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**Bulletin for Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**January 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday tone 8**

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

**January 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:30 p.m. Class: Sermon on the Mount

**January 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:30 p.m. Pannikhida for Cassian Brown

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**January 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday St. Anthony the Great**

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**January 18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodox 202: Prayer 3

**January 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday St. Mark of Ephesus**

9:30 a.m. *Slavonic Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim, Dallas*

4:20 p.m. Pannikhida

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday tone 1**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Festal Vigil for St. Maximus, Confession

From St. Basil's Homily on Anger

But you are angry at your brother without purpose. For how is it not without purpose when one acts because the other provokes him? And you act like dogs who bite the stones when they cannot reach the one throwing them. The one acted upon is to be given compassion, the one acting is to be hated. Redirect your temper onto the murderer of human beings, the father of lies, the worker of sin; but sympathize also with your brother [who provoked you], because if he continues in sin, with the devil he will be delivered up to eternal fire.

Yet as temper and anger are different words, so also their meanings differ greatly from each other. For temper is a certain kind of heating and quick rising in steam of passion; but anger is an abiding sorrow and lasting impulse toward vengeance against the wrongdoers, as if the soul lusts for requital. Therefore it is necessary to know that human beings offend through both dispositions, either moved insanely and capriciously by provocations, or deceitfully and treacherously lying in wait for those who grieved them. We must guard against both these errors.

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## Announcements for January 13<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 with the priest 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 Fr. Seraphim Holland's Prison Ministry.

**Mission Council** will meet today.

**House Blessings:** With Theophany comes the yearly North American custom of blessing houses. If you would like your house blessed, put your name on sign-up sheet in the hall. Father will schedule a time with you.

**Team Five** is cleaning today, last names Skelton through Wells.

### Classes this Week:

Sunday at the bell during coffee hour, Basics of Orthodoxy 102

Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Sermon on the Mount

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 202 on Prayer

**The Feast of St. Maximus** falls this year on Monday, January 21. We shall celebrate it with a Festal Vigil at 6:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy the next morning at 9:00 (a holiday for many). Mark Tarpley will speak about the reconciliation of male and female in Christ after Liturgy on Monday while children under 16 play.

### Building Fund Watch

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

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$199,320.63 (year end 2019).

New goal: \$225,000 by Pascha. We need to raise \$500,000 before we start building per the current plan.

**Where to Give:** All tithes and offerings that do not go in the basket during Liturgy should go in the slot in the candle table along with all candle money, and offerings for temple oil, wine, and commemorations. The basket on the candle table will be used for commemoration books and small amounts of cash from which change may be made.

**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). Alms may be placed in the box above the candle table.

Last week, we gave \$3357.10 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$110, Special Offering for Loreto House \$90. Attendance last week: Vigil 64; Sunday Liturgy 132.

**Children Needing Kleenex:** If your child has a runny nose, please bring an adequate supply for him to church or provide him with a pocket handkerchief. Regular pilgrimages out of Liturgy to the candle table to get Kleenex have been observed—this should not be happening. Please preempt it for the good of all. Also: if your baby or toddler has a runny nose, please wipe it well before presenting the child at the chalice for Holy Communion.

**Please Pray** for our catechumens Donna Lange, Jonathan Kidd, Katelyn Davis, Chris Day, and the Heitzenrater family: John, Christina, Madeleine, Margaret, Aemelia, John "William", Isabella, Mary Elizabeth, Thomas, Charles, Charlotte; for Esteban Lopez, Brian, Adrienne, and Hannah Freas; for our inquirers the Dean family, Robert Peterson, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children, David & Anita Charpie and their children, for Robert Osborne; for the nun Susannah. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

4.83 Has someone vilified you? Do not hate him; hate the vilification and the demon which induced him to utter it. If you hate the vilifier, you have hated a man and so broken the commandment. What he has done in word you do in action. To keep the commandment, show the qualities of love and help him in any way you can, so that you may deliver him from evil.

4.84 Christ does not want you to feel the least hatred, resentment, anger or rancor towards anyone in any way or on account of any transitory thing whatsoever. This is proclaimed throughout the four Gospels.

4.85 Many of us are talkers, few are doers. But no one should distort the word of God through his own negligence. He must confess his weakness and not hide God's truth. Otherwise he will be guilty not only of breaking the commandments but also of falsifying the word of God.

4.86 Love and self-control free the soul from passions; spiritual reading and contemplation deliver the intellect from ignorance; and the state of prayer brings it into the presence of God Himself.

## Troparia and Kontakia for January 13<sup>th</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.

### Theophany, Troparion, tone 1

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / naming Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of dove, / confirmed the certainty of that word. / O Christ our God, who hast manifested Thyself and enlightened the world // 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.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

### St. Maximus, Kontakion, tone 6

The thrice-radiant Light which abode in thy soul / showed thee to be a chosen vessel / revealing divine things to the ends of the earth, / O blessed Maximus, who givest utterance to concepts hard to grasp, / and manifestly proclaimest unto all // the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity.

### Theophany, Kontakion, tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe / and Thy Light, O Lord, hath shone on us, / who with understanding praise Thee: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O Light unapproachable!

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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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