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Bulletin for Sunday of October 21st, 2012

Schedule of Services

October 21st 20th Sunday After Pentecost, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 23rd Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 24th Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

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

October 25th Thursday

3:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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

October 26th Friday Great Martyr Demetrios

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

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

October 27th Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 28th 21st Sunday After Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

In cutting out gluttony, beware lest you seek the esteem of others, making a display of the pallor of your face.

To fast well is to enjoy simple food in small amounts and to shun other people's esteem.

After fasting until late in the day, do not eat your fill, lest in so doing you build up again what you have pulled down (cf. Gal. 2:18).

If you do not drink wine, do not glut yourself with water either; for if you do you will be providing yourself with the same fuel for unchastity.

400 Chapters on Love, Self-Control & Life, 4.30-33

Announcements for October 21st

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 debt reduction.

Altar Wine was offered for the health of the Rehmet family.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed Article 10: "One Baptism".

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 note: your priest does not do text messages. Each one you send costs 20¢.

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.

Hall Expansion Update: We have passed the framing inspection. The carpenter will be here Monday to start installing siding, and the insulation should be installed this week as well.

Mission Council Members: Archbishop Nikon has confirmed the members of our mission council for October 2012 through September 2012. They are Michael Rehmet, George Rovny, Pamela Ward, Anna Stokes, and Jordan Rovny. Michael Rehmet will serve as our parish warden, and Jordan Rovny will serve as treasurer.

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 \$5446.21; this month we have given \$6684.32; our 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 \$57; Expansion, \$4002; Building Fund \$105.71; Renovation (soda) \$11, Myrrhbearer Ministry \$514. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 29, Liturgy 85.

Hall Expansion Fund: A total of \$65,538.78 has been raised so far of the estimated \$79,000 it will cost. All **Coffee Hour Donations** go to support this.

From Saint Maximus

If, instead of stopping short at the outward appearance which visible things present to the senses, you seek with your intellect to contemplate their inner essences, seeing them as images of spiritual realities or as the inward principles of sensible objects, you will be taught that nothing belonging to the visible world is unclean. For by nature all things were created good (cf. Gen. 1:31; Acts 10:15).

He who is not affected by changes in sensible things practices the virtues in a manner that is truly pure. He who does not permit the outward appearances of sensible things to imprint themselves on his intellect has received the true doctrine of created beings. He whose mind has outstripped the very being of created things has come, as a true theologian, close to the One through unknowing.

Every contemplative intellect that has 'the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God' (Eph. 6:17), and that has cut off in itself the activity of the visible world, has attained virtue. When it has excised from itself the image of sensible appearances it finds the truth existing in the inner essences of created beings, which is the foundation of natural contemplation. And when it has transcended the being of created things, it will receive the illumination of the divine and unoriginate Unity who is the foundation of the mystery of true theology.

Various Texts, 92-94

Troparia and Kontakia for October 21st

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.
/ From the womb of hell hath He delivered us, // and hath granted 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.

St. Hilarion, Troparion, tone 1

Illumined in mind by the light of abstinence, / thou was radiant in miracles, O Father Hilarion; / thou becamest a shining pillar of godliness / and didst enlighten the faithful who came to thee. / Glory to Him who hath strengthened thee, / glory to Him who hath crowned thee // glory to Him who worketh healings for all through thee.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

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. Hilarion, Kontakion, tone 3

We gather today and praise thee with hymns / as a light of the spiritual sun, / for thou didst illumine those in the darkness of ignorance / and didst raise all to divine heights: // and we cry to thee: Rejoice, O Hilarion, summit of ascetics.