

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church

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Bulletin for Sunday, October 31st, 2021

October 31st Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:30 p.m. Vespers

3:00 p.m. Octoberfest & All-Saints Party

November 1st Monday

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 2nd Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

November 3rd Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

6:00 p.m. Class: I Peter

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 4th Thursday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Vespers

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

November 5th Friday

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 6th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 7th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Myrrhbearers' Meeting

Thou only art without sin; Thou only art forbearing; Thou only art a fount of goodness. Behold mine affliction; behold my distress. Anoint the scars left by my wounds and in Thy mercy save Thy servant: that having chased away the cloud of despondency, I may glorify Thee my most good Savior. *Monday Vespers, tone 2*

Announcements for October 31

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 seminarians.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Michelle Frederick.

Classes this Week:

Sunday, Coffee Hour, Basics of Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. I Peter

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

Clocks will be adjusted next weekend so the sun's apex in the sky each day will occur closer to noon (12:15 actually) on the clock rather than about 1:15 as it currently does.

The Nativity Fast begins November 15. Plan now.

Our Myrrhbearers Ministry, our burial ministry, will meet 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. Macarius of Optina said, "Irritability [the irascible faculty of the soul], or the anger part of our tripartite soul, is not given in order to be angry at our neighbors, but in order to have zeal against sin. When we become enraged with our neighbors, we do this contrary to our nature. Irritability is strong in us because of pride."

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.

Last week, we gave \$5246.10 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$15,084.41 our monthly budget is \$19,300; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund); Special offering for Building Fund, \$50; Candles \$137.50, special offering for OCMC Africa \$339. 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 53, Sunday Liturgy 115.

St. Ambrose of Optina said, "Especially beware of complaining, no matter who it is against. Complaining is worse and more harmful

than anything else. It is more beneficial and peaceful to blame yourself at all times for everything, and not others. You must especially beware of complaining against Divine Providence which arranges everything good and beneficial for our souls through the Mother of God, But due to our faintheartedness, we often are foolishly disturbed, and we grieve senselessly over something arranged for our spiritual benefit."

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 Jelinek, Glen Farris, Rachel Simms. Pray for sick Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, Adam Kaufman, and for all whose employment is threatened by shot mandates.

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 September: \$395,967.92

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

3.84 The mark of monastic self-esteem is to be puffed up about one's virtue and its consequences. The mark of monastic pride is to be conceited about one's own achievements, to ascribe these achievements to oneself and not to God, and to hold others in contempt. The mark of worldly self-esteem and pride is to be puffed up and conceited about one's beauty, wealth, power and moral judgment.

3.85 The achievements of the worldly man constitute the failings of the monk, and the achievements of the monk constitute the failings of the worldly man. For example, the achievements of the worldly man are wealth, fame, power, luxury, comfort, children and what is consequent upon all these things. But the monk is destroyed if he obtains any of them. His achievements are the total shedding of possessions, the rejection of esteem and power, self-control, hardship, and all that is consequent upon them. If a lover of the world obtains these against his will, he considers it a great calamity and is often in danger even of killing himself; some people have actually done this.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, October 31*

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.

Hieromartyr John of Chicago, Troparion, tone 1

Thou wast revealed to all as a true shepherd, / O holy hieromartyr John of Chicago. / For thou didst nurture thy people in the Orthodox Faith / Guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation, / And defending the Faith even unto the shedding of thy blood. / Therefore, we thy spiritual children cry out in thanksgiving: / Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! (*bridge*) // Glory to Him Who through thee granteth mercy to all!

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

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.

Hieromartyr John of Chicago, Kontakion, tone 3

Now the holy hieromartyr is glorified, / For he took up his cross and followed Christ; / In so doing, he showed us the model of true discipleship. / Therefore, let us all cry aloud to him: / Rejoice, O father John, the glory of priests.

“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*
