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Bulletin for Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**March 18<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday St. John of the Ladder Tone 8**

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

6:00 p.m. *Pan-Orthodox Vespers, St. Demetrios, Fort Worth*

**March 19<sup>th</sup> Monday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Matins with Great Canon of St. Andrew

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

4:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Potluck Meal

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Matins with Akathist Hymn

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**March 25<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday Annunciation, St. Mary, Tone 1**

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

6:00 p.m. *Pan-Orthodox Vespers, St. Seraphim, Dallas*

St. Isaiah the Solitary 27 Texts on Guarding the Intellect

16. He who receives no help when at war should feel no confidence when at peace.  
17. When a man severs himself from evil, he gains an exact understanding of all the sins he has committed against God; for he does not see his sins unless he severs himself from them with a feeling of revulsion. Those who have reached this level pray to God with tears, and are filled with shame when they recall their evil love of the passions. Let us therefore pursue the spiritual way with all our strength, and God in His great mercy will help us. And if we have not guarded our hearts as our fathers guarded theirs, at least in obedience to God let us do all we can to keep our bodies sinless, trusting that at this time of spiritual dearth He will grant mercy to us together with His saints.

## Announcements for March 18<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.

**Lenten Almsgiving:** this Lent, the parish is supporting the ministry of Loreto house and also Interfaith Ministries. An email was sent out February 26 about the latter. A box is placed in the hall to collect the following for Interfaith: diapers sizes 5 & 6, ethnic haircare products, tooth brushes, lip balm, deodorant, pop top canned food, sunscreen, bottled water. We also will take donations of canned goods for our own parish food pantry.

**Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of William and Carolyn Rodgers.

**Pan-Orthodox Vespers:** Per local custom in DFW, Vespers will be served each of the five Sunday evenings of the fast at one of the local Orthodox churches. Tonight, it will be at St. Demetrios, Fort Worth, at 6:00. A meal will follow.

**Annunciation**, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated next weekend with Vigil Saturday night and Divine Liturgy Sunday morning combined with the services for the fifth Sunday of the Fast. We do well to be present for Vigil and Liturgy.

### The Fast: Fifth Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil, and marital relations. If fasting fully according to the norm, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We take two meals a day on Saturday and Sunday. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

**Confessions:** Everyone should plan on coming to Confession during the Fast. Please plan to make yours before Holy Week, if at all possible. This coming week is prime time. The following week, Fr. Justin will be at the monastery the first part of the week with his family. Confessions may be scheduled with the priest before the Presanctified Liturgies or during the day, if needed, especially this week. Don't wait!

**Eucharistic Fasting** for the Liturgies of the Presanctified Gifts should begin this week no later than 10:30 on Thursday, 12:30 on Friday.

### Classes This Week

Sunday, noon Basics of Orthodoxy.

### Building Fund Watch

"Establish Thou this holy house, even unto the consummation of the age."

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$117,508.28. Our goal is \$130,000 by Pascha.

**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 \$2513 in tithes and offerings; in March, we have given \$4319; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$121.50, Special Offering seminar \$12.25; Building Fund \$610. Attendance: Vigil 50; Sunday Liturgy 136.

**Please Pray** for those preparing for holy illumination: Joel and Alta Morris and their children Solomon, Shilah, Gideon, Benjamin; for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, 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 for awhile.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.52 When you see that your intellect reflects upon its conceptual images of the world with reverence and justice, you may be sure that your body, too, continues to be pure and sinless. But when you see that your intellect is occupied with thoughts of sin, and you do not check it, you may be sure that before very long your body, too, will fall into those sins.

## Troparia and Kontakia for March 18<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

### St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

#### Sunday of John Climacus, Troparion tone 1

O John, our father, saint of God, thou was revealed as a citizen of the desert, / an angel in a body and a worker of miracles. / Through fasting, prayer and vigils, / thou hast received heavenly gifts of grace, / and thou healest the sick and the souls of those that turn to thee with faith. / Glory be to Him who gave thee strength; / glory, be to Him who crowned thee / glory be to Him who through thee granteth to all men healing.

### St. Nikolai of Zicha, Troparion, tone 8

Come, ye Christians of these latter days! / Come ye, and while time remaineth for us in this earthly life, / let us give thanks to Christ the Redeemer, / Who in His exceeding great loving-kindness hath given us so great an intercessor, / a mediator before the dread tribunal of His divine justice, / an advocate who ever beggeth Him to have mercy on us, / a supplicant who layeth before Him our desperate pleas: / the great and holy Nicholas, to whom we turn with our entreaties. / Through him let us beseech the Lord Most High // that He take pity on our wretched souls and deprive us not of salvation.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

### St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

#### John Climacus, Kontakion, tone 4

Truly the Lord hath set thee as fixed star in the firmament of abstinence, / giving light to the ends of the earth / O father John our teacher.

### St. Nikolai of Zicha, Kontakion, tone 3

Born in Lelich of Serbia, / thou wast made archpastor in the Okhrid of the holy Nahum, / and didst occupy the see of the great Savva in Zicha, / whence thou didst enlighten the people of God with the Gospel. / Many didst thou lead to repentance and love for Christ, / for Whose sake thou didst endure suffering in Dachau; / for which cause He hath glorified thee, // O holy Nicholas, thou new favorite of God.

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“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*