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Bulletin for Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**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*

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Potluck Meal

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**March 30<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Potluck Meal

**March 31<sup>th</sup> Lazarus Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Colias Baptism

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Palm Sunday**

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

6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins **Holy Week Begins**

St. Isaiah the Solitary 27 Texts on Guarding the Intellect

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yourself a good crop, no longer choked by the tares of the evil one; if you find that the demons have reluctantly withdrawn, convinced that it is no use making further attacks on your senses; if 'a cloud overshadows your tent' (cf.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 *cont. on back*

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## Announcements for March 25<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 Interfaith Ministries.

**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 and Wine** given for the health and salvation of Heather McEven.

**The Last Pan-Orthodox Vespers** of this Lent will be served tonight at St. Serphaim, Dallas, our mother parish, at 6:00. A meal will follow.

### The Fast: Sixth 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.

**Holy Week** begins next Sunday evening with the first Bridegroom Matins, moved to the night before by anticipation. This is a week in which to lay aside all unnecessary business and activity that we may rightly honor our Savior by pondering His suffering and death for our sake by attending as many of the services as we can and excluding the world's chatter from our minds. The full joy of Pascha is found by being with Christ in His Passion during Holy Week. Plan now if you haven't already to keep the week as clear as you can.

**Confessions:** One week until Holy Week. If you still need to make a Confession, try to do it this week. Fr. Justin will be at Holy Archangels Monastery with his family Monday until Wed. evening. There are scheduled times for Confession on Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday. Father will be available more or less all day (outside of services) for Confessions those days if you wish to make an appointment.

**Eucharistic Fasting** for the Liturgies of the Presanctified Gifts should begin this week no later than 11:00 on Wednesday and 12:00 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: \$127,408.28. 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 \$2470 in tithes and offerings; in March, we have given \$6790; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$118, Special Offering Loreto House \$80.03; Building Fund \$10,603. Attendance: Vigil 42; Sunday Liturgy 119.

**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 Day; 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

3.54 One should not be startled or astonished because God the Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son (cf. John 5:22). The Son teaches us, 'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged' (Matt. 7:1); 'Do not condemn, so that you may not be condemned' (Luke 6:37). St Paul likewise says, 'Judge nothing before

the time, until the Lord comes' (1 Cor. 4:5); and 'By judging another you condemn yourself' (Rom. 2:1). But men have given up weeping for their own sins and have taken judgment away from the Son. They themselves judge and condemn one another as if they were sinless. 'Heaven was amazed at this' (Jer. 2:12. LXX) and earth shuddered, but men in their obduracy are not ashamed.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for March 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

#### **Annunciation, Troparion, tone 4**

Today is the crown of our salvation / and the revelation of the mystery which is from before the ages! / The Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, / and Gabriel announceth the glad tidings of grace. / Wherefore, with him let us cry out to the Theotokos: / Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace! // The Lord is with thee!

#### **Annunciation, Kontakion, tone 8**

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! / We thy servants, delivered from evil, / sing our grateful thanks to thee, O Theotokos! / As thou possessest invincible might set us free from every calamity // so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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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*

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*cont. from front:* 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 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.