

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, September 20th, 2020

September 27th Sunday Martyr Callistratus

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
6:00 p.m. Vespers

September 28th Monday St. Chariton

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 29th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins
3:00 p.m. Vespers

September 30th Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Class: Gospel of John
7:00 p.m. Vigil

October 1st Thursday Protection of the Theotokos

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

October 2nd Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins
5:00 p.m. Vespers
7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

October 3rd Saturday

9:00 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. Vigil

October 4th Sunday

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

How To Conduct Ourselves With Other People

6. You do not like it when other treat you roughly and offend you in some way. Therefore you should treat everyone kindly without exception. Be especially careful not to use swear words or offensive ones. If it so happens that someone treats you crudely, angrily, and says unpleasant things to you, then answer him meekly, for *A soft answer turneth away wrath*. If it happens that because of an offence you became angry with your neighbor, then say nothing, for immediately your anger will flame up, and in an impassioned state you are likely to consider it necessary to say something that later you will sorely regret but will be incapable of correcting. While angry, say nothing but wait until you have completely calmed down. If your neighbor is for some reason very angry with you, do not attempt to talk him out of it, even if it is seems very necessary for while he is in the heat of anger the passion is in control of him and not his reason, therefore, you must not try to dissuade him—it is impossible to speak convincingly to someone out of his mind, your words will only make him more angry and force him to do something possibly harmful to you.

Announcements for September 27

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee, food, and fellowship. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the candle table by the door.

Temple Oil offered in memory of Barbara Joy Dobbs.

Attendance at Services: our attendance remains limited. Please email or text the priest if you desire to come to Liturgy. As there has always been room at Vespers and Matins during the week, feel free just to show up at those services without notice. Please pray faithfully at home, tune in on Sundays and Saturdays if you cannot attend in person, or read Vespers, the Hours, and the Typica at home.

The Annual Meeting is postponed. We will continue operating under last year's budget.

Coffee Hour will follow after Liturgy. Try to eat outdoors if possible, and please clean up after yourselves.

Octoberfest will be held Sunday, October 11, at 4:00. There will be an opportunity to exhibit your art including poetry in addition to pumpkin carving and baking. More details to come.

The All Saints Party is scheduled to be held Friday evening, October 30, at 5:30.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. The Gospel of John
Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox

Confession will be heard after Vespers and Vigil during the week. Please let the priest know you'd like to make a confession. Because of class on Friday, slots then are limited.

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.

In August, we gave more than \$7200 by check or cash and another \$10,454 electronically for a total of \$17,654 at least (*funds given at church in the priest's absence have yet to be tallied*); our monthly budget is \$17,560; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). May God bless you for your faithful giving! *Please note: we do not report funds given electronically until the end of the month.*

Antidoron is distributed during the singing of Psalm 33 just before the end of the Divine Liturgy to Orthodox Faithful who did not commune that day. It is the unconsecrated but blessed part of the loaf that became Christ's body and as such is a consolation for those Orthodox Christians who were not able to commune for whatever reason. If you are in this category of persons, come up to receive it when you see the priest come out during Psalm 33.

Please Pray for the Colby and Rebekah Meals and children Caleb, Jacob, Joshua, Abigail, Benjamin, and Michael to be received here October 10, for our catechumens Robert Boguski, Makenna Baldwin, Mark Robertson, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Dakak, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Kristen & Clementine Hatten, Robert Osborne, Rebekah Kruse, Branson, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Andrew, and Carter. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, for Reader Michael Rodgers and Mary LeBrecht, Gregory Werner and Hannah Freas as they prepare for Holy Matrimony, and for Fr. Vasile Tudora, Constantine, and David Mohler, and for all in need.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$256,300.

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 illuminates. 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 September 27

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto 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.

Martyr Callistratus and Companions, Troaprian, tone 4

In their sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / they cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By their supplications save Thou our souls.

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. 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.

Martyr Callistratus & Companions, Kontakion, tone 4

Having endured multifarious wounds / and manifestly received crowns from God, / pray to Christ for us who celebrate you most festive memorial, / O great Callistratus and ye blessed ones who suffered with him, // that He may grant peace to His flock and people, for He is the confirmation of the faithful.

"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*