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Bulletin for Sunday, February 11th, 2018

February 11th Sunday Tone 3 Last Judgment, Meatfare

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

February 12th Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins

February 13th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

February 14th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: Jude

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 15th Thursday Apostle Onesimus of the 70

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

February 16th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Pannikhida, Confession

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

February 17th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

February 18th Sunday Tone 4 Forgiveness, Cheesefare

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

5:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers

St. Isaiah the Solitary 27 Texts on Guarding the Intellect

6. If your heart comes to feel a natural hatred for sin, it has defeated the causes of sin and freed itself from them. Keep hell's torments in mind; but know that your Helper is at hand. Do nothing that will grieve Him, but say to Him with tears: 'Be merciful and deliver me, O Lord, for without Thy help I cannot escape from the hands of my enemies.' Be attentive to your heart, and He will guard you from all evil.

7. The monk [and we] should shut all the gates of his soul, that is, the senses, so that he is not lured astray. When the intellect sees that it is not dominated by anything, it prepares itself for immortality, gathering its senses together and forming them into one body.

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Announcements for February 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 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 seminarian Deacon Daniel Greeson.

Temple Wine given for the health and salvation of Irene Reynolds.

Triodion: Today, we observe the third of the preparatory Sundays for Great Lent, that of the Last Judgment. You are encouraged to attend Vigil now and during Lent—especially those of you who don't usually attend Vigil, for that is when the bulk of the distinctive Lenten hymns are sung. If you make it a point to come to Vigil from at least 6:00 to 7:00 each week, you will gain a good entrance into the spirit of the fast.

Meatfare Sunday is today. This is the last day we eat meat until Pascha.

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare) is next Sunday. Everyone who makes this his parish home should plan on attending the Forgiveness Vespers that Sunday evening at 5:00 and having ice cream at Beth Marie's after. This will be the last day we eat dairy products, including eggs, until Pascha.

Classes This Week

Sunday, noon Basics of Orthodoxy.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, General Epistle of Jude

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

Building Fund Watch: Building fund balance: \$113,936.11. Our goal is \$130,000 by Pascha.

Prayer for New Church: We all know our need for a proper temple. Please join in regular prayer that God will grant us wisdom, land, permits, and resources to build a beautiful building for worship which will in its very structure and beauty bear witness to the love of God for man made manifest in His incarnation and death. A prayer that you may use may be found in the *Confessor's Tongue* today and on the candle table.

Confessor's Tongue: Please make it a point to read this parish publication each week, as it contains instruction, edification, and

inspiration to help us on the path of salvation. It also helps communicate our common way of life and the ethos of our parish. It is available each Sunday at church; it is also posted on our website.

House Blessings: If you desire to have your house blessed, please email the priest to arrange it.

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

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 \$3261 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget will go to the building fund). Candles \$145, Special Offering for Loreto House \$92; Building Fund \$323.24. Attendance: Vigil 53; Sunday Liturgy 119.

Please Pray for Andrea (Elizabeth) Rovny, recovering from gall bladder surgery and Robert Osborne recovering from heart surgery, for Ruth, Daniel, Anna, & Elijah Brown in their time of mourning; 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

3.31 By nature all bodies lack a capacity for motion; they are given motion by the soul, either by one that is intelligent, or by one without intelligence, or by one that is insensate, as the case may be.

3.32 The soul has three powers: first, the power of nourishment and growth; second, that of imagination and instinct; third, that of intelligence and intellect. Plants share only in the first of these powers; animals share in the first and second; men share in all three. The first two powers are perishable; the third is clearly imperishable and immortal.

3.33 In communicating illumination to each other, the angelic powers also communicate either their virtue or their knowledge to

human nature. As regards their virtue, they communicate a goodness which imitates the goodness of God, and through this goodness they confer blessings on themselves, on one another and on their inferiors, thus making them like God. As regards their knowledge, they communicate either a more sublime knowledge about God — for, as Scripture says, ‘Thou, Lord, art most high for evermore’ (Ps. 92:8) - or a more profound knowledge about embodied beings, or one that is more exact about incorporeal beings, or more distinct about divine providence, or more precise about divine judgment.

Troparia and Kontakia for February 11th

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.
/ He hath delivered us from the womb of hell, / and hath granted 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.

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.

Last Judgment, Kontakion, tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, upon the earth with glory, / the whole world will tremble. / The river of fire will bring men before Thy judgment seat, / the books will be opened and the secrets disclosed. / Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, / and count me worthy to stand on Thy right hand, O most righteous Judge.

“It is not he who begins well who is perfect. It is he who ends well who is approved in God’s sight.” *St. Basil the Great*