

## St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

2026 W. Oak Street • Denton, TX 76201

(940) 565-6753 • www.stmaximus.org

Priest Justin Frederick (940) 293-3032 cell

### Bulletin for Sunday, November 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

---



---

#### November 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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

3:00 p.m. Vespers

#### November 30<sup>th</sup> Monday Apostle Andrew

6:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

#### December 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday St. Philaret the Merciful

6:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

#### December 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday St. Porphyrios

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers

#### December 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Prophet Zephaniah

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (*Memorial of Departed*)

4:00 p.m. Vespers

#### December 4<sup>th</sup> Friday St. John of Damascus, St. Barbara

6:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

#### December 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday St. Sabbas the Sanctified

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil

#### December 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday St. Nicholas of Myra

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

*Jean-Claude Larchet, the Fathers on Anger*

The passion of anger (*orge*) proceeds from the soul's irascible power (*thumos*) and includes all the pathological manifestations of aggression. As we have seen, god bestowed the irascible power on man at his creation and it is part of his very nature. Its function—according to the Creator's plan—was supposed to be to allow man to fight against the temptations and the Tempter and to avoid sin and evil: thus was the definition of its normal use (*cont. on back*)

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission  
belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

## Announcements for November 29

**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 for the health and salvation of Vitaly; **Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Fr. Justin Frederick, Constantine, Mykola, and in memory of Tatyana.

**Attendance at Services:** our attendance remains limited, though it is less so than before. 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: read Vespers Saturday evening, and the Hours and the Typica Sunday morning if you cannot attend church.

**The Special Offering** today will be for our building fund.

**Building Update:** We are closing in on \$300,000 raised. Our architects and engineer have been slowed in the design by the city of Denton's decision to adopt the international building code for 2021—which is not fully published, though it should have been out a month ago. We'll hear more from Adam Skelton soon.

**Nativity Almsgiving:** We are collecting the following items for our local Interfaith Ministries that helps those with basic material needs: travel-sized toiletries, diapers, laundry soap pods, toilet paper, non-perishable snack packs, copy paper. You may deposit such items in the box next to the piano.

### Classes this Week

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Gospel of John

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

**The Nativity Fast:** We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, (unless modifications are shown on the wall calendar) and marital relations in order to give ourselves to increased prayer, almsgiving, spiritual reading, repentance, and service to others as we pursue being filled more fully with Christ. If you have questions about the fast, please see your priest or confessor.

**Confession** will be heard after Vespers and Vigil during the week (except Friday, or by appointment).

**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 week, we gave \$2400.50 in tithes and offerings; in November, we have given \$6415.50 candles \$108.50, special offering for IOCC \$45.75; 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.*

**Please Pray** for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Mark Robertson, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Dakak, Robert Boguski, Branson Clements, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Kristen & Clementine Hatten, Robert Osborne, Rebekah Kruse, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, Vincent, and Carter Sims. Pray for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollebeak, 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: \$289,970.48.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.30 For him who is perfect in love and has reached the summit of dispassion there is no difference between his own or another's, or between Christians and unbelievers, or between slave and free, or even between male and female. But because he has risen above the tyranny of the passions and has fixed his attention on the single nature of man, he looks on all in the same way and shows the same disposition to all. For in him there is neither Greek nor Jew, male nor female, bond nor free, but Christ who 'is all, and in all' (Col. 3:11; cf. Gal. 3:28).

2.31 The passions lying hidden in the soul provide the demons with the means of arousing impassioned droughts in us. Then, fighting the intellect through these thoughts, they force it to give its assent to sin. When it has been overcome, they lead it to sin in the mind; and when this has been done they induce it, captive as it is, to commit the sin in action. Having thus desolated the soul by means of these thoughts, the demons then retreat, taking the thoughts with them, and only the specter or idol of sin remains in the intellect. Referring to this our Lord says, 'When you see the abominable idol of desolation standing in the holy place (let him who reads understand) . . .' (Matt. 24:15). For man's intellect is a holy place and a temple of God in which the demons, having desolated the soul by means of impassioned thoughts, set up the idol of sin. That these things have already taken place in history no one, I think, who has read Josephus will doubt; though some say that they will also come to pass in the time of the Antichrist.

(continued from front) and natural end-goal in the beginning. As we have shown, however, man turned this away from its end-goal through sin and diverted his anger against his neighbour, thus making a contrantural use of it. It is this contrantural use of the irascible power that constitutes the passion of anger in all its forms, turning it into a sickness of the soul.... Anger appears as a passion anytime takes one's neighbour as its object.

### Troparia and Kontakia for November 29

#### 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.

#### Martyr Paramon, Troparion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Paramon received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

#### 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.

---

“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*

---