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Bulletin for Sunday, June 11th, 2017

Schedule of Services

June 11th Sunday of All Saints

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Youth Craft Sale, Picnic

June 10th Monday Apostles' Fast Begins

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 13th Tuesday

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Vespers with Paracletis, Confession

June 14th Wednesday

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: Ephesians

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 15th Thursday Prophet Amos

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins, Confession

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 16th Friday

5:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins, Confession

2:30 p.m. Class: Ephesians

June 17th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Slavonic Liturgy at St. Seraphim's, Dallas

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 18th Sunday of All Saints of North America

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

St. Theodore the Great Ascetic 100 Texts

65. From self-love, which causes hatred for all men, everything evil in men is derived, as a wise man has told us. For this terrible enemy, self-love, is the foremost of all evil dispositions, and is like some tyrant with the help of which the three principal passions and the five that come in their wake overwhelm the intellect.

Announcements for June 11th

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 also invite you to go first through the food line.

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).

Temple Wine offered for the health and salvation of William and Carolyn Rodgers; **Temple Oil** offered for the health and salvation of Mary Grace and Mykola & Nina and the blessed repose of William Frederick.

The Special Offering this week will be for Loreto House.

Picnic: Picnic: Today, in place of coffee hour, we'll have a picnic lasting as long as you like.

Crafts Sale: Our seminannual crafts sale for youth is today.

Many Years to the newly-illuminated Sergey, Nikolayevich Sidorenko and his sponsor Vitaly.

All Saints: Starting today, the next three Sundays will observe in order All Saints, All Saints of North America, and New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke.

The Apostles' Fast tomorrow and lasts until the Feast of SS Peter & Paul, June 29. We fast completely from meat and dairy products and from fish, alcohol, and oil unless indicated on the wall calendar. We use this time to seek God and his presence more diligently through prayer, repentance, Confession, Communion, spiritual reading, almsgiving, abstaining from sin, and cutting back on things that distract us from Christ and His Kingdom. Plan now to make a good use of the fast unto spiritual benefit.

Midnight Office: During the Fast, the Midnight Office will be read at 5:30 a.m. before Matins at 6:00. It is a service which features, among other things, prayers for the departed.

Classes Resume This Week. In the Bible Study Friday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, we shall study the epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, which has been called "the Queen of Epistles." We will try to keep the classes in synchronicity with one another so if you miss one, you may attend the other.

Friday Afternoon Bible Study at 2:30 Ephesians

Wednesday at 6:00 to 6:50 before Vespers Ephesians

Basics of Orthodoxy: Tuesday evenings at 8, or Sundays at 11:45

Basics of Orthodoxy: If you are interested in this series of classes covering the basic beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church, let Fr. Justin know.

The Front Door should not be used during the Sunday Liturgy as we are using the narthex as part of the nave. It is fine, however, to use it for all other services.

Commemorations: Please try to submit your Sunday commemorations Saturday night (or earlier) whenever you can.

Fr. Peter Heers, professor at Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, will speak this Friday evening at St. Nicholas in McKinney at 6:00 on the topic "The Church, the Body of Christ, the Continuation of the Incarnation". Originally from Texas, he lived in Greece for many years and was involved in translating the life and words of St. Paisios into English.

New Services: With regularity we shall begin to offer two services: the Pannikhida Friday nights after Vespers for the Departed and the Paraclesis, or the Molieben to the Theotokos, which is commonly offered for healing of physical ailments and deliverance from spiritual distress, on Tuesdays. Those ill, ailing, or struggling physically or spiritually are encouraged to attend.

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 (those in need) and our building fund.

Last Sunday, we gave about \$2341.54 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$11,250; candles \$97, special offering for Azle Mission \$62; building fund \$100. Attendance: Vigil last Saturday 34; Sunday Liturgy 98. Building fund balance: \$86,921.70

Please Pray: for Cassian and Ruth Brown and their children Daniel, Anna, Elijah; for our catechumen Marsha Northam, our inquirers the Dean family; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Albina Gashushina, and for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, for Eugene and Rachel, and for Jeremy Gleb Rovny, travelling in India.

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.

Troparia and Kontakia for June 11th

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.

All Saints, Troparion, tone 4

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world, / Thy Church as in purple and fine linen / through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God; / Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; / grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

All Saints, Kontakion, tone 8

All the world doth offer unto Thee, O Lord, as to creation's Planter, / the God-bearing Martyrs as nature's first fruits for they bare witness unto Thee. / Thus preserve Thou Thy Church in the profoundest peace by their entreaties, O Savior, / through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.