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## Bulletin for Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Schedule of Services

<b>March 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Tone 5 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Myrrhbearers Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pan Orthodox Vespers, SS Constantine & Helen
<b>March 13<sup>th</sup> Monday</b> 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b> 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession
<b>March 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</b> 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 7:30 p.m. Supper, Class: St. Dorotheos of Gaza
<b>March 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup> Friday</b> 6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession 2:00 p.m. Class NT Survey Colossians 4:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Supper
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession
<b>March 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Tone 6 Veneration of the Cross</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Pan Orthodox Vespers. St. John's, Eules

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

31. In every trial and in all warfare use prayer as your invincible weapon, and by the grace of Christ you will be victorious. Let your prayer be pure, as our wise teacher counsels. For he says: 'I would have men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without anger and without quarrelling' (1 Tim. 2:8). But the person who neglects such prayer will be delivered over to trials and passions.

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## Announcements for March 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 also invite you to go first through the food line.

**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).

**Temple Oil** offered for the blessed repose of William Frederick;  
**Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Maria, Elias, Ian, Connor.

**The Special Offering** this week will be for seminarian Loreto House, a ministry to unwed mothers.

**The Myrrhbearers** will meet today during coffee hour.

**Welcome** to Randy Bollig, director of Loreto House, a local Catholic ministry to unwed mothers. We'd like to offer support through our almsgiving to this important ministry.

**Seating:** The chairs in the church are primarily for the aged and the injured or ill. Out of respect for the elderly, children and youth should not be using the chairs during Sunday Liturgy; if they need to sit, they may use the floor.

**Lenten Almsgiving:** Please remember our alms box and our food pantry in your almsgiving. Particularly welcome are canned staples, especially hearty foods such as chili, soups, beans, along with fruits and vegetables.

### Classes This Week.

Wednesday: Dorotheos of Gaza; we will read and discuss a bit of this basic spiritual work during the meal following the Presanctified Liturgy. Possibly the same on Friday.

Friday: NT Survey 2:00 p.m. Colossians

### The Fast: Third Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil. If fasting fully according to the norm, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy (five meals instead of the two of last week). We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

**Fasting for Presanctified Liturgy:** If you desire to commune at a Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts this week, the Eucharistic fast begins no later than noon.

**Narthex Use:** As we are using our narthex as part of the nave for Sunday Liturgies, please do not use the front door from 9 to the end of Liturgy.

**Vigil in Lent:** All of you are urged to make Saturday night part of your Lenten pursuit of God. If you cannot come to the whole Vigil, come to part. The part with the greatest concentration of Lenten material is the portion of Matins from 6:00 to 7:00.

**Commemorations:** Please try to submit your Sunday commemorations Saturday night (or earlier) whenever you can.

**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 \$2342.19 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$11,250. Special Offering for seminarian, \$93; Candles \$93; Building Fund \$1200.78. Attendance: Liturgy 100, Vigil 38; Second Week Presanctifieds Wed 38, Fri 20.

**Please Pray:** for Cassian and Ruth Brown and their children Daniel, Anna, Elijah; for catechumens the Wells family and Marsha Northam, our inquirers the Dean family and the Jones family; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Albina Gashushina, and for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, and for Eugene and Rachel.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

1.95 When the sun rises and casts its light on the world, it reveals both itself and the things it illumines. Similarly, when the Sun of righteousness rises in the pure intellect. He reveals both Himself and the inner principles of all that has been and will be brought into existence by Him.

1.96 We do not know God from His essence. We know Him rather from the grandeur of His creation and from His providential care for all creatures. For through these, as though they were mirrors, we may attain insight into His infinite goodness, wisdom and power.

1.97 The pure intellect is occupied either with passion-free conceptual images of human affairs, or with the natural contemplation of things visible or invisible, or with the light of the Holy Trinity.

1.98 When the intellect is engaged in the contemplation of things visible, it searches out either the natural principles of these things or the spiritual principles which they reflect, or else it seeks their original cause.

## Troparia and Kontakia for March 12<sup>th</sup>



### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

### 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.

### Gregory Palamas, Troparion, tone 8

O Gregory the Wonderworker, light of Orthodoxy, / support and teacher of the Church, / glory of monks and invincible protector of theologians, / pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, / pray without ceasing for the salvation of 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.

### Gregory Palamas, Kontakion, tone 8

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, / with one accord we sing thy praises, O Gregory inspired by God. / But since thou standest now in mind and spirit before the Original Mind, / guide our minds to Him, O father that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, preacher of grace.

### Second Sunday of Lent, Kontakion, tone 4

The season of the virtues now hath come, / and the Judge is at the door. / Let us not hold back with darkened face, / but let us keep the Fast, / offering tears, contrition, and almsgiving; / and let us cry out: / our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, / but Deliverer of all, forgive each one of us, // that we may receive an incorruptible crown.