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Bulletin for Sunday, August 5th, 2018

August 5th Sunday, tone 1 Martyr Eusignius, Righteous Nonna

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 6th Monday Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 7th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Midnight Office

7:00 p.m. Vespers with Paracletis, Confession

August 8th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy **SS Zosimas & Sabbatius of Solovki**

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 9th Thursday St. Herman of Alaska

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 10th Friday

6:00 a.m. Midnight Office, Molieben to St. Maximus, Conf.

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Divine Liturgy: Cherubic Hymn

August 11th Saturday

8:00 a.m. St. David Brotherhood: The Gospel in the Stars

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 12th Sunday, tone 2 Martyrs Anicetus and Photius

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

6:00 p.m. Vigil for St. Maximus and Leavetaking

Liturgy: the School of God

Most of all, Elder Sophrony was enraptured by the service of the Divine Liturgy which he lived as an offering for the salvation of the whole world. The Liturgy is the school of God, where we learn to exchange our little life for God's infinitely great life. The more fully the broken spirit of man embraces the tragic needs of the world during the service of the Divine Liturgy, the greater will be the blessing that God will extend to the world for help and salvation. In its essence, the Liturgy is a participation in Christ's prayer at Gethsemane, where He served the Liturgy once and for all for the salvation of the world. In the Liturgy, we are taught to pass from our little "I" to the great "we" and live the deep pain of the whole world as if it were our own. *Elder Zacharias in "Man, the Target of God"*

Announcements for August 5th

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 our building fund to help us reach \$200,000 by year's end.

Temple Oil given in memory of Nicholay Gluschenko on the ninth anniversary of his death (08/04/09).

Classes this Week

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox, The Divine Liturgy.

The Dormition Fast has begun! The norms the Church has given us for the fast call us to devote ourselves to prayer, almsgiving, fasting (abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, marital relations—see wall calendar for modifications), and reading the Scriptures and other Orthodox spiritual literature, and to reduce or eliminate secular entertainments and elective social engagements. All the faithful should prepare themselves for Confession and Holy Communion during the Fast (or just before it).

Holy Transfiguration, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated with Vigil tonight at 6:00 and Divine Liturgy tomorrow morning at 9:00. We do well to keep the Great Feasts by attending the Vigil and the Liturgy—or at least as much of the cycle of services as we are able.

St Herman of Alaska's feast will also be celebrated this week with Vigil Wednesday evening at 7:00 and Divine Liturgy Thursday morning at 9:00. He is the patron of our Church in North America.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$151,518.10.

Current goal: \$150,000 by Dormition: MET!

New goal: \$200,000 year end.

The St. David of Georgia Brotherhood will meet this Saturday morning from 8:00 to 9:30 for breakfast and to hear Aristobulus Cunningham speak about the "Gospel in the Stars."

Commemorations: Please put in your commemoration slips and books the night before Liturgy whenever possible.

Confessions: Please make good use of the next two weeks and come to Confession. The Fast is a proper time to prepare for a good Confession, and Fr. Justin will be gone August 20 to Sept 12.

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 \$2159 in tithes and offerings; we also gave \$5001.13 electronically; in July, we gave a total of \$20,376.46; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$96.50; Special Offering Holy Myrrhbearers Church (burned in Sac, CA) \$201; Building Fund \$217. Attendance: Vigil 42; Sunday Liturgy 150.

Please Pray for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, and James Blankenship; our inquirers Donna Lange, the Dean family, Chris Day, Jonathan, Robert, Pam Fortner, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias, for Joy (Dymphna), Charity (Emilia), Katherine and Thea at St. John's Monastery, Goldendale, WA, and Ian Rehmet working at camp in Greece. Pray for those who have been absent.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

4.20 Do not hold the commandment of love in contempt, for through it you will become a son of God. But if you transgress it, you will become a son of Gehenna.

4.21 What separates us from the love of friends is envying or being envied, causing or receiving harm, insulting or being insulted, and suspicious thoughts. Would that you had never done or experienced anything of this sort and in this way separated yourself from the love of a friend.

4.22 Has a brother been the occasion of some trial for you and has your resentment led you to hatred? Do not let yourself be overcome by this hatred, but conquer it with love. You will succeed in this by praying to God sincerely for your brother and by accepting his apology; or else by conciliating him with an apology yourself, by regarding yourself as responsible for the trial and by patiently waiting until the cloud has passed.

Troparia and Kontakia for August 5th

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.

Forefeast, Troparion, tone 4

Let us go forth to meet the Transfiguration of Christ, / splendidly
celebrating the forefeast thereof, O ye faithful; / and let us cry aloud: /
The day of divine gladness hath arrived! // The Master ascendeth
Mount Tabor to shine forth the beauty of His divinity!

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit . . .

Martyr Eusignius, Troparion, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Eusignius received an
imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might,
/ he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the
demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise
the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and
death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered
from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who
granteth to all the Resurrection!

Forefeast, Kontakion, tone 4

Human nature is made divinely luminous today / by the transfiguration
of God, / and crieth out in gladness: / Christ is transfigured, // saving us
all!

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.

“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*
