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**Bulletin for Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

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**February 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday tone 3**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, Basis 103

**February 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**February 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday St. Photius of Constantinople**

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 a.m. Class: St. Maximus *400 Chapters on Love*

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

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

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

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

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

8:00 a.m. Men's Meeting: Hieromonk Nilus on Prayer

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

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9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, Basis 103

Humility & Love

It is humility to believe that all people are good, and if you hear something negative about someone, not to believe it; to love everyone and not think badly of anyone and to pray for everyone. No other philosophy is needed. The heart of a vain person cannot be humbled. When he is corrected or rebuked, he reacts angrily, and when he is praised and flattered, he behaves unbecomingly. Whatever you say to him, he takes in such a way as to become even more swollen with pride. His whole world centers on himself. On the contrary the sinner who repents and makes confession transcends himself. *St. Porphyrios*

## Announcements for February 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 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 Interfaith Ministry.

**Team Three** is cleaning today, last names Kaufman through Patrick.

**Congratulations** to Nikolai and Maria Sidorenko on the birth of their son January 29 at 8 lbs, 6 ozs, 21 inches. Mother and child are doing well at home.

**The Mission Council** will meet next Sunday after Coffee Hour.

### Classes this Week:

Sunday at the bell during coffee hour, Basics of Orthodoxy 103

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

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

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

### Building Fund Watch

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

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$201,100.

New goal: \$225,000 by Pascha, \$300,000 by end of year. We probably need to raise \$500,000 before we start building per the current plan.

**Parents**, please remind your children not to play in or run through the parking lot for their safety and the peace of mind of our drivers.

**The St. David Brotherhood** will next meet February 9 at 8:00 a.m. at the church where Fr. Nilus of St. Arsenius Skete has in mind to speak about our approach to God, a rule of prayer, methods of prayer, the form and pace for the Jesus prayer, the use of imagination, and watchfulness.

**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 \$2745.17 in tithes and offerings; in January, we gave \$12,043.35 plus another \$6,619 electronically for a total of \$18,662.35; our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$152.50, Building Fund 100, Special Offering for Seminarian Fund \$43. Attendance last week: Vigil 64: Sunday Liturgy 155, Wed Liturgy 14, Thurs Liturgy 50, Friday Vigil 33, Saturday Liturgy 50+.

**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

4.93 'A faithful friend is beyond price' (Ecclus. 6:15), since he regards his friend's misfortunes as his own and suffers with him, sharing his trials until death.

4.94 Friends are many, but in times of prosperity (cf. Prov. 19:4). In times of adversity you will have difficulty in finding even one.

4.95 One should love every man from the soul, but one should place one's hope only in God and serve Him with all one's strength. For so long as He protects us against harm, all our friends treat us with respect and all our enemies are powerless to injure us. But once He abandons us, all our friends turn away from us while all our enemies prevail against us.

4.96 There are four principal ways in which God abandons us. The first is the way of the divine dispensation, so that through our apparent abandonment others who are abandoned may be saved. Our Lord is an example of this (cf. Matt. 27:46). The second is the way of trial and testing, as in the case of Job and Joseph; for it made Job a pillar of courage and Joseph a pillar of self-restraint (cf. Gen. 39:8). The third is the way of fatherly correction, as in the case of St Paul, so that by being humble he might preserve the superabundance of grace (cf. 2 Cor. 12:7). The fourth is the way of rejection, as in the case of the Jews, so that by being punished they might be brought to repentance. These are all ways of salvation, full of divine blessing and wisdom.

## Troparia and Kontakia for January 27<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

### Meeting of the Lord, Troparion, tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, / for from thee hath shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / who doth illumine those in darkness. / Be glad also, thou righteous elder, / for thou hast received in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, // who bestoweth upon us Resurrection.

### 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 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 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.

### Meeting of the Lord, Kontakion, tone 1

Thou who hast sanctified by Thy birth a virgin womb / and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon, / art come, O Christ our God, and on this day hast saved us. / Give peace to thy commonwealth in time of battle / and strengthen the Orthodox people whom Thou hast loved, // O Thou who alone lovest mankind.

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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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