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**Bulletin for Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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**January 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 7 St. Nina Equal to the Apostles**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Mission Council

**January 15<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
7:30 p.m. Compline

**January 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**  
6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**January 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday St. Anthony the Great**  
6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
6:00 p.m. Class: Jude  
7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**January 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday St. Athanasius the Great**  
6:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**January 19<sup>th</sup> Friday**  
6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession  
7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
*9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim, Dallas*  
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**January 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Tone 8 St. Maximus**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour  
3:00 p.m. Festive Gathering for Patronal Feast

St. Isaiah the Solitary 27 Texts on Guarding the Intellect

There is among the passions an anger of the intellect, and this anger is in accordance with nature. Without anger a man cannot attain purity: he has to feel angry with all that is sown in him by the enemy. When Job felt this anger he reviled his enemies, calling them 'dishonorable men of no repute, lacking everything good, whom I would not consider fit to live with the dogs that guard my flocks' (cf. Job 30:1, 4. LXX). He who wishes to acquire the anger that is in accordance with nature must uproot all self-will, until he establishes within himself the state natural to the intellect.

## Announcements for January 14<sup>th</sup>

**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 line at Coffee Hour.

**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 is for Loreto House.

**Mission Council** will meet today after coffee hour.

**Decorations** in the church will be taken down today during or after coffee hour. If you are willing to help, please see Becki Stevenson or Matushka Michelle.

**Altar Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Sophia.

**Feast of St. Maximus:** Our patronal feast is next Sunday. We shall celebrate it with an extended Vigil Saturday night, Divine Liturgy Sunday morning, and a festive meal, a talk on St. Maximus, and games some time after Liturgy. Is it better for people to come back later in the afternoon, or shall we just have a more abundant meal at coffee hour, and then move to a short talk and games without a break? You will be asked at end of Liturgy.

### Classes This Week

Sunday, noon Basics of Orthodoxy 201

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, General Epistle of Jude  
The Friday Spiritual Psalter class will not meet this week.

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 301: Mechanics of Prayer.

**Building Fund Watch:** Building fund balance: \$106,745. Our goal is \$110,000 by the end of January.

**A Fundraising Dinner** for St. Vladimir's Seminary will be held Friday evening (fast-free), February 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bent Tree Country Club, 5201 Westgrove Drive, Dallas, Texas. Tickets are \$35 and donations will be solicited. Call (214) 912-5853 for tickets by January 28.

**House Blessings:** If you desire to have your house blessed, please email the priest to arrange it. Requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

**Commemorative Prospora** will now be brought out after Liturgy on a tray. Your prosphoron will be found on top of your commemoration slip or book. Please take both.

**Prosporon Bags** of cloth are available in the bookstore, sewn by our own Anna Stokes.

**Holy Water** from Theophany is available in the front of the church by the choir and in the font in the kitchen.

**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 and our building fund.

Last Sunday, we gave \$2200.76 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget will go to the building fund). Candles \$113 Building Fund \$255, Special Offering for Deacon Daniel Greeson \$126.10. Attendance: Vigil 30; Sunday Liturgy 105.

**Please Pray** for Reader Michael Rodgers recovering from neck surgery, for Cassian at home on hospice care and Ruth Brown and their children Daniel, Anna, Elijah; for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, Joel and Alta Morris and their children Solomon, Shilah, Gideon, Benjamin; Brandon and Lanie Veazey and their baby Silouan; our inquirers Donna Lange, the Dean family, Jason Matthes, Chris; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Photina and Jude Bellan, for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, for Eugene and Rachel, for Jeremy Gleb Rovny, working in Georgia, and Ian Rehmet in Greece. Pray for those you haven't seen at church for awhile.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.21 God knows Himself and He knows the things He has created. The angelic powers, too, know God and know the things He has created. But they do not know God and the things He has created in the same way that God knows Himself and the things He has created.

3.22 God knows Himself through knowing His blessed essence. And the things created by Him He knows through knowing His wisdom, by means of which and in which He made all things. But the angelic powers know God by participation, though God Himself transcends such participation; and the things He has created they know by apprehending that which may be spiritually contemplated in them.

3.23 Although the intellect apprehends its vision of created things within itself, they are actually outside it. This is not the case with

respect to God's knowledge of Created things, for He is eternal, infinite and undetermined, and has bestowed on everything that exists its being, well-being and eternal being.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for January 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto the world great mercy.

#### **Theophany, Troparion, tone 1**

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / naming Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of dove, / confirmed the certainty of that word. / O Christ our God, who hast manifested Thyself and enlightened the world // glory to Thee.

#### **St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3**

#### **St. Nina, Troparion, tone 4**

O holy Nina, equal of the apostles, / minister of the word of God, / who emulated the first-called Andrew / and the other apostles in apostolic preaching, / enlightener of Georgia / and harp of the Holy Spirit: // Entreat Christ God that our souls be saved!

#### **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.

#### **St. Nina, Kontakion, tone 2**

Come ye all, and let us hymn today / the all-praised Nina, the preacher of the Word of God, / the equal of the apostles, who was chosen by Christ, / the wise evangelist who hath led the people Kartli to the path of life and truth, // the disciple of the Mother of God, our fervent helper and tireless guardian.

#### **Theophany, Kontakion, tone 4**

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe / and Thy Light, O Lord, hath shone on us, / who with understanding praise Thee: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O Light unapproachable!