

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

2026 W. Oak Street • Denton, TX 76201

(940) 565-6753 • www.stmaximus.org

Priest Justin Frederick (940) 293-3032 cell

Bulletin for Sunday, July 15th, 2018

July 15th Sunday, tone 6 St. Vladimir

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Cross Procession

July 17th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

July 18th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Midnight Office or Matins

6:00 p.m. Class: St. Basil the Great: Homily on Humility

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 19th Thursday St. Seraphim of Sarov

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Seraphim Cathedral, Dallas

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

July 20th Friday Prophet Elijah

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox Class: Divine Liturgy

July 21st Saturday

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim's Dallas

5:00 Vigil, Confession

July 22nd Sunday, tone 7 St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

The Morals, St. Basil the Great

Rule 56: That we should persevere in watching and prayer. That we should give thanks to God even for the daily sustenance required by the body, before we partake of it. That we should not recite long and repetitious prayers for things that are perishable and unworthy of the Lord. That we should pray for one another and for those who are preachers of the Word of Truth. That we should pray even for our enemies. That no man ought to pray or prophesy with his head covered; and no woman, with uncovered head.

Rule 57: That no one should entertain exalted notions of himself because of his own good deeds and hold others in disdain.

Rule 58: That is must not be thought that the gift of God is purchased by money or any other device.

Announcements for July 15th

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 line at Coffee Hour.

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 International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

Temple Oil given in memory of Charles.

Cross Procession: A short Cross Procession will be done just before the end of Liturgy. We'll circle the building once, pray briefly at the front steps, and come back in. You may follow in procession, come outside on the porch, or remain in the church.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Saint Basil, Homily on Humility (link on the St. Basil Class page on website)

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox, The Divine Liturgy, Litanies after the Gospel.

Babies at Communion: as the number of babies in the parish continues to increase, we request that those bringing them to Holy Communion observe the following to make the administration of the Holy Mysteries easier and safer: hold the baby reclined with its head resting on your right arm. This gives the priest the greatest flexibility and ease in conveying the Gifts. This applies to babies up to a year old, and, in some cases, older. Thank you.

Fr. Justin and Family were planning to be at Holy Archangels Monastery until Wednesday afternoon this week, but that is uncertain given Matushka's illness.

The Feast of St. Seraphim is this Thursday, and in place of our regular Thursday Liturgy here, we shall join our mother parish, St. Seraphim Cathedral in Dallas in celebrating their patronal feast. Liturgy there will begin at 9:30.

Building Fund Watch

"Establish Thou this holy house, even unto the consummation of the age."

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$143,515.67.

Current goal: \$150,000 by Dormition, August 15; \$200,000 year end.

The Men's Group has chosen St. David the Builder, King of Georgia, as the patron for the group here at St. Maximus.

New on Website: Under "Orthodox Prayers", there is now an offering of "Three Penitential Canons", one of compunction, one to the Theotokos, one to the Forerunner. Excellent material for those desiring to cultivate compunction, humility, and repentance.

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 \$4556.93 in tithes and offerings; this month, we have given \$8992.20; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$109; Special Offering Loreto House \$48; Building Fund \$533. Attendance: Vigil 62; Sunday Liturgy 129.

Please Pray for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, and James Blankenship; our inquirers Donna Lange, the Dean family, Chris Day, Jonathan, Robert, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias, for Sasha and Mila Moziulova travelling in Kirghizia, and Ian Rehmet working at camp in Greece. Pray for those who have been absent.

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

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

4.9 Only the infinite Being, all-powerful and creative of all things, is simple, unique, unqualified, peaceful and stable. Every creature, consisting as it does of being and accident, is composite and always in need of divine providence, for it is not free from change.

4.10 Both intelligible and sensible nature, on being brought into existence by God, received powers to apprehend created beings. Intelligible nature received powers of intellection, and sensible nature powers of sense-perception.

4.11 God is only participated in. Creation both participates and communicates: it participates in being and in well-being, but communicates only well-being. But corporeal nature communicates this in one way and incorporeal nature in another.

Troparia and Kontakia for July 15th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

St. Vladimir, Troparian, tone 4

O holy Prince Vladimir, / thou wast like a merchant in search of fine pearls. / By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, / thou didst find Christ, the priceless Pearl. / He appointed thee to be another Paul, / washing away in baptism thy physical and spiritual blindness. / We celebrate thy memory, / asking thee to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia // and for us, thy spiritual children.

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our Fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human dough, / for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

St. Vladimir, Kontakion, tone 8

Emulating the great Apostle Paul in thy maturity, O most glorious Vladimir, / and putting aside all thy zeal for idols as childish thoughts, / thou hast adorned thyself with the purple robe of divine baptism. / And standing now in gladness before Christ the Savior, / pray thou that Russia thy land be saved, // and that peace and great mercy be granted to the Orthodox people.

Fathers of the First 6 Councils, Kontakion, tone 8

The preaching of the Apostles and the dogmas of the Fathers / sealed the one Faith of the Church; / and clad in the robe of Truth woven of theology from on high, / it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

“It is not he who begins well who is perfect. It is he who ends well who is approved in God’s sight.” *St. Basil the Great*
