

In the person of the God-man, God and man are indissolubly united. Man's understanding is not overthrown, but is renewed, purified, and sanctified. It is deepened and divinized and made capable of grasping the truths of life in the light of God-made-man. In the God-man, absolute Truth has in its entirety been given in a real and personal way. This is why He alone, among those born on earth, both has integral knowledge of the truth and can hand it on. The man who desires to know the truth has only to be made one with the God-man, to become on flesh with Him, to become a member of his divine and human Body, the Church. Becoming such, a man acquires 'the mind of Christ', thinking, living feeling in Christ, and thus coming to an integral knowledge of the Truth.

For the man in Christ, the antinomies of the mind are not irreconcilable opposites; they are simply ruptures caused by the upheaval of original sin in man. Uniting himself to Christ, man feels in himself a coming-together of fragmented parts, a healing of the intellect, a wholeness and integration that make him capable of integrated understanding. *Theory of Knowledge of St. Isaac Syrian*

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, October 26

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.

Great Martyr Demetrios, Troparion, tone 3

The whole world hath found thee to be / a great champion amid misfortunes, who conquered the pagans, O passion-bearer. / Therefore as thou didst cast down the pride of Lyaeus / and didst appoint the bold Nestor for the struggle, // thus, O Demetrius, beseech Christ God to grant us great mercy.

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.

Great Martyr Demetrios, Kontakion, tone 2

He who gave thee invincible strength, O Demetrius, / hath dyed thy Church in the streams of thy blood, // and hath preserved thy city unharmed, for thou art its confirmation.

Announcements for October 26

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 the IOCC.

Classes this Week

Sunday, noon: Basics of Orthodoxy, Creed, "And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life".

Sunday, noon: Subdeacon Anthony's Choir and Reading Class.

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Writings of St. Athanasius of Alexandria

IOCC Dinner: A dinner to promote the International Orthodox Christian Charities will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas on Hillcrest just north of LBJ freeway at 6:00 p.m. We are trying to raise \$10,000, which will become \$70,000 via matching funds, to support this fine ministry.

The Next College-Age Dinner will be held next Sunday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Rectory. Food, fellowship, Compline.

Next Sunday, as per our custom, we shall honor the unmercenary healers of the Church at Vigil and Liturgy. The Slavic churches celebrate the synaxis of the Unmercenary Healers on the first Sunday of November (an optional service); the Greeks celebrate them on October 17. The Unmercenary Healer is a class of saint who uses both natural and spiritual gifts to heal others without charge.

Time Change: so-called "Daylight Savings Time" will end next Sunday morning at 2:00 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour.

Our Annual All-Saints Party will be held this Friday, October 31, at 6:00 p.m. Please come dressed as a saint and be prepared to offer clues to help people to guess who you are.

Please Pray: for catechumens Holly Bellan, Seth Williams, and 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 \$1001.96 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$4144.56; our monthly budget is \$9502 (\$2192 per week). Candles \$38; Building Fund \$35, Prison Ministry \$34; Soda Jar (Renovation) \$2. Attendance: Liturgy 78, Vigil 30.

From Saint Maximus

A soul is perfect if its passible aspect is totally orientated towards God.

A perfect intellect is one which by true faith and in a manner beyond all unknowing supremely knows the supremely Unknowable; and which, in surveying the entirety of God's creation, has received from God an all-embracing knowledge of the providence and judgment which governs it — in so far, of course, as all this is possible to man.

Time has three divisions. Faith is coextensive with all three, hope with one, and love with the remaining two. Moreover, faith and hope will last to a certain point; but love, united beyond union with Him who is more than infinite, will remain for all eternity, always increasing beyond all measure. That is why 'the greatest of them is love' (1 Cor. 13:13).
400 Chapters on Love, 3.98-100

From Saint Justin of Chelije

Man, as understood in relativist philosophy, is subject to a tragic destiny, for he has demonstrated that truth transcends both man and matter. There is an unbridgeable gulf between man and truth. Man is on one side of this gulf and can find no way of getting to the other where transcendent Truth is to be found. But the power of Truth, from the other side, responds to the powerlessness of man on this side. Transcendent Truth crosses the gulf, arrives on our side of it, and reveals itself—himself—in the person of Christ, the God-man. In Him transcendent Truth becomes immanent in man. The God-man reveals the truth in and through Himself. He reveals it, not through thought or reason, but by the life that is His. He not only has the truth, He is Himself the Truth. In Him, Being and Truth are one. Therefore, He, in His person, not only defines truth but shows the way to it: he who abides in Him will know the truth, and the truth will make him free from sin, falsehood, and death.

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Bulletin for Sunday October 26th, 2014

Schedule of Services

October 26th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

noon Basics of Orthodox Class: Creed, Article 8 Holy Spirit

noon Choir and Reading Class with Subdeacon Anthony

6:00 p.m. IOCC Dinner at Holy Trinity

October 28th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 29th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Class: St. Athanasius of Alexandria

October 30th Thursday

8:45 a.m. Hours

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 31st Friday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. All-Saints Party

8:00 p.m. Compline

November 1st Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 2nd Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

noon Basics of Orthodox Class: Creed, Article 9 One Church

7:00 p.m. College-Age Dinner, Rectory

But turn back [men] can, if they lay aside the filth of all lust which they have put on, and wash it away persistently, until they have got rid of all the foreign matter that has affected their soul, and can shew it in its simplicity as it was made, that so they may be able by it to behold the Word of the Father after Whose likeness they were originally made. For the soul is made after the image and likeness of God. . . Whence also when it gets rid of all the filth of sin which covers it and retains only the likeness of the Image in its purity, then surely this latter being thoroughly brightened, the soul beholds as in a mirror the Image of the Father, even the Word, and by His means reaches the idea of the Father, Whose Image the Saviour is.

St. Athanasius the Great, Against the Heathen, ¶34

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