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Bulletin for Sunday of September 30th, 2012

Schedule of Services

September 30th - 17th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 8

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

October 2nd Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession
3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 3rd Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed: One Church

October 4th Thursday

3:00 p.m. Vespers
4:00 p.m. Class: *The Sermon on the Mount*

October 5th Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins
5:00 p.m.

October 6th Saturday St. Innocent of Alaska

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 7th - 18th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 1

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. OCF Dinner

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

Spiritual reading, vigils, prayer and psalmody prevent the intellect from being deluded by the passions.

Just as spring stimulates the growth of plants, so dispassion stimulates the intellect to attain spiritual knowledge of created beings.

Keep the commandments, and you will find peace; love God, and you will attain spiritual knowledge.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.19-21

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

Announcements for September 30th

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 thanksgiving for God's blessings to the Lydas.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed Article

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

The Annual Meeting will be held today. 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. Please note that you may be a member of the parish without being a voting member.

Membership Forms: We will be asking all our members to fill out formal membership forms over the next few weeks. This is to regularize the process of indicating your desire to be a member and provide a record of it.

Priest's Cell Phone: You may reach your priest by cell phone and are encouraged to do so. His number is (940) 293-3032.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: for newly received catechumen Lauren Williams, for Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children, Jacob Neff, Elizabeth Dakak, Philip, Sean, and for our inquirers Jason and Faith Neff. Please pray for our **shut-ins** Nina Johnston and Sherrie Joanna (Sherrie) Hale, and for the novice Svetlana. Pray for Paul Guzik and Joe Fincher (strokes).

Hall Expansion Update: The carpenters are scheduled to come tomorrow to install flashing around the windows and finish taping

joints in the sheathing so that we can have an inspection and get going on siding, insulation, and sheetrock.

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 \$2095.16; this month we have given \$7381.32; 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 \$56, Expansion, \$39.91, Building Fund \$1, Renovation (soda,) \$12.71. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 30, Liturgy 90.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$61,489.78 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

From Saint Maximus

It is entirely fitting and just that those who gladly accept the devil's cunning suggestions to commit sins through their own volition should also be chastised by him. For through the passions to which we willingly accede the devil is the begetter of pleasure, and through the experiences that we suffer against our will he is the inflictor of pain.

The contemplative and gnostic intellect is often committed for punishment to the devil, deservedly suffering hardship and affliction at his hands. This is so that by suffering it may learn patiently to endure affliction rather than to trifle arrogantly to no purpose with things that do not exist.

If he who suffers for having transgressed one of God's commandments recognizes the principle of divine providence which is healing him, he accepts the affliction with joy and gratitude, and corrects the fault for which he is being disciplined. But if he is insensitive to this treatment, he is justly deprived of the grace that was once given him and is handed over to the turbulence of the passions; he is abandoned so that he may acquire by ascetic labor those things for which he inwardly longs. *Various Texts, 87-89*

Troparia and Kontakia for September 30th

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.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Gregory, Troparion, tone 3

Thou didst sow the knowledge of God / in the hearts of the faithful / by cultivating the Faith; / made radiant by the wounds of martyrdom / thou didst shed thy light on all. / O holy Hierarch Gregory, / pray to Christ our God // to grant us His great mercy.

St. Michael, Troparion, tone 4

The prophecy of the first-called Apostle has been fulfilled today: / grace hath illumined these hills, the Faith is increased, / and those who were not a people are now the people of God, / a holy nation, a flock of Christ, / of which thou, O Michael art the first shepherd, / and thou dost serve it by giving it Baptism. // O Hierarch standing before God, pray that all may be saved.

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.

St. Gregory of Armenia, Kontakion, tone 2

O ye faithful, in songs and hymns let us all praise today / the right glorious hierarch Gregory / as an athlete, a vigilant shepherd and teacher, / a universal luminary and champion; // for he prayeth to Christ that we be saved.

St. Michael of Kiev, Kontakion, tone 2

Thou wast shown to be a second Moses for Russia, O Father, / bearing the noetic grapes from the Egypt of idolatry / to the land forseen by prophecy, / which said: The Faith will be established in this land, / and on the peaks of the mountains of Kiev / will the Fruit which nourisheth the whole world be exalted higher than Lebanon! // And tasting thereof, we bless thee, O Michael, thou hierarch of God.