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Bulletin for Sunday of August 5th, 2012

Schedule of Services

August 5th Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mission Council
6:00 p.m. Festal Vigil

August 6th Monday Holy Transfiguration

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 7th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins
4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 8th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed Article 3: Son

August 9th Thursday St. Herman

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
3:00 p.m. Vespers
4:00 p.m. Class: *The Arena*

August 10th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins
5:00 p.m. Vespers, Compline with Akathist, Pannikhida
6:30 p.m. Confession

August 11th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 12th Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, tone 1 St. Maximus

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

The three most common forms of desire have their origin in the passion of self-love.

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.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 3.87-88

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Announcements for August 5th

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.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed Article 3: The Humanity of the Son

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

The Dormition Fast runs through the Wednesday, August 15. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, and marital relations in order to give ourselves more fully to prayer, seeking God, almsgiving, spiritual reading, and repentance. See your priest with questions.

The Labor Day Picnic will be held Monday, September 3 from noon to five. Plan on coming, bringing some food to share, and inviting some friends.

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

Annual St. Maximus Lecture: We are working to establish an annual lecture in honor of our patron saint. We are planning our first lecture for the Feast of St. Maximus January 21, 2013 (which falls on Martin Luther King Day) and have invited John Granger, author of , to speak on how his reading of St. Maximus's *400 Chapters on Love* changed his views on reading, writing, and speaking. We shall also plan a session to talk about *Harry Potter* from a Christian and literary perspective, and hope to have him offer a talk on campus also for the OCF. Please plan on attending and inviting friends.

Ministry to Shut-ins: We currently have two shut-ins who 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, living at 400 East University Drive, #1103, may be reached at (817) 925-4183. She is also looking for a ride to church.

Fr. Justin & Family will be on vacation from August 13 until August 31. 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: Doors and windows will be delivered this Monday. Once the doors and windows have been installed, the wall will be opened into the new space.

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 \$1519.50; in July, we gave \$8077.41; 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 \$60, Expansion, \$1, Building Fund \$7, Renovation (soda,) \$8.91, special offering for alms, \$62. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 31, Liturgy 85.

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.

From Saint Maximus

He who does not fear God as judge but holds Him in awe because of the surpassing excellence of His infinite power will not justly lack anything; for having reached perfection in love, he loves God with awe and fitting reverence. He has acquired the fear that endures for ever and he will lack for nothing (cf. Ps. 19:9; 34:9-10).

From created beings we come to know their Cause; from the differences between created beings we learn about the indwelling Wisdom of creation; and from the natural activity of created beings we discern the indwelling Life of creation, the power which gives

created beings their life - the Holy Spirit. *First Century of Various Texts, 70-71*

Troparia and Kontakia for August 5th

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.

Forefeast of Transfiguration, Troparion, tone 4

Let us go forth to meet the Transfiguration of Christ, / splendidly celebrating the forefeast thereof, O ye faithful; / and let us cry aloud: / The day of divine gladness hath arrived! // The Master ascendeth Mount Tabor to shine forth the beauty of His divinity!

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 Eusignius, Troparion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Eusignius 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 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 8 Serbian Melody

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns / that lover of the Holy Trinity, great Maximus, / who clearly taught the divinely-given Faith: / that we should give glory unto Christ our God, / Who, but one person, hath in very truth / two natures, wills, and energies. / Let us cry to him: // Rejoice, divine herald of the Faith.

Forefeast, Kontakion, tone 4

Human nature is made divinely luminous today / by the transfiguration of God, / and crieth out in gladness: / Christ is transfigured, // saving us all!