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Bulletin for Sunday, May 26th, 2019

May 26th Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Noon: Basics of Orthodoxy 103

2:00 p.m. Vespers

May 27th Monday

7:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

12:00 p.m. Memorial Day Picnic

May 29th Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 30th Thursday St. Emmelia

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 31st Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 201: The Church & Tradition

June 1st Saturday St. Justin of Chelije

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 2nd Sunday of the Blind Man

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Noon: Basics of Orthodoxy 103

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination

45. When heavy with over-eating, the body makes the intellect spiritless and sluggish; likewise, when weakened by excessive abstinence, the body makes the contemplative faculty of the soul dejected and disinclined to concentrate. We should therefore regulate our food according to the condition of the body, so that it is appropriately disciplined when in good health and adequately nourished when weak. The body of one pursuing the spiritual way must not be enfeebled; he must have enough strength for his labors, so that the soul may be suitably purified through bodily exertion as well.

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Announcements for May 26th

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 candle 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).

Temple Wine offered for the health and salvation of Mary;

Temple Oil offered for the health and salvation of William.

The Special Offering this week is for our building fund.

New Catechumen: today we welcome Ashley Carpenter to the ranks of the catechumens. Please keep her and the other catechumens in your prayers.

The Annual Memorial Day Picnic will be held tomorrow at noon, preceded by Divine Liturgy at 9:30. Bring food and drink to share, invite friends and family, and come prepared to meet new people, to have good fellowship, to enjoy one another and build one another up. We will have two bounce houses for children (and adults), which we plan to separate by age so that smaller children may be separated from older, more vigorous children.

Classes this Week:

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

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 201 "The Church & Tradition"

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$215,097.14 as of April 30.

New goal: \$230,000 by Pentecost, \$300,000 by end of year. We may 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.

Confessions at Matins: If you wish to confess after Matins on a weekday, please let the priest know the day before that you plan to come.

Commemorations: Please try to submit your commemorations for Divine Liturgy the night before at Vespers or Vigil, whenever possible. Commemorations submitted after the Beatitudes may not be made at that Liturgy.

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 \$1910 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$10,149.65; our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$71.50, Special Offering for SS Peter & Paul, Salt Lake City \$153.40, Building Fund \$115. Attendance last week: Vigil 68, Liturgy 136.

The Next Fast-Free Friday, June 21, we shall attempt to arrange some sort of game night and evening gathering for all at the church.

Cleaning Teams: Cleaning up after coffee hour is a necessary work for us all. Please be sure at least one member of your family assists in cleaning from start to finish when it is your team's turn.

Please Pray for our new catechumen Ashley Carpenter, our catechumens Katelyn (Marina) Davis, Chris Day, Esteban Lopez, Brian (Sabbas), Adrienne, and Hannah (Anna) Freas, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children Caleb, Jacob, Joshua, Abigail, and Benjamin, and Robert Peterson; for our inquirers the Dean family, Samat, Makenna, Luellen, David & Anita Charpie and their children, for Robert Osborne and Mark Robertson; for the nun Susannah. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, who is seriously ill, and Holly Bellan.

From Saint Maximus 200 Chapters on Knowledge

1.93 The Law is a shadow and the prophets are an image of the divine and spiritual blessings contained in the Gospel. The truth itself, foreshadowed in the Law and prefigured in the prophets, is revealed in the Gospel as now present to us through actual events.

1.94 He who fulfills the Law in his private and public life only abstains from the actual commission of sin, sacrificing to God the outward fulfillment of his mindless passions. He is satisfied with this manner of seeking salvation because of his spiritual immaturity.

1.95 He 'who has been trained by the prophets' words not only refrains from the outward fulfillment of the passions but also renounces all assent to them in his soul. He is not content simply to appear to abstain from sin in the inferior part of himself, the flesh, while secretly allowing its free rein in his superior part, the soul.

1.96 He who has truly embraced the life of the Gospel has made himself immune to both the promptings and performance of evil, and pursues every virtue in action and thought. He offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving (cf. Ps. 116:17), for he has been set free

from all disturbance produced by the passions and liberated from mental warfare against them; and he feeds his soul with the hope of the blessings held in store, his one unquenchable delight.

Troparia and Kontakia for May 26th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Mid-Pentecost, Troparion, tone 8

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: / “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Kontakion of Samaritan Woman, tone 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly! / She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified.

Mid-Pentecost, Kontakion, tone 4

O sovereign Master and Creator of all things, Christ our God, / Thou didst cry unto those present at the Judaic Mid-feast and address them thus: / Come hither and draw ye forth immortality’s water. / Wherefore, we fall down before Thee and faithfully cry out: //Grant Thy compassions unto us, O Lord, for Thou art truly the Well-spring of life for 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*
