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Bulletin for Sunday January 12th, 2014

Schedule of Services

January 12th Sunday After Theophany St. Sava of Serbia

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

January, 14th Tuesday Leavetaking of Theophany

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

January 15th Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:30 p.m. Class Gospel of John

7:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

January 16th Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Russian Class

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

7:45 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

January 17th Friday St. Antony the Great

7:45 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

January 18th Saturday

9:00 a.m. Parish Work Day

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

January 19th Sunday St. Mark of Ephesus

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

January 20th Monday

6:00 p.m. Vigil for St. Maximus

January 21st Tuesday Feast of St. Maximus

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

From St. Maximus

Love for God leads him who shares in it to be indifferent to every transient pleasure and every labor and distress. Let all the saints, who have suffered joyfully so much for Christ, convince you of this.

Announcements for January 12

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee, food, 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. We invite you to go first through the food line and join the priest at the table.

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 this week will be for debt reduction, next week for our church building fund.

No Coffee Hour or Church School today. Normal function will resume next week.

Temple wine given for the health and salvation of William and Carolyn.

House Blessings will begin for those who desire to have their homes blessed for 2014. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall.

A Parish Work Day will be held this Saturday to put the building back in order after the recent renovation and to clean up the yard (and building) in preparation for the Diocese of the South Pastoral Conference February 17-20 which will bring the clergy of our diocese to St. Maximus. Many hands will make light work.

Classes this Week

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Gospel of John

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

Classes Coming Up: Beginning January 15 on Wednesday nights at 6:15, we'll do a study on the Gospel of John. Vespers will be served at 7:30. One last Russian class will be held on Wednesday, January 8. It will be decided at that time whether to continue Russian, and when. The Friday night class in Dallas will resume a couple times a month, and a daytime class during the week will be scheduled.

Feast of St. Maximus will be celebrated January 20-21 with a fuller than usual Vigil Monday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. (a holiday) and Divine Liturgy Tuesday, January 21 at 9:00. We do well to participate in the services honoring our patron saint.

Many Thanks to our regular prosphora bakers, Andrea Rovny and the Terrys. They are turning out excellent prosphora and have been faithful in this essential work. Others may participate in this as well.

Church Cleaning is needed each week. Please sign up and take a week.

Giving Statements for 2013 are available on the candle table. Please pick yours up today.

Please Pray: Holly Bellan, catechumens Shannon Goodson, Holly Bellan, and Sean Chaney, for inquirers Destiny Marcott, Rebecca Marcott, Kathy Wells and her family, Amber Payne, Leah Saunders, and Joseph; the novice Svetlana, Elizabeth (Chandler) Jones, and Paraskeve. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga, for Joanna (Sherri) Hale, and for Patricia.

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 \$1996.11; In December we made budget, giving \$9996.75; Our monthly budget is \$8700 (\$2008 per week.) Candles \$; Building Fund \$30; Special Offering for St. Basil's Mission, Weatherford, OK \$16.36. To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$11,000 a month.) Attendance: Saturday Vigil 42, Sunday Liturgy 88.

From Saint Maximus

There are virtues of the body and virtues of the soul. Those of the body include fasting, vigils, sleeping on the ground, ministering to people's needs, working with one's hands so as not to be a burden or in order to give to others (cf. 1 Thess. 2:9, Ephes. 4:28). Those of the soul include love, long-suffering, gentleness, self-control and prayer (cf. Gal, 5:22). If as a result of some constraint or bodily condition, such as illness or the like, we find we cannot practice the bodily virtues mentioned above, we are forgiven by the Lord because He knows the reasons. But if we fail to practice the virtues of the soul, we shall not have a single excuse, for it is always within our power to practice them. *400 Chapters on Love, 2.57*

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, January 12

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Theophany, Troparion, tone 1

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / naming Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of dove, / confirmed the certainty of that word. / O Christ our God, who hast manifested Thyself and enlightened the world // glory to Thee.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

St. Sava, Troparion, tone 3

Thou wast a guide to the path which leadeth to Life / and a first prelate and a teacher, O Saint Sava; / for thou was the first to enlighten thy fatherland, / having given it rebirth in the Holy Spirit. / Thou didst plant thy sanctified children like olive trees in the spiritual Paradise. / Wherefore, as we honor thee / as an equal of the Apostles and holy heirarchs, // we implore thee: entreat Christ God that He grant us great mercy.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

St. Sava, Kontakion, tone 8

The Church of thy people doth glorify thee as a great primate / and companion of the apostles, O venerable one. / As thou hast boldness before Christ God, / by thy supplications save us from all misfortunes, // that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, O divinely wise father Sava!

Theophany, Kontakion, tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe / and Thy Light, O Lord, hath shone on us, / who with understanding praise Thee: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O Light unapproachable!