

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission, Denton

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 4th, 2020

October 4th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Vespers

October 5th Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins

October 6th Tuesday St. Innocent of Alaska

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

October 7th Wednesday

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

October 8th Thursday Ss Pelagia & Thais

6:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
7:00 p.m. Vigil

October 9th Friday St. Tikhon

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

October 10th Saturday Ambrose of Optina

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
11:00 Baptisms
5:00 p.m. Vigil

October 11th Sunday Optina Elders

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

How To Conduct Ourselves With Other People

7. We must, before helping other people, help those whom God's foresight has united us with, i.e., parents, relatives, authorities, benefactors, those under our authority, and fellow believers. St. Paul says concerning the first group, "But if any provide not for those of his own house, he hath denied the Faith, and is worse than an infidel.³ Concerning fellow believers, the Apostle teaches: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith." Among the above, before others, come to the assistance of those who especially in need, that is the ill and disabled. Even if you cannot give them what they specifically need, then at least visit them, serve them in some way, and comfort them. Act in this way even if they are totally ungrateful to you, for "Love does not seek its own", and the Lord will reward you.

Announcements for October 4

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 and for the health and salvation of Mary Rodgers.

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 for now under last year's budget.

Many Years to the newly-crowned Reader Michael and Mary Rodgers!

Baptism next Saturday at 11:00 for the Meals family and for Anastasia Sidorenko.

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 pie baking. More details in email.

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; 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 Clements, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, Andrew, and Carter. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollenbeck, for 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

2.1 He who truly loves God prays entirely without distraction, and he who prays entirely without distraction loves God truly. But he whose intellect is fixed on any worldly thing does not pray without distraction, and consequently he does not love God.

2.2 The intellect that dallies with some sensible thing clearly is attached to it by some passion, such as desire, irritation, anger or rancor; and unless it becomes detached from that thing it will not be able to free itself from the passion affecting it.

2.3 When passions dominate the intellect, they separate it from God, binding it to material things and preoccupying it with them. But when love of God dominates the intellect, it frees it from its bonds, persuading it to rise above not only sensible things but even this transitory life.

Troparia and Kontakia for October 4

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.

St. Hierotheos, Troparion, tone 4

Having learned goodness and been watchful in all things, / arrayed, as befitteth a priest, in a good conscience, / thou didst draw forth ineffable things from the chosen vessel; / and, having kept the Faith, thou didst complete a course like his. / O hieromartyr Hierotheos, / 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.

St. Hierotheos, Kontakion, tone 4

In that thou wast an unshakable pillar, O Hierotheos, / thou wast not afraid of the threats of the enemy, / but, hurled like a precious stone, / didst destroy the fortress of falsehood, O father. / Wherefore, with His life-giving and divine right hand / the Master crowneth thee who hadst battled well. // Him do thou entreat in behalf of us all.

"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*