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Bulletin for Sunday, July 24th, 2016

Schedule of Services

July 24th Sunday, Fifth after Pentecost, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Ignatius Class

July 27th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 28th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:30 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy 202: Divine Liturgy 8

July 29th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

July 30th Saturday 15th Anniversary Weekend

3:30 p.m. Meet the Bishop

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Talk by Bishop

July 31st Sunday, Sixth after Pentecost, tone 5

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

Isaiah the Solitary on Guarding the Senses, 27 Texts

18. Once you have begun to seek God with true devotion and with all your heart, then you cannot possibly imagine that you already conform to His will. So long as your conscience reproves you for anything that you have done contrary to nature, you are not yet free: the reproof means that you are still under trial and have not yet been acquitted. But if you find when you are praying that nothing at all accuses you of evil, then you are free and by God's will have entered into His peace. If you see growing within yourself a good crop, no longer choked by the tares of the evil one; if you find that the demons have reluctantly withdrawn, convinced that it is no use making further attacks on your senses; if 'a cloud overshadows your tent' (cf. Exod. 40:34), and 'the sun does not bum you by day, nor the moon by night' (Ps. 121:6); if you find yourself equipped to pitch your tent and keep it as God wishes - if all this has happened, then you have gained the victory with God's help, and henceforward He will Himself overshadow your tent, for it is His. So long as the contest continues, a man is full of fear and trembling, wondering whether he will win today or be defeated, whether he will win tomorrow or be defeated: the struggle and stress constrict his heart. But when he has attained dispassion, the contest comes to an end; he receives the prize of victory and has no further anxiety about the three that were divided, for now through God they have made peace with one another. These three are the soul, the body and the spirit. When they become one *continued on page 3*

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Announcements for July 24

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).

The Special Offering this week will be for our building fund.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Eugene and Rachel.

Many Thanks to those who worked on the building and grounds yesterday. Many hands accomplished much!

Congratulations to the Skeltons on the birth of their daughter Rebekah yesterday. Mother and daughter are well.

Children's Crafts Fair: Today at coffee hour various crafts and baked good made by some of our children will be available for sale.

Church Plans: The most recent set of drawings for our new church is on the board in the kitchen. We may now go to the city to get their response and guidance to our project, which we need to execute soon, with God's help.

Bishop Alexander will be with us next Saturday and Sunday to celebrate our fifteen-year anniversary with us. Starting at 3:30 Saturday will be a 'meet and greet' with the Bishop over light refreshments. His Grace will speak at the end of Vigil. Please join us.

Questions for Bishop: Though it is our custom to have a question-and-answer session with our bishop when he visits, the priest as yet has received no questions. Please send Fr. Justin any questions you would like to ask the Bishop when he comes, either in writing or by email with "Question for Bishop" on the subject line.

Classes This Week

Sunday after Liturgy: The Epistles of St. Ignatius

Thursday 7:30: Basics of Orthodoxy 202 Divine Liturgy 8

Anaphora of St. John & the Theotokos

The Dormition Fast will be observed August 1-14. This is a time to recalibrate our spiritual lives by cultivating repentance, preparing for Holy Confession, increasing our prayer, our spiritual reading, our almsgiving and our service to others. It is not too early to start thinking about how we may best keep the fast. A full liturgical schedule will be offered including a number of Vigils. Plan to take

advantage of it. Plan on making a Confession, too, as following the Feast (Aug 15), your priest will be going on vacation.

Children and Drinking Water: We ask parents to instruct their children who desire water to use the drinking fountain (why we installed it) without using a cup to reduce dishwashing.

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 week we gave \$2636.81 in tithes and offerings; in July we have given \$5251.89; our monthly budget is \$10,350 (\$2389 per week). Candles \$69.50; Building fund \$82.23; Special offering for Prison Ministry, \$80.95. Attendance: Vigil 33; Liturgy 78.

Please Pray: for our catechumen Marsha Northam, our inquirers the Wells family, the Dean family, for David & Sally Roberts, and for Meghann Jones & family; for the novices Elias and Svetlana. Pray for Patricia, Perpetua, and James Lydon. Patricia was recently in the hospital. Please pray for John Roberts and his wife Edith (cancer), and for Frieda as she cares for her mother; for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph.

Many Years to Elisabeth Terry, Anastasia Sancer, Hannah Stokes, Sophia Colias, Mariah Northam (New Martyr Elizabeth 7/18), Claire Terry (St. Macrina 7/19), Hunter Bellan (St. Jude, 7/19), Novice Elias and Frank Elijah Frederick (Prophet Elijah, 7/20), Jordan (Boris) and Jeremy (Gleb) Rovny (Boris & Gleb, (7/24); Happy **Birthdays** to Andrea Rovny, Michael Rehmet (7/29), Jordan and Jeremy Rovny (7/24), Thom Anderson (7/24), Frieda Glushekno (7/27), Estefania Dean & Madeline Gibson (7/28).

From Saint Maximus 500 Various Texts

When by neglecting the commandments a person blinds the eyes of faith that are within him, then he is certainly doomed, for he no longer has God watching over him. For if Scripture calls the energies of the Spirit the 'eyes of the Lord' (Deut. 11:12), the person who does not open those eyes by fulfilling the commandments does not have God watching over him. God watches us only when through fulfilling the commandments we are illumined by the energies of the Spirit, for He has no other eyes by which He looks down on those who dwell on earth. 3.43

St. Isaiah, cont. through the energy of the Holy Spirit, they cannot again be separated. Do not think, then, that you have died to sin, so long as you suffer violence, whether

waking or sleeping, at the hands of your opponents. For while a man is still competing in the arena, he cannot be sure of victory.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, July 24th

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.

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.

SS Boris & Gleb, Troparion, tone 2

O righteous passion-bearers, chaste Boris and innocent Gleb, / truly obedient to the Gospel of Christ, / ye did not oppose your brother, / who slew your bodies but could not touch your souls. / Wherefore, let the evil lover of power lament; / but, rejoicing with the angelic choirs as ye stand before the Holy Trinity, / do ye pray that the dominion of your kinsmen may be pleasing to God, // and that the children of Russia may be saved.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

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.

SS Boris & Gleb, Kontakion, tone 3

Today hath your all-glorious memory shone forth, / O right noble passion-bearers of Christ Boris and Gleb, / summoning us to the praise of Christ our God. / Wherefore, hastening to the shrine of your relics, / we receive the gift of healings by your supplications, O saints; // for ye are divine physicians.