

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 17th, 2021

October 17th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:30 p.m. Vespers

October 18th Monday Evangelist Luke

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers (*No Confession*)

October 19th Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 20th Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins

6:00 p.m. Class: I Peter

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 21st Thursday Ven. Hilarion the Great

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

October 22nd Friday

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering

October 23rd Memorial Saturday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 24th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

How much time remaineth until thy life is spent? Repent, O my soul, feel pain
for thy sins here that there thou mayest find rest and deliverance from hell.

Lord, O Lord who art good and merciful, let me dwell with Thy chosen ones.

Sunday Vespers, tone 8

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Announcements for October 17

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.

The Special Offering today will be for IOCC, International Orthodox Christian Charities, at ioccc.org.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Michelle Frederick

The Teen Class will resume meeting next Sunday.

The Sunday Basics class will not meet today.

Classes this Week:

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 301 Creed

Class Coming This Wednesday: We shall offer an opportunity to study I Peter together on Wednesdays at 6:00 before Vespers. If you'd like to prepare, start reading the epistle.

St. Porphyrios said, "Make time to study the nature in which you live. Learn to read nature. It is a Gospel! A Gospel!"

Our Myrrhbearers Ministry, our burial ministry, will be having quarterly meetings for training and planning. The first of these will be held November 7th here at the church at 1:00 p.m. Please see Brian Freas, Heather Huse, or Emmelia McAnear for more information. Look for their new brochure on the candle table.

St. Anatoly of Optina said, "Every prudent person does not weep in advance, but he waits for whatever the Lord will send him. And what the Lord sends—whether good or bad—he accepts with joy and strives to endure according to his strength. But if he cannot endure—he repents for his faintheartedness. But we become fainthearted beforehand; while still not seeing any misfortune or sorrow, we grieve before the sorrow ever comes. Christian, live in a Christian manner."

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 is also a box for alms at the candle table.

Please Pray for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Haley Smith, David and Melissa Sims and their children Carter, Molly, and Caroline, Ethan Peterson, Vincent Howell, Lance Rawlinson,

Delsie Bussell, Amanda Putnam, Haydon Grosch, and Ben Pimpler and for our inquirers Ryan McDowell, Douglas Burr, Janelle Schnulle, Johnny. Pray for sick Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, Anna Charpie, Adam Kaufman, Dn. Anthony and family, and for those who have lost or are losing jobs due to shot mandates: Jonathan Strand, Maximus Wells.

Last week, we gave \$2348 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$4997.91 our monthly budget is \$19,300; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund); Special offering for Building Fund, \$40; Candles \$50, special offering for St. Basil's Mission \$119. May God bless you for your faithful giving! *Please note: we do not report funds given electronically until the end of the month.*
Attendance: Saturday Vigil 39, Sunday Liturgy 89.

St. Moses of Optina said, "We must always say: "O Lord, let it be according to Thy will," either this way or that, for we must receive all that is sent to us as from the hand of God; the sorrowful with patience, the pleasant with thanksgiving."

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance at end of August: \$385,793.56

And if blood of Martyrs is to flow on the steps

We must first build the steps;

And if the Temple is to be cast down

We must first build the Temple. *T.S. Eliot*

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.78 It is one thing to be delivered from sinful thoughts and another to be free from passions. Frequently a man is delivered from such thoughts when the things which rouse his passions are not present. But the passions lie hidden in the soul and are brought to light when the things themselves are present. Hence one must watch over the intellect in the presence of things and must discern for which of them it manifests a passion.

3.79 A true friend is one who in times of trial calmly and imperturbably suffers with his neighbor the ensuing afflictions, privations and disasters as if they were his own.

3.80 Do not treat your conscience with contempt, for it always advises you to do what is best. It sets before you the will of God and the angels; it frees you from the secret defilements of the heart; and when you depart this life it grants you the gift of intimacy with God.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, October 17th

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.

Prophet Hosea, Troparion, tone 2

As we celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Hosea, O Lord, // through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.

Martyr Andrew of Crete, Troparion, tone 4

Struggling first in fasting upon the mountain, / with the whole armor of the Cross thou didst destroy / the noetic hordes of the enemy, / O most blessed one; / and afterwards thou didst manfully array thyself for thy contest, / slaying Copronymous with the sword of faith. // And for both thou hast been crowned by God, O ever-memorable martyr Andrew.

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.

Martyr Andrew of Crete, Kontakion, tone 8

Out of love for thee, O divinely blest one, / we utter hymns of praise as thanksgiving to the namesake of manliness, / to the teacher of the mysteries of piety. / As thou hast boldness before the Lord save us from all evils that we may chant: // Rejoice, O ever-memorable father Andrew!

“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*
