; / for, greatly aflame with the love of Christ, / thou didst manfully brave the fire therewith, O Callinicus. // Standing now before Him, cease not to pray in behalf of us all.