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Bulletin for Sunday, July 10th, 2016

Schedule of Services

July 10th Sunday, Third after Pentecost, tone 2 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Talk on the Council, Mission Council
July 11th Monday 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 7:00 p.m. 40-day Pannikhida for Ludmila Hughes
July 12th Tuesday 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession
July 13th Wednesday 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession
July 14th Thursday 6:00 a.m. Matins 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 7:30 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy 202: Divine Liturgy 7
July 15th Friday 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession
July 16th Saturday 9:30 a.m. <i>Slavonic Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's, Dallas</i> 5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession
July 17th Sunday, Third after Pentecost, tone 2 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Isaac the Solitary on Guarding the Senses, 27 Texts

14. When the intellect rescues the soul's senses from the desires of the flesh and imbues them with dispassion, the passions shamelessly attack the soul, trying to hold its senses fast in sin; but if the intellect then continually calls upon God in secret, He, seeing all this, will send His help and destroy all the passions at once.

15. I entreat you not to leave your heart unguarded, so long as you are in the body. Just as a farmer cannot feel confident about the crop growing in his fields, because he does not know what will happen to it before it is stored away in his granary, so a man should not leave his heart unguarded so long as he still has breath in his nostrils. Up to his last breath he cannot know what passion will attack him; so long as he breathes, therefore, he must not leave his heart unguarded, but should at every moment pray to God for His help and mercy.

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Announcements for July 10

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 his 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).

The Special Offering this week will be for our building fund.

The New Martyrs of the Turkish yoke we commemorate for the first time today.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Andrew Bramlett and family; **Temple Wine** given for the health and salvation of Polycarp & Anna and Moses Reynolds and family.

Report on the Great Council: Daniel Greeson will share his experiences and impressions about the recent Church council on Crete at which he was present. We'll ring the bell during coffee hour, and those interested may go into the church to hear him.

Mission Council will meet today after the presentation on the Great Council.

Children's Crafts Fair: Some of our children have been making some things they think you may like. We'll have a crafts fair during coffee hour Sunday, July 24 to showcase their wares.

Men's Meeting: Our men will meet this Saturday for breakfast and fellowship. See Gary Reynolds.

Port & Poetry: Father Justin will offer an evening of port and poetry, Sunday, July 24th to read and discuss T.S. Eliot's poem "Choruses from the Rock." Please see him if you are interested.

Three Weeks remain until our 15-year anniversary celebration with Bishop Alexander. There will be a work day Saturday morning, July 23, to spruce things up for the occasion.

Candles: Due to rising costs, we have adjusted the selection and cost of our candles. The two smaller sizes are from Nativity Monastery in Kemp and help support the nuns. The largest candle is now \$3; the mid-sized candle will be reduced to \$1, and the smallest candle (smaller than we used to offer) remain \$.50. Candles as part of our worship represent an offering to God and fortify our prayer.

Classes This Week

Thursday 7:30: Basics of Orthodoxy 202 Divine Liturgy 7

New Class: Starting next Sunday, our intern Daniel Greeson will teach a class on the letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch, meeting July 17, July 24, August 7, and August 14. This is a good opportunity to read and discuss one of the early Church Fathers.

Patronal Feast of our mother parish, St. Seraphim Cathedral, will be celebrated with Vigil July 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Wednesday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m. We are all invited. Fr. Justin will be present at Vigil and able to hear Confessions.

Tithes, Offerings & Attendance: Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God and 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 slot in the candle table (or in the basket passed during service). There are also boxes for alms (those in need) and our building fund.

Last week we gave \$1574.26 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$10,350 (\$2389 per week). Candles \$78; Special Offering for Alms \$107.25. Attendance: Vigil 45; Liturgy 92.

Please Pray: for our catechumen Marsha Northam, our inquirers the Wells family, the Dean family, for David & Sally Roberts, and for Meghann Jones & family; for the novices Elias and Svetlana. Pray for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon. Please pray for John Roberts and his wife Edith, and for Frieda as she cares for her mother. Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph.

Happy Birthday to Gregg Stevenson and Gina Rehmet (July 12).

From Saint Maximus 500 Various Texts

He who aspires to divine realities willingly allows providence to lead him by principles of wisdom towards the grace of deification. He who does not so aspire is drawn, by the just judgment of God and against his will, away from evil by various forms of discipline. The first, as a lover of God, is deified by providence; the second, although a lover of matter, is held back from perdition by God's judgment. For since God is goodness itself, He heals those who desire it through the principles of wisdom, and through various forms of discipline cures those who are sluggish in virtue. 3.36

Real faith is truth which is all-embracing, all-sustaining and free from all falsehood. A good conscience confers on us the power of love, since it is not guilty of any transgression of the commandments. 3.37

Scripture says that seven spirits will rest upon the Lord: the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of spiritual knowledge, the spirit of cognitive insight, the spirit of counsel, the spirit of strength, and the spirit of the fear of God (cf. Isa. 11:2). The effects produced by these spiritual gifts are as follows: by fear, abstention from evil; by strength, the practice of goodness; by counsel, discrimination with respect to the demons; by cognitive insight, a clear perception of what one has to do; by spiritual knowledge, the active grasping of the divine principles inherent in the virtues; by understanding, the soul's total empathy with the things that it has come to know; and by wisdom, an indivisible union with God, whereby the saints attain the actual enjoyment of the things for which they long. He who shares in wisdom becomes god by participation and, immersed in the ever-flowing, secret outpouring of God's mysteries, he imparts to those who long for it a knowledge of divine blessedness. 3.38

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, July 10th

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!'

New Martyrs of Turkish Yoke, Troparion, tone 3

The new martyrs, who with unremitting battle / have cast down the ancient deception, / have exalted the Faith of the Orthodox; / for, having abolished the worship of the iniquitous / and preached Christ boldly, / they now unceasingly entreat Him / as perfect God // that He grant us great mercy.

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.

New Martyrs of Turkish Yoke, Kontakion, tone 1

Rejoice mystically, O Church of Christ, / beholding thy children the new martyrs, / standing round about thy table in their relics, / like newly planted olive shoots; / and cry aloud to the Creator of all: // "Thou art the confirmation of the martyrs, O Christ!"