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## Bulletin for Pentecost Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of All Saints**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**June 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Apostles' Fast Begins**

6:00 a.m. Matins

**June 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Class: St. Basil the Great *Hexaemeron*

7:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

**June 8<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

**June 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 Vigil, Confession

**June 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of All Saints of North America**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

The Didache: Prayer after Holy Communion

We thank Thee, holy Father, for Thy holy name which Thou didst cause to tabernacle in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which Thou madest known to us through Jesus Thy Servant; to Thee be the glory for ever. Thou, Master almighty, didst create all things for Thy name's sake; Thou gavest food and drink to men for enjoyment, that they might give thanks to Thee; but to us Thou didst freely give spiritual food and drink and life eternal through Thy Servant. Before all things we thank Thee that Thou are mighty; to Thee be the glory for ever. Remember, Lord, Thy Church, to deliver it from all evil and to make it perfect in Thy love, and gather it from the four winds, sanctified for Thy kingdom which Thou have prepared for it; for Thine is the power and the glory for ever. Let grace come, and let this world pass away. Hosanna to the God (Son) of David! If any one is holy, let him come; if any one is not so, let him repent. Maranatha. Amen.

## Announcements for June 3<sup>rd</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 St. Sava's building fund.

**Temple Wine** given in memory of Sophia & Sylvia; **Temple Oil** given in memory of Charles and for the health and salvation of William and Carolyn.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. St. Basil the Great. *Hexaemeron 1-3*.

**Many thanks** to those who cut the law and to all who worked to make the picnic a success.

**The Apostles' Fast** begins tonight at midnight and lasts until the Feast of SS Peter & Paul, June 29. Plan now to make a good use of the fast unto spiritual benefit.

**Sundays after Pentecost:** Most of the Sundays of the year are numbered in reference to the Feast of Pentecost (last Sunday). That means this Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost. A standard year has 32 Sundays after Pentecost, but there can be as many as 37. The rest of the year is figured in relation to Pascha: eight Sundays of Pascha (Pascha to Pentecost), six Sundays from the start of Great Lent until Holy Week, and five pre-lenten Sundays if we include Zacchaeus Sunday. The eleven Resurrectional Gospels of Sunday Matins read in sequence throughout the year begin to be numbered with the first Sunday after Pentecost. Interestingly, the cycle of the eight tones begins with tone 1 on the second Sunday after Pentecost.

**Fr. Justin** will be on pilgrimage in Russia the next two Sundays. Fr. Basil Biberdorf will serve Vigil and Liturgy each weekend in his place. He will be able to hear a few confessions for those who need it. Reader Vespers will be held Wednesdays with the St. Basil class reading *Hexameron* and Reader Matins will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**Please Pray** for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, and James Blankenship; our inquirers Donna Lange, the Dean family, Chris Day, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias. Please pray for Olga Fincher and her husband Joseph, for Jeremy, George, Andrea, and Rebecca

Rovny travelling in Old World Georgia, for Fr. Justin and Katherine Frederick travelling in Russia, and for Ian Rehmet studying in Greece. Pray for those you haven't seen for awhile.

### Building Fund Watch

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

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$140,000.

Current goal: \$150,000 before priest returns.

**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 \$5454.62 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$11,662.60; we gave an addition \$1655 electronically for a total of \$13,317.60 our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$107; Building Fund \$210.10. Attendance: Vigil 52; Sunday Liturgy 152.

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

**In and Out:** There has been too much movement in and out of the church during Divine Liturgy, which is distracting both to the ones doing it and those remaining inside. Much (but not all) is children who go in and out multiple times for no good reason. Please do not let your children do this! Please let us all do what we can to resist the temptation to drift in and out or to linger outside in conversation while the Liturgy is being served.

**After Communion:** Please take a piece of antidoron, take a quick sip of wine if you wish, and move on. Please do not dip bread in the wine any longer. It makes a mess, it is slowing things down too much, and it is not necessary. Thank you!

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.87 Humility consists in constant prayer combined with tears and suffering. For this ceaseless calling upon God for help prevents us from foolishly growing confident in our own strength and wisdom, and from putting ourselves above others. These are dangerous diseases of the passion of pride.

3.88 It is one thing to fight against a passion-free thought so that it will not stimulate a passion; it is another to fight against an impassioned thought so that there will be no assent to it. Both these two forms of counter-attack prevent the thoughts themselves from persisting.

3.89 Resentment is linked with rancor. When the intellect forms the image of a brother's face with a feeling of resentment, it is clear that it harbors rancor against him. 'The way of the rancorous leads to death' (Prov. 12:28. LXX), because 'whoever harbors rancor is a transgressor' (Prov. 21:24. LXX).

3.90 If you harbor rancor against anybody, pray for him and you will prevent the passion from being aroused; for by means of prayer you will separate your resentment from the thought of the wrong he has done you. When you have become loving and compassionate towards him, you will wipe the passion completely from your soul. If somebody regards you with rancor, be pleasant to him, be humble and agreeable in his company, and you will deliver him from his passion.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for June 3<sup>rd</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.

#### **All Saints, Troparion, tone 4**

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world, / Thy Church as in purple and fine linen / through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God; / Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; / grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

#### **All Saints, Kontakion, tone 8**

All the world doth offer unto Thee, O Lord, as to creation's Planter, / the God-bearing Martyrs as nature's first fruits for they bare witness unto Thee. / Thus preserve Thou Thy Church in the profoundest peace by their entreaties, O Savior, / through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.

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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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