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Bulletin for Sunday, October 7th, 2018

October 7th Sunday, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 8th Monday

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Great Vespers, Confession

October 9th Tuesday St. Tikhon of America and Moscow

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 10th Wednesday Optina Elders

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Class: St. Maximus

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 11th Thursday Apostle Philip of the 70

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 12th Friday St. Symeon the New Theologian

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

October 13th Saturday

8:00 a.m. Men's Meeting

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 14th Sunday, tone 3

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

On The Kingdom of God

Christianity is the good news about the Kingdom of God, that is, about the union of all men and all things in God. We suffer because we ourselves and everything in the world are imperfect, distorted, double-minded, and unstable. In the Kingdom of God we find everything cleansed and transformed in Christ and in the Spirit: our own selves, other men, and even the entire universe. We find in it the perfect image of goodness, truth, and beauty. Of course, both we and the world are entering the Kingdom of God only gradually and partially; but we see within the ideal image of all creation and we believe that it will someday be realized in all its fullness because all things have already been redeemed in Christ. God dwells both within our souls and within the fallen world, but it is only in the Kingdom of God that we share a common life with Him. *From Serge Verbovskoy, The Light of the World*

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Announcements for October 7th

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 the McCallister family at St. Basil's Mission in Georgia.

Annual Meeting: minutes

Liturgies This Week: We have an unusual week, with four weekday liturgies. Tuesday, we celebrate St. Tikhon of North America; Wednesday, the famous Elders of Optina, Friday St. Symeon the New Theologian, and our usual Thursday Liturgy commemorates the Apostle Philip of the 70.

A Coffee Hour and Church cleaning rotation will go into effect next Sunday in which all of us will be empowered to participate (excluding those over 65 or with disabilities). Stay tuned.

Classes this Week:

Sunday at the bell, Basics of Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., St. Maximus: 400 Chapters on Love

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 201

Upcoming Classes: A daytime class to read Vladyka Dmitri's book *The Kingdom of God* and study the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) will start Tuesday, October 23, at 1:30.

Church School begins today.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$172,000.

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

There is no blessing given to drink coffee and wine before the dismissal at Liturgy. Consumption of wine should wait for the blessing of the food.

Commemorations: Many of you are having names commemorated at Liturgy. Strictly, only Orthodox names are commemorated at the Proskomide though the priest will pray for the names of non-Orthodox indicated on your list. Two things should be noted: first, if you ask the priest to commemorate a long

list of names, you yourself need to be praying for those same names regularly. Second, given the large number of non-Orthodox names a few of you have, the priest be sure to pray for them if they are submitted the night before. If submitted the day of Liturgy, he will do what time permits, which may mean just commemorating the Orthodox names. You also should know that he commemorates all the faithful in the parish at every Liturgy, so you may focus on those for whom you have special concern.

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 week, we gave about \$2976.79 in tithes and offerings; in September, we have given \$18,803.03 with another \$6182 electronically given, for a total of \$24,985.03. Our monthly budget is \$14,000 (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles, Building Fund \$75.50, Special Offering for Azle Mission \$57.01. Attendance last weekend: Vigil 43; Sunday Liturgy 140.

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 Robert Osborne; for the nun Susannah and the novice Elias.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

4.39 He who has attained perfect love, and has ordered his whole life in accordance with it, is the person who says 'Lord Jesus' in the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor. 12:3).

4.40 Love for God always aspires to give wings to the intellect in its communion with God; love for one's neighbor makes one always think good thoughts about him.

4.41 The man who still loves empty fame, or is attached to some material object, is naturally vexed with people on account of transitory things, or harbors rancor or hatred against them, or is a slave to shameful thoughts. Such things are quite foreign to the soul that loves God.

4.38 If you have no thought of any shameful word or action in your mind, harbor no rancor against someone who has injured or slandered you, and, while praying, always keep your intellect free from matter and form, you may be sure that you have attained the full measure of dispassion and perfect love.

Troparia and Kontakia for October 7th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / thou didst pour forth Christ’s sacred teachings, / thou didst expound with Divine authority / the self-emptying of God the Word / and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith: / O, Glorious Father Maximus / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

Ss. Sergius & Bacchus, Troparion, tone 1

In contest, ye were victorious warriors of the Trinity / and an illustrious pair of martyrs, / Sergius, godly champion, / and Bacchus, noble athlete. / In the radiance of your glory you shelter those who cry: / Glory to Him who has strengthened you; / Glory to Him who has crowned you; // Glory to Him who through you worketh healings for all.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

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.

Ss. Sergius & Bacchus, Kontakion, tone 3

Let us gather and crown with praises / the noble martyrs and brothers in the Faith / Sergius the warrior of the Trinity / and Bacchus who with him in tortures // persevered in praising Christ the Prizegiver and Creator of all.

“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*
