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Bulletin for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**March 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday tone 8 Adam's Expulsion from Paradise; Cheesefare**

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

6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers, Ice Cream at Beth Marie's

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Clean Monday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Great Canon of St. Andrew

**March 12<sup>th</sup> Clean Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Great Canon of St. Andrew

**March 13<sup>th</sup> Clean Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Potluck Meal

7:00 p.m. Great Canon of St. Andrew

**March 14<sup>th</sup> Clean Thursday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Great Canon of St. Andrew

**March 15<sup>th</sup> Clean Friday**

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Potluck Meal

**March 16<sup>th</sup> Clean Saturday**

9:30 a.m. *Russian Divine Liturgy, Dallas*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**March 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday tone 1 Sunday of Orthodoxy**

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

6:00 p.m. *Pan-Orthodox Vespers, Holy Trinity, Dallas*

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination  
20. Faith without works and works without faith will both alike be condemned, for he who has faith must offer to the Lord the faith which shows itself in actions. Our father Abraham would not have been counted righteous because of his faith had he not offered its fruit, his son (cf. Jas. 2:21; Rom. 4:3).

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## Announcements for March 10<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 (within the last month or so).

**The Special Offering** this week is for Holy Apostles in Tulsa, who need to build a hall. All donations to it will be matched up to \$500,000.

**Temple Oil** offered for the health and salvation of William and for the blessed repose of Carolyn; **Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Elizabeth.

**Team Three** is cleaning today, last names Kauffman through Osborne.

**Many Years** to newly-illuminated Alexei Sidorenko!

**Cheesefare:** Today is Cheesefare Sunday, when we say farewell to dairy and eggs until Pascha. This upcoming week, Clean Week, is the strictest week of fasting in the church year.

**Forgiveness Vespers** will be served at 6:00 p.m. today, March 10, liturgically to mark the start of the Great Fast and to offer forgiveness to one another. We shall go out to Beth Marie's on the square for ice cream afterwards.

### **The Fast: Clean Week**

In this strictest week of fasting for the year, we abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and marital relations. Those with the strength eat only one uncooked meal on Wednesday and one on Friday in the evening. Others eat similar meals on Tuesday and Thursday and so keep only Monday as a day of complete abstinence from food. Some may not be able even to do this. On weekends, two meals each day, at noon and in the evening, are permitted. Whatever level of fasting we do manage, we should keep this week as strictly as we possibly can with God's help. The rules of fasting are relaxed for the elderly, the very young, and those in poor health. As always, see your priest if you have questions how you should fast. To fasting we join prayer and almsgiving for spiritual gain. The daily services should be our priority this week, especially the Great Canon and the Presanctified Liturgy.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy** next week will feature a procession with icons after the Liturgy. You may bring icons to carry during the procession. Please secure them during the Liturgy so that they are not being dropped. You may also carry one of the smaller icons from the church wall—if you put it back where it came from.

### **Classes this Week:**

Sunday at the bell during coffee hour, Basics of Orthodoxy 103  
Otherwise, the services are our classes this week.

### **Building Fund Watch**

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

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$204,354.66.

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. With *everyone* pulling together, we can do this with God's help.

**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 \$1321.18 in tithes and offerings; in February, we gave \$17,613.44; our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$118, Special Offering \$36.25. Attendance last week: Vigil 66; Sunday Liturgy 146.

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

### **From Saint Maximus 200 Chapters on Knowledge**

1.21 Those who truly and devoutly aspire to an understanding of created beings, and have no thoughts of self-display, will find that they are granted lucid insight into such beings and that through this insight they attain the knowledge they seek in a most precise fashion. To such people the Law says, 'You will come and inherit fine large cities, and houses which you did

not build, full of good things, and deep wells which you did not dig, and vines and olive trees which you did not plant' (cf. Deut. 6:10-11). For he who lives not for himself but for God (cf. 2 Cor. 5:15) is filled with all the gifts of grace, which were not previously apparent in him because of the disturbance produced by the passions.

**Prayer for the Start of the 40-Day Fast**

O God, Hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off at sea, who didst foretell these holy days of fasting in the Law, and in the Prophets, and the Evangelists: Do Thou count all of us worthy to pass the course of the Fast in purity, to preserve the Faith undivided, and to keep Thy commandments all the days of our lives. Bid an Angel of peace to preserve our comings-in and goings-out for every good work, being obedient together and together pleasing Thee unto a perfect communion of Thy most-pure Mysteries. And accept, O Master, the bending of the knees and the fasting of Thy servants, granting unto all of us spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Troparia and Kontakia for March 10<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.

**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.

**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.

**Forgiveness Sunday, Kontakion, tone 6**

O Master, Guide to wisdom, / Giver of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Champion of the poor, / make firm my heart and grant it understanding. / O Word of the Father, give me words, / for see, I shall not stop my lips / from crying out to Thee: I am fallen, / in Thy compassion have mercy on me.

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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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