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Bulletin for Sunday, June 9th, 2019

June 9th Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Noon: Basics of Orthodoxy 103, Mission Council

June 10th Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

June 11th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Reader Matins or Midnight Office

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 12th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 13th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

June 14th Friday Leavetaking of Ascension

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

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

June 15th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Slavonic Divine Liturgy, Dallas

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 16th Sunday Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Noon: Basics of Orthodoxy 103

5:00 p.m. Vespers with Kneeling Prayers

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination

70. When the door of the steam baths is continually left open, the heat inside rapidly escapes through it; likewise the soul, in its desire to say many things, dissipates its remembrance of God through the door of speech, even though everything it says may be good. Thereafter the intellect, though lacking appropriate ideas, pours out a welter of confused thoughts to anyone it meets, as it no longer has the Holy Spirit to keep its understanding free from fantasy. Ideas of value always shun verbosity, being foreign to confusion and fantasy. Timely silence, then, is precious, for it is nothing less than the mother of the wisest thoughts.

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Announcements for June 9th

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 Oil offered for the health and salvation of Katherine & Thea.

The Special Offering this week is for our seminarian fund.

Many Years to our new deacon Anthony and our new Subdeacon Maximus. Axios!

Many Thanks to the St. David the Builder Brotherhood for repairing the back ramp. Good work! Now we need to paint or stain it. There is also talk of restriping the parking lot.

Pentecost: next Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and resume using the prayer "O Heavenly King" and doing prostrations. We shall keep the feast with Vigil Saturday night at 5:00 and Divine Liturgy Sunday morning at 9:00, and the Vespers of Pentecost with the kneeling prayers Sunday afternoon at 5:00. We do well to keep the feast by attending as much of its cycle of services as we can. The week following Pentecost is fast-free.

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: \$219,192.12 as of May 31.

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. Thank you.

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 \$4787.40 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$15,112; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$82, Building Fund \$100; Special Offering for Loreto House \$48. Attendance last week: Vigil 52, Liturgy 136. Ascension Vigil 82, Liturgy 120.

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 (Katherine), 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

1.100 The manna which was given to Israel in the desert (cf. Exod. 16:14-35) is the Logos of God. Those who eat it find that it supplies every spiritual delight. It is blended to suit every taste in accordance with the different desires of those who eat it, for it has the quality of every kind of spiritual food. Thus, to those who through the Spirit have been born from above by means of incorruptible seed (cf. John 3:3-5), it comes as pure spiritual milk (cf. 1 Pet. 2:2); to the weak it comes as vegetables (cf. Rom. 14:2) sustaining the soul's passible aspect; to those in whom the soul's organs of perception have been trained by long practice to distinguish between good and evil it serves as solid food (cf. Heb. 5:14). The Logos of

God also has other infinite powers which cannot be encompassed in this world. If at death a man is worthy to be put in charge of many things or all things because in this world he has been faithful in small things (cf. Matt. 25:21), he will also receive all or some of these other powers of the Logos. For the most exalted of the divine gifts of grace bestowed in this world is scant and minimal compared with those that are held in store for us.

Troparia and Kontakia for June 9th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

Ascension, Troparion, tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / that Thou art the Son of God, / the Redeemer of the world.

Fathers, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Fathers, Kontakion, tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; / great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

Ascension, Kontakion, tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, / and unite earth to heaven; / Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love Thee, / but remaining with them and crying: / I am with you and no one will be against you!

“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*
