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Bulletin for Sunday, November 26th, 2017

Schedule of Services

November 26th Sunday Tone 8

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

November 27th Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:30 p.m. Compline

November 28th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 29th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: Ephesians

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 30th Thursday Apostle Andrew

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

December 1st Friday St. Philaret the Merciful

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. Class: Spiritual Psalter

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

6:30 p.m. Compline with Akathist

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

December 2nd Saturday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

December 3rd Sunday Tone 1

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

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

91. There is no gainsaying what the fathers have so well affirmed, that a man does not find rest except by acquiring inwardly the thought that God and he alone exist; and so he does not let his intellect wander at all towards anything whatsoever, but longs only for Him, cleaving to Him alone. Such a man will find true rest and freedom from the tyranny of the passions. 'My soul', as David says, 'is bound to Thee; Thy right hand has upheld me' (Ps. 63:8. LXX).

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Announcements for November 26th

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.

Altar Wine offered for the health and salvation of Sophia.

The Nativity Fast has begun. It lasts until the Nativity of our Lord. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil (unless modifications are shown on the wall calendar). We seek God through increased prayer, fasting, almsgiving, spiritual reading, repentance, service to others, and reducing the presence in our lives of things that distract us from God and provoke us to sin. If you have questions, please see your priest or confessor.

Classes This Week

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Ephesians

Friday 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Psalter of St. Ephrem

Friday 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy

The Sunday Basics of Orthodoxy Class will not meet today but resumes next Sunday to study Timothy Ware's book *The Orthodox Way*. **The Weekday Basics Class** has moved to Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Reminder: The faithful should be present in the nave for the whole Divine Liturgy. There should be no going in or out except mothers or fathers with small children that need quieting or correcting or some other great need. Young children should not be permitted to go in and out alone. The Liturgy ends with dismissal, not Communion, so please do not leave to start coffee hour early.

Our New Mission Council will be installed next Sunday at the end of Liturgy: Boris (Jordan) Rovny, Reader Maximus Gibson, Joseph (Ed) Pier, Polycarp (Adam) Skelton, Melanie Betz.

The Baptism of Xenia Williams will take place Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Craft Sale: We will have a children's crafts sale Sunday, December 17, during coffee hour, and a bake sale December 31.

Building Fund Watch: Building fund balance: \$104,050. Our goal by the end of the year is \$125,000. Petitions for the construction of a church have been added to the Augmented Litany. Please read the *Confessor's Tongue* today about Christian architecture.

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 and our building fund.

Last Sunday, we gave \$2988.32 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$7290.55; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget will go to the building fund). Candles \$60; Special Offering for St. Sava \$103; Building Fund \$760.01, alms \$300. Attendance: Vigil 50; Sunday Liturgy 142.

Please Pray for Cassian and Ruth Brown and their children Daniel, Anna, Elijah; for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, Joel and Alta Morris and their children, and Brandon and Lanie Veazey; our inquirers Donna Lange, the Dean family, Jason Matthes, Chris; 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, working in Georgia, and for Adam Bramlett recovering from an injury and looking for work, Elisabeth Terry, and Natalya & Robert Osborne.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.98 He who knows the Holy Trinity, the Trinity's creation, and providence, and who has brought his soul's passible aspect into a state of dispassion, is with God.

2.99 Again in Psalm 23 'the rod' is said to signify God's judgment and 'the staff' His providence. So he who has received spiritual knowledge of these things is able to say, 'Thy rod and Thy staff have comforted me.'

2.100 When the intellect is stripped of passions and illuminated with the contemplation of created beings, then it can enter into God and pray as it should.

3.1 An intelligent use of conceptual images and their corresponding physical objects produces self-restraint, love and spiritual knowledge; an unintelligent use produces licentiousness, hatred and ignorance.

Troparia and Kontakia for November 26th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

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.

Ven. Alypius, Troparion, tone 1

Thou wast a pillar of endurance, O venerable one, / emulating the forefathers: / Job in sufferings and Joseph in temptations, / and the life of the incorporeal ones while yet in thy body. / O Alypius, our father, // entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

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.

Ven. Alypius, Kontakion, tone 8

Today the Church glorifieth and hymneth thee, O Alypius, / as a cause of virtues and the adornment of fasters. / In accordance with thy name thy supplications grant deliverance from grievous transgressions // unto those who with love honor thy brave deeds and struggles.