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Bulletin for Sunday of October 14th, 2012

Schedule of Services

October 14th 19th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 15th Monday

7:00 p.m. Ninth-Day Pannikhida for Nina Johnston

October 16th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 17th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Creed: One Church

October 18th Thursday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers

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

October 19th Friday

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

October 20th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 21st 20th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

A conceited intellect is a waterless cloud (cf. Jude, verse 12) carried along by the winds of self-esteem and pride.

In controlling your self-esteem, beware of unchastity, so that you do not shun acclaim only to fall into dishonor.

Eschewing self-esteem, look to God, and beware lest you become presumptuous or unchaste.

A sign of self-esteem is an ostentatious manner; of pride, anger and scorn of others.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.26-29

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Announcements for October 14th

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 Myrrhbearers ministry to help them keep in stock the things they need for preparing a body for burial.

Many Thanks to the new Myrrhbearers ministry in their work on the funeral of Nina Johnston. They are meeting today at coffee hour to discuss what they need to improve and how to be better prepared. You are welcome to join the meeting.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed Article 9: "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church".

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

Membership Forms: Please fill out a membership form and put it in the church building offering box. 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 Joel and Mindy Brown and their children Daniel, Anya, and Elijah, Gary & Olivia Reynolds and their children Ariel, Analise, and Alexandra, Jacob Neff, Lauren Williams, Elizabeth Dakak, Philip, Sean, and for our inquirers Faith Neff and Jason. Please pray for the novice Svetlana. Pray for Joe Fincher (stroke) and for the Guzik and Johnston families grieving over the loss of loved ones.

A Christian Ending: Through the Myrrbearers Ministry, we are able to provide full Christian service for the burial of a parishioner: care for the body, casket, transport, etc. The only outside costs are for the cemetery plot and the fee for opening a grave. If you opt to use this ministry for yourself, you stand to save your family thousands of dollars. We saved Nina's family at least \$3500; we'd have saved them more if we had been able to care for the body from the start

rather than it going to the funeral home. You have to plan ahead a little for this, though, and that is why the ministry has handy documents to fill out to indicate your wishes.

Hall Expansion Update: We have passed the plumbing inspection. Atmos is installing the new meter and gas line from the street. Insulation should be going in this week, with siding and sheetrock soon to follow.

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 \$1238.11; our new monthly budget is \$9187 (\$2297 per week. (To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$11,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$60.50, Expansion, \$56; Building Fund \$0, Myrrhbearers \$100, ping pong table \$20. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 41, Liturgy 75.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$61,592.78 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

From Saint Maximus

A person who, knowing what faults he has committed, willingly and with due thankfulness endures the trials painfully inflicted on him as a consequence of these faults, is not exiled from grace or from his state of virtue; for he submits willingly to the yoke of the king of Babylon (cf. Jer. 27:17) and pays off his debt by accepting the trials. In this way, while remaining in a state of grace and virtue, he pays tribute to the king of Babylon not only with his enforced sufferings, which have arisen out of the impassioned side of his nature, but also with his mental assent to these sufferings, accepting them as his due on account of his former offences. Through true worship, by which I mean a humble disposition, he offers to God the correction of his offences.

If you do not accept gratefully the trials which, by God's permission, are inflicted on you for your correction, and do not repent and rid yourself of your conceited opinion that you are righteous, you are given up to captivity, manacles, chains, hunger, death and the sword,

and dwell a complete exile from your native land; for you resist the just penalties decreed by God and refuse to submit willingly to the yoke of the king of Babylon, as God has commanded. Banished in this way from your state of virtue and spiritual knowledge as if from your native land, you suffer all these things and more besides, because in your pride and vain conceit you refuse to make full satisfaction for your offences and to 'take delight in afflictions, calamities and hardships' (cf. 2 Cor. 12:10), as St Paul did. For he knew that the humility produced by bodily sufferings safeguards the divine treasures of the soul; and for this reason he was content and endured patiently, both for his own sake and for the sake of those to whom he served as an example of virtue and faith, so that if they suffered when guilty, like the Corinthian who was censured (cf. 1 Cor. 5:1-5), they might have him who suffers innocently as an encouragement and as a model of patience. *Various Texts, 90-91*

Troparia and Kontakia for October 14th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / 'O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!'

Fathers of the 7th Council, Troparion, tone 8

All-glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all -powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

Fathers of the 7th Council, Kontakion, tone 6

The Son who ineffably shone forth from the Father / hath been born in two natures of a woman, / and beholding Him we do not refuse to depict His countenance; / but tracing it piously, we honor it in faith. / Wherefore, the Church, holding to the true Faith, / doth venerate the icon of the incarnation of Christ.