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Bulletin for Sunday, June 2nd, 2019

June 2nd Sunday of the Blind Man

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Noon: Basics of Orthodoxy 103

June 4th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession
5:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

June 5th Wednesday Leavetaking of Pascha

5:30 a.m. Paschal Matins
6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 6th Thursday Annunciation

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Ordination of Anthony Stokes

June 7th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession
3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession
7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 201: The Church & Worship

June 8th Saturday

8:00 a.m. Men's Meeting
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 9th Sunday Fathers of the First Council

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Noon: Basics of Orthodoxy 103

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination

54. When we become unduly distressed at falling ill, we should recognize that our soul is still the slave of bodily desires and so longs for physical health, not wishing to lose the good things of this life and even finding it a great hardship not to be able to enjoy them because of illness. If, however, the soul accepts thankfully the pains of illness, it is clear that it is not far from the realm of dispassion; as a result it even waits joyfully for death as the entry into a life that is more true.

Announcements for June 2nd

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; **Temple Oil** offered for the health and salvation of.

The Special Offering this week is for Loreto House.

Archbishop Alexander is with us this week for Vigil and Liturgy for Annunciation and to ordain Subdeacon Antony to the deaconate and Reader Maximus to the subdeaconate.

Myrrhbearers will meet Monday evening at the Lyda's from 7:00 to 8:30. Please bring a pen and your book, *A Christian Ending*.

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 & Worship"

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.

Parish Game Night & Cookout: We shall take advantage of the fast-free Friday June 21 to hold a parish game night and cookout. We'll have Vespers at 5:00 and start the evening afterwards by 6:00. We can make it an evening together of food, games, and music.

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.

Vacation: Fr. Justin will be on vacation with his family June 24 to July 19. We plan to have priests in to substitute on the weekends and will continue with some measure of reader's services during the week. Confession should be available on Saturday nights, but do plan ahead so as not to be caught by the rector's absence.

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 \$2341.65 in tithes and offerings; in May we gave \$14,153.85 and another \$5272 electronically for a total of \$19,425.85; our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$75.50, Building Fund \$69. Attendance last week: Vigil 72, Liturgy 136.

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 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, Robert Peterson and Ashley Carpenter; 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

1.97 To the more diligent students of Holy Scripture the Lord is clearly shown as having two forms. The first is common and more popular, and it can be perceived by many. The text 'We saw Him and He had no comeliness or beauty' (Isa. 53:2. LXX) refers to this form. The second is more hidden, and it can be perceived only by a few, that is, by those who have already become like the holy apostles Peter and John, before whom the Lord was transfigured with a glory that overwhelmed the senses (cf. Matt. 17:2). The text 'Thou art fairer than the children of men' (Ps. 45:2) refers to this form. The first of these two forms is consonant to beginners; the second to those perfected in spiritual knowledge, in so far as such perfection is possible. The first is an image of the Lord's initial advent, to which the literal meaning of the Gospel refers, and which by means of suffering purifies those practicing the virtues. The second prefigures the second and glorious advent, in which the

spirit of the Gospel is apprehended, and which by means of wisdom transfigures and deifies those imbued with spiritual knowledge: because of the transfiguration of the Logos within them ‘they reflect with unveiled face the glory of the Lord’ (2 Cor. 3:18).

1.98 He who endures suffering for the sake of virtue, without being shaken in his resolve, is inspired by the first advent of the Logos, which cleanses him from all defilement. He who through contemplation has raised his intellect to the angelic state possesses the power of the second advent, which produces in him dispassion and incorruptibility.

Troparia and Kontakia for June 2nd

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

Kontakion of the Blind Man, tone 4

Since my soul’s noetic eyes are blind and sightless, / I come unto Thee, O Christ, as did the man born blind. / And in repentance I cry to Thee: / Thou art the most radiant Light / of those in darkness.

Paschal Kontakion, tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the myrrhbearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

“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*