

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, August 17

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

Dormition Troparion, tone 1

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity, / in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O thou who art the Mother of Life, / and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Martyr Myron, Troparion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Myron received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

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. Myron, Kontakion, tone 4

Having loved Christ from childhood / and observed His divine commandments, O all-glorious one, / thou didst make haste to Him wholly, O most honorable Myron, / and dost pray earnestly with the angels. // Ask forgiveness of sins for all who honor thy memory.

Dormition, Kontakion, tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life / by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Announcements for August 17

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 if we are communing), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

The Special Offering this week will be for building fund.

Temple Oil offered for the health and salvation of William and Carolyn.

No Classes this Week

Priest on Vacation: Fr. Justin and his family will be gone the next three Sundays. Hieromonk Gregory and Fr. John Anderson will served Vigil and Liturgy during that time. If you have an emergency, please call one of the local priests and inform Fr. Justin too. Fr. Gerasim:

Plans for the Fall:

1. Russian Class on Thursdays after Liturgy
2. College Age Dinner and More: Sept 21, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7.
3. All-Night Vigil Dec 31-Jan 1
4. Church School begins Sept 14.

Farewell: Though she will still be at services for three more weeks, today we formally bid long-time parishioner Louise Newcomb farewell and Godspeed as she is moving to live near her daughter in San Antonio. Please join us at coffee hour to honor her!

Russian Liturgy Books: New side-by-side Russian-English Liturgy books have been produced and are available for those who need them during Divine Liturgy. Please do not take them home, but do use them freely at church.

Please Pray: for catechumens Shannon Goodson, Holly Bellan, Seth Williams, and Virginia Warwas, for inquirer Rick Hollembeak, the postulant Elias, the novice Svetlana, and Elizabeth (Chandler) Jones. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga, for Joanna (Sherri) Hale, for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon.

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 \$2348.79 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$8700 (\$2008 per week). Candles \$78; Soda (renovation) \$4; Building Fund \$8, Special Offering for St. Basil Mission \$84. Attendance: Liturgy 84, Vigil 37.

From Saint Maximus

He who speaks dispassionately of his brother's sins does so either to correct him or to benefit another. If he speaks for any other reason, either to the brother himself or to another person, he speaks to abuse him or ridicule him. In this case he will not escape being abandoned by God. On the contrary, he will fall into the same sin or other sins and, censured and reproached by other men, will be put to shame.

It is not always for the same reason that sinners commit the same sin. The reasons vary. For example, it is one thing to sin through force of habit and another to sin through being carried away by a sudden impulse. In the latter case the man did not deliberately choose the sin either before committing it, or afterwards; on the contrary, he is deeply distressed that the sin has occurred. It is quite different with the man who sins through force of habit. Prior to the act itself he was already sinning in thought, and after it he is still in the same state of mind.

He who cultivates the virtues for the sake of self-esteem also seeks after spiritual knowledge for the same reason. Such a man plainly does not do anything or discuss anything for the edification of others. On the contrary, he always seeks the praise of those who see him or hear him. His passion is brought to light when some of these people censure his actions or words. This distresses him greatly, not because he has failed to edify them - for that was not his aim - but because he has been humiliated.

The presence of the passion of avarice reveals itself when a person enjoys receiving but resents having to give. Such a person is not fit to fulfill the office of treasurer or bursar. *400 Chapters on Love, 3.73-76*

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Bulletin for Sunday August 17th, 2014

Schedule of Services

August 17th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 20th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 23rd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 24th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 27th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 30th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 31st Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 3rd Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

September 6th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 7th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 10th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

September 13th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 14th Sunday Elevation of the Cross

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 15th Monday

7:00 p.m. *Doxology at Holy Trinity for Episcopal Assembly*