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Bulletin for Sunday June 21st, 2015

Schedule of Services

June 21st Sunday New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 22nd Monday

6:30 a.m. Molieben to the Theotokos

June 24th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: An Orthodox Life in a Modern World

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 25th Thursday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 26th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida

June 27th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 28th Sunday Fourth After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

When a man begins to train himself in keeping silent, silence seems to him to be lesser than speech; but when he is trained in silence, then he knows that speech is lesser than silence. A monk said to St. Sisoës, “I would like to preserve my heart, but I cannot.” The elder responded: “How can we preserve the heart when the gate to our heart—the tongue—stands open?” Charillos, the nephew of Lycurgus [founding lawgiver of Sparta], as once asked why his uncle issued so few laws. He replied, “For those who speak little, many laws are not needed.” *St. Nikolai of Zicha*

For, if we have problems in our lives, it is almost always not so much from ill will and a bad heart so much as it is from a lack of zeal for what is worthwhile. *St. Theophan the Recluse*

Announcements for June 21

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee, food, 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. We invite you to go first through the food line and join the priest at his table.

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, please see the posting on the door to the nave) and present to hear "Blessed is the Kingdom" at the beginning of the Liturgy (in *unusual* circumstances no later than the Gospel reading if we are communing), and not leave until the dismissal at the end.

The Special Offering this week will be for IOCC.

Temple oil and wine given for the health and salvation of William Frederick.

Classes this Week:

This Wednesday at 6:00, "An Orthodox Life in a Modern World." This class is suitable for children and adults alike.

The Basics of Orthodoxy Class is in the process of being revamped. The plan is for it to resume in August with the eight-week introductory class offered on Sundays at 11:45.

The Apostles' Fast has begun and runs until June 29. We abstain from meat, dairy, and, unless otherwise indicated on the wall calendar, from fish, wine and oil as we humble ourselves before God that He may lift us up.

Church School teachers and helpers are needed for the fall. Please see Fr. Justin if you are willing to teach or help (we want two adults with each class).

Vacation Notice: Fr. Justin and family will be gone June 29 until July 17. Please plan for Confessions accordingly. Hieromonk Gregory (July 5) and Fr. John Anderson (July 12) will each substitute one weekend in Fr. Justin's absence.

Please Pray: for our catechumens, Adam and Jenilee, for the inquirer Chris, for the novices Elias and Svetlana. Pray for Joe Fincher and Olga, for Joanna (Sherri) Hale, for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon. Please pray for former parishioner Natalya Perrin, and for our diocesan administrator, Fr. Gerasim. Pray that the Lord will send laborers into His harvest field here in Denton and North Texas. Remember always to pray for your priest.

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 slot in the candle table (or in the basket passed during Liturgy), where there is also a box for alms (those in need) and a box for our building fund.

Last week, we gave \$1821.55; this month we have given \$3410.55; our monthly budget is \$9502 (\$2192 per week). Candles \$54.50; Special offering for debt reduction \$63, Natalia Perrin \$25, Building Fund \$35, Drink Jar (Renovation) \$11. Remaining Mortgage: \$3200. Attendance: Vigil 34, Liturgy 85.

From Saint Maximus on the Lord's Prayer

This kingdom is characterized, as we have shown, by humility and gentleness of heart. It is the combination of these two qualities that constitutes the perfection of the person-created according to Christ. For every humbler person is invariably gentle and every gentle person is invariably humble. A person is humble when he knows that his very being is on loan to him. He is gentle when he realizes how to use the powers given to him in a manner that accords with nature and, withdrawing their activity completely from the senses, places them at the service of the intelligence in order to produce the virtues. In this way his intellect moves incessantly towards God, while where his senses are concerned he is not in the least perturbed by any of the things that afflict the body, nor does he stamp his soul with any trace of distress, thereby disrupting his joy-creative state. For he does not regard what is painful in the senses as a privation of pleasure: He knows only one pleasure, the marriage of the soul with the Logos. To be deprived of this marriage is endless torment, extending by nature through all the ages. Thus when he has left the body and all that pertains to it, he is impelled towards union with the divine; for even if he were to be master of the whole world, he would still recognize only one real disaster: failure to attain by grace the deification for which he is hoping.

Let us, then, 'cleanse ourselves from all pollution of the flesh and spirit' (2 Cor. 7:1), so that when we have extinguished our sensual desire, which indecently wantons with the passions, we may hallow the divine name. And with our intelligence let us bind fast our anger, deranged and frenzied by sensual pleasure, so that we may receive the kingdom of God the Father, that comes to us through gentleness.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, June 21

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.

Martyr Julian, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Julian 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 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.

Martyr Julian, Kontakion, tone 2

As is meet, let us all praise Julian today, / the invincible warrior of piety, / the true counselor and soldier of the Truth, / and let us cry aloud unto him: // Entreat Christ God in behalf of us all!