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Bulletin for Sunday, March 24th, 2019

March 24th Sunday tone 2 St. Gregory Palamas

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

6:00 p.m. Vigil for Annunciation, Confession

March 25th Monday Annunciation

5:30 p.m. Vespers, Confession

March 26th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

2:30 p.m. Class: The Lenten Triodion

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

March 27th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

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

March 28th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

March 29th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, No Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

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

March 30th Saturday

9:30 a.m. *"Judge on Trial" Dr. Constantinou at Holy Trinity*

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

March 31st Sunday tone 3 Veneration of the Cross, St. Innocent

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

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination
24. Just as the senses of the body impel us almost violently towards what attracts them, so the perceptive faculty of the intellect, once it tastes the divine goodness, leads us towards invisible blessings. Everything longs for what is akin to itself: the soul, since it is bodiless, desires heavenly goods, while the body, being dust, seeks earthly nourishment. So we shall surely come to experience immaterial perception if by our labors we refine our material nature.

Announcements for March 24th

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 our seminarian fund.

Temple Oil offered for in memory of Peter Boyle; **Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Georg and Michelle Boyle.

Team Five is cleaning today, last names S through Z.

Pan-Orthodox Vespers: will served tonight at St. Peter's Western Rite Orthodox Church in Fort Worth at 6:00. A meal will follow.

Annunciation, one of the Twelve Great Feasts, will be celebrated tonight with Vigil at 6:00 and a Vespers Divine Liturgy Monday at 5:30 p.m. The Eucharistic fast should begin at 11:30, or no later than noon at the latest.

Confessions: Everyone should plan on coming to Confession during the Fast, especially those who have not confessed recently. Please plan to make yours before Holy Week.

Parish Lenten Almsgiving: This Lent, we shall collect goods and money to support Interfaith Ministries and the Our Daily Bread, the local soup kitchen sponsored by St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

The Fast: Third Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil, and marital relations. If fasting fully according to the norm, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy (five meals instead of the two of last week). We take two meals a day on Saturday and Sunday. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

Fasting for Presanctified Liturgy: If you wish to commune at the evening Presanctified Liturgies or the Vespers Liturgy Monday, the Eucharistic Fast (no eating or drinking) begins no less than six hours before, about noon. For those who are strictly following the Lenten fast, this means that their first meal of the day will come after the Liturgy. Anyone not fasting strictly must still keep the Eucharistic Fast to commune. Children older than seven

should be fasting in preparation for Holy Communion. See your priest if you have questions about any of it.

Classes this Week:

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

Tuesday, 2:30: *The Lenten Triodion:* In this class, we shall read and discuss texts of the week from the *Triodion*, the Church's hymn book for Lent.

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 \$4017.70 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$9086.53 our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$161.50, Special Offering for Interfaith \$355.25; Holy Apostles, Tulsa \$20. Attendance last week: Vigil 79; Sunday Liturgy 159, Presanctified Liturgies Wed 67, Fri 54.

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, and Robert Peterson; for our inquirers the Dean family, 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

1.25. He who puts on a show of friendship in order to do his neighbor some injury is a wolf hiding his wickedness under sheep's clothing. Whenever he finds a custom or saying which is genuinely Christian, although somewhat naive, he seizes on it and attacks it;

in numberless ways he finds fault with these sayings or customs, prying into the liberty which the brethren have in Christ (cf. Gal.2:4).

Troparia and Kontakia for March 24th

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.

St. Gregory Palamas, Troparion, tone 8

O Gregory the Wonderworker, light of Orthodoxy, / support and teacher of the Church, / glory of monks and invincible protector of theologians, / pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, / pray without ceasing for the salvation of our souls.

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.

St. Gregory Palamas, Kontakion, tone 8

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology, / with one accord we sing thy praises, O Gregory inspired by God. / But since thou standest now in mind and spirit before the Original Mind, / guide our minds to Him, O father that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, preacher of grace.

“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*
