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## Bulletin for Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

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### Schedule of Services

#### **October 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Tone 3 Equal to the Apostles Abercius**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

#### **October 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:30 p.m. Compline with Akathist

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: Christ's First Command

#### **October 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: Ephesians

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **October 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **October 27<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

10:00 a.m. Class: A Spiritual Psalter (St. Ephrem Syrian)

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida Confession

7:00 p.m. Compline with Akathist

#### **October 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **October 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 4 Martyr Anastasia of Rome**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

85. Accepting the task of hospitality, the patriarch used to sit at the entrance to his tent (cf. Gen. 18:1), inviting all who passed by, and his table was laden for all comers including the impious and barbarians, without distinction. Hence he was found worthy of that wonderful banquet when he received angels and the Master of all as his guests. We too, then, should actively and eagerly cultivate hospitality, so that we may receive not only angels, but also God Himself. For 'inasmuch', says the Lord, 'as you have done it to one of the least of these My brethren you have done it to Me' (Matt. 25:40). It is good to be generous to all, especially those who cannot repay you.

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## Announcements for October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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).

**The Special Offering** this week is for Fr. Seraphim Holland's Prison Ministry.

**Thank You** for your patience last week in the disruption of our regular schedule due to Matushka's illness.

### Classes This Week

Sunday 12:00 Basics of Orthodoxy

Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: First Command of XC

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Ephesians Word Studies in Chapter 2

Friday 10:00 a.m. A Spiritual Psalter

**Monastery:** Fr. Justin will make a brief trip to Holy Archangels Monastery, leaving today and returning Tuesday afternoon.

**Building Fund Watch:** Building fund balance: \$101,858.73. Our goal by the end of the year is \$125,000.

**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 and our building fund.

Last Sunday, we gave \$2509 in tithes and offerings; in October, we have given \$7457; our monthly budget is \$12,383; candles \$145.50; Special Offering for Building Fund \$119. Attendance: Vigil 50; Sunday Liturgy 134.

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

**Please Pray** for Cassian and Ruth Brown and their children Daniel, Anna, Elijah; for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Marsha Northam, Connor Patrick, and Joel and Alta Morris and their children; our inquirers Brandon and Lanie Veazey, Donna, and the Dean family; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, for

Eugene and Rachel, for Jeremy Gleb Rovny, travelling in Georgia, and for Adam Bramlett recovering from an injury and looking for work, and Elisabeth Terry.

**The All-Saints** party will be held the evening of October 31 at which those who wish dress up as saints and provide clues to help us guess their identity. It is not too early to start planning.

**A Parish Thanksgiving** dinner will be held Sunday afternoon, November 12. We'll eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal together, giving thanks to God for all His blessings, before the fast begins.

**Prospophora Bags:** Over the next few months, Fr. Justin would like to move the parish away from the plastic bags we use for commemorative prospophora. Traditionally, people have a small cloth bag with a drawstring that they use to carry prospophora home from Liturgy. Being cloth, the bags breathe and allow the prospophora to dry out rather than becoming moldy. Dried prospophora will keep indefinitely.

**Beautification of Grounds:** To care more effectively for our grounds and to beautify them, we are thinking of starting a St. Tryphon the Gardener Society. Please see Fr. Justin if gardening and beautifying our property appeals to you.

**Craft Sale:** Is there desire for a craft sale this fall, before or after Nativity? Please let Fr. Justin know.

**Wall Calendars for 2018** have been ordered. They should make their appearance in the next month. Every household should have a calendar, which shows the feasts and the fast days. We sell them at cost, about \$5.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.84 Some thoughts are simple, others are composite. Thoughts which are not impassioned are simple. Passion-charged thoughts are composite, consisting as they do of a conceptual image combined with passion. This being so, when composite thoughts begin to provoke a sinful idea in the mind, many simple thoughts may be seen to follow them. For instance, an impassioned thought about gold rises in someone's mind. He has the urge mentally to steal the gold and commits the sin in his intellect. Then thoughts of the purse, the chest, the room and so on follow hard on the thought of the gold. The thought of the gold was composite - for it was combined with passion - but those of the purse, the chest and so on were simple; for the intellect had no passion in relation to these things. And the same is true for every thought - thoughts of self-esteem, women and so on. For not all thoughts which follow impassioned thought are themselves impassioned, as our example

has shown. From this, then, we may know which conceptual images are impassioned and which are not.

### Troparia and Kontakia for October 22<sup>nd</sup>

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#### 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.  
/ He hath delivered us from the womb of hell, / and hath granted the world / great mercy.

#### 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.

#### St. Abercius, Troparion, tone 5

Thou didst emulate the zeal of the Apostles / and didst shine forth like a morning star, / and thy works showed thy God-given power: / thou didst guide the erring to God, // O hierarch Abercius.

#### 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.

#### 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. Abercius, Kontakion, tone 8

The whole Church honoreth thee as a great hierarch / and as a companion to the Apostles. // By thy prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, glorious Abercius.