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Bulletin for Sunday, August 19th, 2018

August 19th Sunday, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 22nd Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 25th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 26th Sunday, tone 4

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

August 29th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

September 1st Saturday Church New Year

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 2nd Sunday, tone 5

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 5th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

September 8th Saturday Nativity of the Theotokos

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 9th Sunday, tone 6

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Basics of Orthodox starts

September 13th Thursday

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 14th Friday Elevation of the Cross

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

September 15th Saturday Nativity of the Theotokos

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

September 16th Sunday, tone 7

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Basics of Orthodoxy

On Pain

Without experiencing pain, man is incapable of knowing the depths of being and remains a stranger to that love which conquers sin and death.
Elder Zacharias in "Man, the Target of God"

Announcements for August 19th

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. Herman's Seminary.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of the Fredericks.

No Classes this Week

Today we receive Jonathan Kidd into the ranks of the catechumens.

Many Thanks: The St. David Brotherhood worked at clearing brush in the back yard. We hope to open it up for some pleasant space under the trees and a more spacious feeling to our property.

Adult Coffee Hour Upstairs: Between now and the resumption of church school September 16, the upstairs is for adult use during coffee hour. Thank you.

Matters of Vacation: In the absence of Fr. Justin and family until September 12, please contact one of the local priests in case of emergency. Matins is scheduled Tuesday through Friday at 6:00 a.m. Fr. Basil Biberdorf will serve August 25-26 and Sept 1-2 and Fr. Chrysostom Arthur will serve Sept 8-9. Vigil will be served as usual each Saturday; you may ask the serving priest if you have a pressing need for Confession.

Blessing of Students: Today we shall have a brief Molieben at the end of the Liturgy for all our pupils, students, and teachers as a new school year begins.

Get to Know Someone New! With recent growth, there are many of you in the parish who do not know one another. Please make the effort each week to meet someone you don't know and to get to know better someone you don't know well.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$151,854.

New goal: \$200,000 by year's end.

Upcoming Classes: The Sunday Basics of Orthodoxy class, taught by Subdeacon Michael Rehmet and Robert Terry will start

September 9. Fr. Justin's Basic Class on the Divine Liturgy will resume Friday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. A daytime class to read Vladyka Dmitri's book *The Kingdom of God* and to study the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) will start by the beginning of October, time to be announced. A class Wednesday at 6:00 before Vespers to read and discuss the writings of St. Maximus will start about the same time.

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 \$6923.90 in tithes and offerings; in August we have given \$9275.66; our monthly budget is \$12,383 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Special offering for Fr. Seraphim Holland's prison ministry \$371.30; Candles \$146; Building Fund \$286.86. Attendance: Vigil 72; Sunday Liturgy 167.

Please Pray for our catechumens Miguel Dean, Connor Patrick, James Blankenship, Donna Lange, and Jonathan Kidd; for our inquirers the Dean family, Chris Day, Robert, Pam Fortner, Esteban Lopez, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children, David & Anita Charpie and their children, John and Christina Heitzenrater and their children; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias, for Katherine and Thea at St. John's Monastery, Goldendale, WA. Pray for those who have not seen for a season.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

4.28 When talking with other brethren, do not adulterate your usual praise of a brother by surreptitiously introducing censure into the conversation because you still harbor some hidden resentment against him. On the contrary, in the company of others give unmixed praise and pray for him sincerely as if you were praying for yourself; then you will soon be delivered from this destructive hatred.

4.29 Do not say, 'I do not hate my brother', when you simply efface the thought of him from your mind. Listen to Moses, who said, 'Do not hate your brother in your mind; but reprove him and you will not incur sin through him' (Lev. 19:17. LXX).

4.30 If a brother happens to be tempted and persists in insulting you, do not be driven out of your state of love, even though the same evil demon troubles your mind. You will not be driven out of that state if, when abused, you bless; when slandered, you praise; and when tricked, you maintain your affection. This is the way of Christ's philosophy: if you do not follow it you do not share His company.

Troparia and Kontakia for August 19th

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.

Dormition Troparion, tone 1

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity, / in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O thou who art the Mother of Life, / and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Great Martyr Andrew, Troparion, tone 5

Leaving the glory of earthly rank behind, / thou didst inherit the kingdom of heaven; / and thou didst adorn crowns of incorruption as with all-wondrous stones, / and didst lead to Christ an assembly of athletes. / With the choirs of the angels thou didst find Christ, the never-setting Sun, in light unwaning, / O holy general Andrew. // With those who suffered with thee ever entreat Him, that He save our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

St. Andrew Stratelates, Kontakion, tone 2

Standing before the Lord in prayer, / like a star preceding the sun, / thou didst gain sight of the desired treasure of heaven, / full of ineffable joy; / and for ages without end, O general Andrew, / thou dost unceasingly sing to the immortal King with the angels. // With them pray thou continually for us all.

Dormition, Kontakion, tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life / by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

“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*
