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Bulletin for Sunday June 2nd, 2013

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!



Schedule of Services

June 2nd Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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

June 4th Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

8:00 p.m. Compline w/ Akathist to Theotokos

June 5th Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

6:00 p.m. Class: Hebrews

7:15 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 6th Thursday

8:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Vespers

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

June 7th Friday

7:30 a.m. Matins, Confession

8:00 p.m. Compline w/ Akathist to Theotokos

June 8th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 9th Sunday of the Blind Man

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

From the Pentecostarion

By Jacob's Well, Jesus found the Samaritan woman. He that covereth the earth with clouds asked water of her. O wonder! He that rideth on the Cherubim speaketh with a harlot woman. He who suspended the earth upon the waters asked for water. He who causeth springs and pools of water to flow forth seeketh water, for He wished to draw to Himself her that was truly ensnared by the contending enemy, and to impart the water of life unto her that was sorely inflamed with unseemly deeds, for He alone is compassionate and the Friend of man. *Vespers for the Samaritan Woman*

Announcements for June 2

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

To All: Please be aware that Holy Communion is open only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves for worthy participation in the Mystery through prayer, fasting, and a recent confession to a priest (within the last month or so). We should be modestly dressed (so as not to distract others) and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" at the beginning of the Liturgy (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

The Special Offering will go for debt reduction.

Many Thanks to all of you who brought food and drink, and helped set up and clean up at the picnic, as well as those who clean the church each week and bring food for coffee hour. The wonderful things we are able to do together are made possible by you who offer your time, energy, and resources in love for Christ. The picnic was really, really nice.

Classes this Week:

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. we continue our study of the Book of Hebrews, and it is not too late to start coming if you didn't make it last week.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Basics of Orthodoxy. The class is examining the Divine Liturgy—its place in Orthodox Christian life, what it means, going through it line by line—between now and August 15. Those recently baptized who have not been through this part of the Basics Class are strongly encouraged to attend, as are high school or college students or anyone else who has never taken this class.

Confessor's Tongue: Please read what is written there this week about coffee hour, as it concerns everyone in the parish.

Please Pray: for inquirers Rebecca and Rebecca, the novice Svetlana, the Nun Elizabeth in hospice care, Elizabeth (Chandler) Jones, and Paraskeve. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga., and for Mary (Gina) Rehmet and family who lost her mother Lydia last week.

Tithes, Offerings & Attendance: Bringing our tithes and offerings to the temple of God is part of our worship of God, which also 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 basket on the candle table, where there is also a box for alms (those in need) and a box for our building fund.

Last week we gave \$1867.18; in May, we gave \$7966.79; our monthly budget is \$9187 (\$2297 per week. To build a church will require a monthly income in the neighborhood of \$11,000 a month.) In addition: Candles \$59, Building Fund \$4.26, Soda (renovation) \$2. May God bless your faithful giving! Attendance: Vigil 49, Liturgy 95. Sunday Liturgy average in May: 98; Vigil: 43.

Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, June 23. Instead we say or sing the Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death..." three times.

During the 50 days from Pascha to the Feast of Pentecost on June 23rd, we do not kneel or make prostrations in church in keeping with the joyful, festal character of the season. We begin to kneel and do prostrations again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

For 40 days until the Feast of Ascension (June 13), we greet each other by saying, "Christ is Risen!" "Indeed, He is Risen!"

Through the Leavetaking of Pascha (June 12), we use the Paschal Troparion before and after meals and when setting out on a trip.

From Saint Maximus

The foolish man under attack from the passions, when stirred to anger, is senselessly impelled to leave his brethren. But when heated by desire he quickly changes his mind and seeks their company. An intelligent person behaves differently in both cases. When anger flares up he cuts off the source of disturbance and so frees himself from his feeling of irritation against his brethren. When desire is uppermost he checks every unruly impulse and chance conversation.

In time of trial do not leave your monastery [or current place in life] but stand up courageously against the thoughts that surge over you, especially those of irritation and listlessness. For when you have been tested by afflictions in this way, according to divine providence, your hope in God will become firm and secure. But if you leave, you will show yourself to be worthless, unmanly and fickle.

If you wish not to fall away from the love of God, do not let your brother go to bed feeling irritated with you, and do not go to bed yourself feeling irritated with him. Reconcile yourself with your

brother, and then come to Christ with a clear conscience and offer Him your gift of love in earnest prayer (cf. Matt. 5:24).

St Paul says that, if we have all the gifts of the Spirit but do not have love, we are no further forward (cf. 1 Cor. 13:2). How assiduous, then, we ought to be in our efforts to acquire this love.

If 'love prevents us from harming our neighbor' (Rom. 13:10), he who is jealous of his brother or irritated by his reputation, and damages his good name with cheap jibes or in any way spitefully plots against him, is surely alienating himself from love and is guilty in the face of eternal judgment.

400 Chapters on Love, First Century 51-53

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, June 2

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Mid-Pentecost, Troparion, tone 8

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: / "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Kontakion of Samaritan Woman, tone 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly! / She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified.

Mid-Pentecost, Kontakion, tone 4

O sovereign Master and Creator of all things, Christ our God, / Thou didst cry unto those present at the Judaic Mid-feast and address them thus: / Come hither and draw ye forth immortality's water. / Wherefore, we fall down before Thee and faithfully cry out: //Grant Thy compassions unto us, O Lord, for Thou art truly the Well-spring of life for all.