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**Bulletin for Sunday, October 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Schedule of Services**

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

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

**October 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. All Saints Party

8:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy: The Three Pillars

**November 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: Ephesians

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Martyr Akindynus**

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**November 3<sup>rd</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

7:30 p.m. Compline with Akathist

**November 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

bedtime: Set clocks back to Standard Central Time

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 5 Martyrs Galacteon & Epistemis**

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

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

87. Let us try to use our intelligence in training our senses, especially the eyes, the ears and the tongue, not allowing them to see, hear and speak in an impassioned way, but only to our profit. For nothing can more easily slip into sin than these organs, when they are not trained by the intelligence. Again, (here is nothing more apt for keeping them safe than the intelligence, which guides and regulates them and leads them towards what is necessary and what it wishes. For when they are rebellious, the sense of smell becomes effeminate, the sense of touch becomes indiscriminate, and innumerable passions come swarming in. But when they are subordinate to the intelligence, there is deep peace and settled calm in the whole person.

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## Announcements for October 29<sup>th</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 the Azle Mission.

### Classes This Week

Sunday 12:00 Basics of Orthodoxy

Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy: Three Pillars of Spiritual Life

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Ephesians Word Studies in Chapter 2, 3

Friday 10:00 a.m. A Spiritual Psalter

**The All-Saints** party will be held Tuesday evening this week at which those who wish dress up as saints and provide clues to help us guess their identity. There will be a potluck dinner and time to play board games together..

**Building Fund Watch:** Building fund balance: \$101,885. Our goal by the end of the year is \$125,000.

**The Time Changes** back to standard time next weekend.

**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 \$1362 in tithes and offerings; in October, we have given \$8819; our monthly budget is \$12,383; candles \$62; Special Offering for Prison Ministry \$111.76; Building Fund \$29.29. Attendance: Vigil 42; Sunday Liturgy 120.

**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. Memory Eternal to the newly departed Tikhon Lynch.

**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. A sign-up sheet will be posted to make sure everything gets covered adequately.

**Thanksgiving:** For those who will not be with extended family for the holiday, please consider opening you home to gather others who have no family in the area. Vladyka Dmitri always gave a blessing not to keep the fast on Thanksgiving for this purpose.

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

**Moliebens** (prayer services) for the acquisition of property, raising of money, and construction of a worthy temple will soon begin to be regular feature in the weekly schedule. Petitions will also be added to the augmented litany at each service. We must keep asking God if we want to see these things accomplished.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.86 Some commandments of the Mosaic Law must be kept both physically and spiritually, others only spiritually. For example, 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal' (Exod. 20:13-15) and so on must be kept both physically and spiritually (the spiritual observance is threefold, as explained below). To be circumcised (cf. Lev. 12: 3), to keep the Sabbath (cf. Exod. 31:13), and to slaughter the lamb and eat unleavened bread with bitter herbs (cf. Exod. 12:8; 23:15) and similar injunctions are to be kept only spiritually.

2.87 There are three main inner states characterizing the life of the monk [or any Christian. The first consists in not sinning in actions; the second in not allowing the soul to dally with impassioned thoughts; the third in being able to contemplate dispassionately in the mind the forms of women and of those who have given one offence.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for October 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4**

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

#### **St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3**

#### **Martyr Anastasis Troparion, tone 4**

Thy lamb Anastasia, O Jesus, doth cry out with a great voice: / “I love Thee, O my Bridegroom, and, seeking Thee, I suffer, / and with Thy baptism, I am crucified and buried, / I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; / and I die for Thee that I may live with Thee. / But accept me as a spotless sacrifice offered with love to Thee!” // Through her prayers save Thou our souls as Thou art merciful.

#### **Ven. Abramius, Troparion, tone 8**

In thee, O father, that which was created in God’s image was manifestly saved; / for, taking up thy cross, thou didst follow after Christ, / and laboring thou didst teach us to disdain the flesh in that it is transitory, / but to care for the soul as a thing immortal. // Wherefore, thy spirit rejoiceth with the angels, O venerable Abramius.

#### **Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4**

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

#### **St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 Serbian Melody**

#### **Martyr Anastasia, Kontakion, tone 3**

Cleansed by the waters of virginity, / O venerable Anastasia, / and crowned with the blood of martyrdom, / thou grantest healing of infirmities / and salvation unto those who are in need, / and who have recourse unto thee with their whole heart; / for Christ granteth might to thee, // pouring forth ever-flowing grace.

#### **Ven. Abramius, Kontakion, tone 3**

On earth thou wast shown to be an angel in the flesh, /and through fasting thou becamest like a planted tree, / thriving on the water of asceticism, / and washing defilement away with the torrents of thy tears. // Wherefore, thou hast been revealed as a divine dwelling of the Spirit, O Abramius.