

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton
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Bulletin for Sunday of September 16th, 2012

Schedule of Services

September 16th 15th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 6

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 18th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

September 19th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed Article 5

September 20th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers

4:00 p.m. Class: *The Sermon on the Mount*

September 21st Friday Leavetaking of the Cross

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

September 22nd Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 23rd 16th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

The Lord has created intelligent and noetic beings with a capacity to receive the Spirit and to attain knowledge of Himself; He has brought into existence the senses and sense objects to serve such beings.

Just as it is absurd to subject a good master to a worthless servant, so it is absurd to subject the deiform intellect to the corruptible body.

An intellect that does not control the senses will fall into evil because of them: deceived by the pleasure of sense objects, it depraves itself.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.13-15

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Announcements for September 16th

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 for the Hall Expansion.

Temple Oil given in memory of Nicholas Gluschenko.

Classes this Week

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

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. The Sermon on the Mount

The Annual Meeting will be held September 30. Please plan now to attend. All adults who attend St. Maximus and consider it their parish are urged, even expected to attend, whether or not they are eligible to vote. Voting members of the parish are Orthodox Christians age 18 and older who have been to Confession and Communion in the past year and have fulfilled their financial obligation to the parish, a condition which the parish has left to the priest to determine. If you have any question as to whether you are a voting member of the parish, please see Fr. Justin. Documents for the annual meeting will be posted on the website and in the hall soon.

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.

Prospora: Specially baked bread called 'prospora' is part of our offering to God at the Divine Liturgy. Baking those prospora is a ministry here on behalf of the whole parish. If anyone is interested, please see Fr. Justin. We will train you if you need it!

Please Pray for our Catechumens: For Jacob Neff being received as a catechumen today, for Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children and for our inquirers Faith Neff and Lauren. Please pray for our

shut-ins Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna (Sherrie) Hale, and for the novice Svetlana.

Hall Expansion Update: The plumbers have run water lines for the drinking fountains and gas lines for the furnace. We now await ATMOS to come a run a new gas line from the street and to install a new meter.

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 \$1138.94; this month we have given \$3220.16; 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 \$77, Expansion, \$3210, Building Fund \$150, Renovation (soda,) \$16, special offering for expansion, \$13. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 30, Liturgy 89.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$61,458.87 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

From Saint Maximus

When those who have acquired moral stability and contemplative knowledge employ these for the sake of human glory, merely conveying an outward impression of the virtues, and uttering words of wisdom and knowledge without performing the corresponding actions; and when in addition they display to others their vanity because of this supposed virtue and knowledge, then they are rightly handed over to commensurate hardships, in order to learn through suffering that humility which was unknown to them before because of their empty conceit.

Each demon promotes the attack of this or that particular temptation according to his innate propensity. For one demon is productive of one kind of evil, while another is clearly more abominable than his fellow and has a greater propensity for some other form of evil.

Without divine permission even the demons themselves cannot assist the devil in any way at all. For it is God Himself in His loving providence who allows the devil, in appropriate ways, to inflict various sufferings through his ministers. The book of Job shows this plainly, describing as it does how the devil was utterly unable to approach Job unless God willed it (cf. Job 1:11-12).

Troparia and Kontakia for September 16th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

Elevation of the Cross, Troparion tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance. / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over the enemy; / and by Thy Cross / preserve Thine estate.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Euphemia, Troparion, tone 4

Thy lamb Euphemia, O Jesus, / doth cry out with a great voice: / “I love Thee, O my Bridegroom, / and, seeking Thee, I suffer, / and with Thy baptism, I am crucified and buried, / I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; / and I die for Thee that I may live with Thee. / But accept me as a spotless sacrifice offered with love to Thee!” // Through her prayers save Thou our souls as Thou art merciful.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human dough /, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

Ss. Joachim & Anna, Kontakion, tone 2

Anna now rejoiceth, / having broken the bond of barrenness; / and she nurtureth the all-pure one, / calling upon all to hymn the One / who through her womb hath given unto men // the only Mother who knew not man.

Elevation of the Cross, Kontakion tone 4

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, / so grant mercy, O Christ God, to those who are called by Thy name; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over the enemy, / by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.