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**Bulletin for Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**October 13<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Fathers of 7<sup>th</sup> Council**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
3:00 p.m. Vespers  
3:30 p.m. Octoberfest Fall Picnic

**October 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession  
7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**October 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday Prophet Hosea**

6:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**October 18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 p.m. Vespers  
7:00 p.m. Class: Basics 301 The Creed "Problem of Evil"

**October 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim, Dallas  
5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**October 20<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, tone 1**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
2:00 p.m. Vespers

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination

81. Spiritual knowledge teaches us that there are two kinds of evil spirits: some are more subtle, others more material in nature. The more subtle demons attack the soul, while the others hold the flesh captive through their lascivious enticements. Thus there is a complete contrast between the demons that attack the soul and those that attack the body, even though they have the same propensity to inflict harm on mankind. When grace does not dwell in a man, they lurk like serpents in the depths of the heart, never allowing the soul to aspire towards God. But when grace is hidden in the intellect, they then move like dark clouds through the different parts of the heart, taking the form of sinful passions or of all kinds of day-dreams, thus distracting the intellect from the remembrance of God and cutting it off from grace. When the passions (*cont. on back*)

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## Announcements for October 13

**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). *Reminder: besides not willfully breaking the fasts on Wednesday and Friday the week before, fasting includes abstaining completely from all food and drink from midnight until reception of Holy Communion. Children 8 and older should be fasting as well as adults. This is the Church's discipline. Those who will not follow it are not blessed to commune. Those who cannot fast should speak with their confessor. Yes, that includes coffee.*

**Temple Wine** given for the health and salvation of Robert Rehmet. **Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of William.

**The Special Offering** this week is for the local Daily Bread soup kitchen.

### Classes this Week:

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 301 The Creed 6. We'll continue our discussion of God as Almighty by looking at the question of evil: why is there is evil in the world if God is good?

**Octoberfest**, our fall picnic, will occur today at 3:00 p.m. We'll have bounce houses, a fire, food, fellowship, music, and other good things. Bring food, drink, instruments, friends, and a willingness to get to know new people and build relationships.

**Church School** for children turning 13 during the school year and older will begin in the next week or two. Mr. McAnear and Mr. Veazey will be teaching. The initial focus will be the topic of love—What is true love, what does it look like?—based on I Corinthians 13.

**Our All Saints Party** is coming up at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of October 31. Children should now start planning what saint or biblical character they would like to dress up as and preparing their clues.

**Commemoration Books and Slips:** please try to put them in the basket Saturday night whenever possible.

**Confessions after Matins:** Please let the priest know ahead of time, if possible, if you plan to come for confession after Matins.

**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 \$4669.90 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$16,084; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$111 Special Offering for a new chalice \$76, Building Fund \$135. Attendance last week: Vigil 70, Liturgy 150. *Please note: we do not report funds given electronically until the end of the month.*

**Please Pray** for our catechumens Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children Caleb, Jacob, Joshua, Abigail, and Benjamin, Robert Peterson, Ashley Carpenter, Makenna Baldwin, Luellen Bassano, Mark Robertson, and for David, Anita, Sarah, Rachel, Sammuell, Aaron; for our inquirers the Dean family, and Robert Osborne. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, who is seriously ill, for Eugene Hollembeak in rehab, for Elizabeth Terry, and Thomas Harper who is in South America, and Paul Charles Johnson in Serbia.

### Building Fund Watch

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

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$234,000. Goal: \$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 and provision.

### From Saint Maximus 200 Chapters on Knowledge

2.70 The Lord is called light, life, resurrection and truth (cf. John 8:12; 11:25; 14:6). He is light because He gives lucidity to the soul, dispels the darkness of ignorance, illumines the intellect so that it can grasp what is unutterable, and reveals mysteries perceptible only to the pure. He is life because He gives souls who love Him the activity proper to the divine realm. He is resurrection because He raises the intellect from its lethal attachment to material things and purifies it from all decay and mortality. He is truth because He gives to those found worthy an unchanging state of sanctity.

2.71 The divine Logos of God the Father is mystically present in each of His commandments. God the Father is by nature present entirely and without division in His entire divine Logos. Thus, he who receives a divine commandment and carries it out receives the Logos of God who is in it; and he who receives the Logos through the commandments also receives through Him the Father who is by nature present in Him, and the Spirit who likewise is by nature in Him. ‘I tell you truly, he that receives whomever I send receives Me; and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me’ (John

13:20). In this way, he who receives a commandment and carries it out receives mystically the Holy Trinity.

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*(continued from front)* of our soul, especially presumption, the mother of all evils, are inflamed by the demons that attack the soul, then it is by thinking on the dissolution of our body that we grow ashamed of our gross love of praise. We should also think about death when the demons that attack the body try to make our hearts seethe with shameful desires, for only the thought of death can nullify all the various influences of the evil spirits by bringing us back to the remembrance of God. If, however, the demons that attack the soul induce in us by this thought an excessive depreciation of human nature on the grounds that, being mortal, it is valueless - and this is what they like to do when we torment them with the thought of death - we should recall the honor and glory of the heavenly kingdom, though without losing sight of the bitter and dreadful aspects of judgment. In this way we both relieve our despondency and restrain the frivolity of our hearts.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for October 13**

#### **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.

#### **Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Troparion, tone 8**

All-glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

#### **Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8**

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

#### **Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Kontakion, tone 6**

The Son who ineffably shone forth from the Father / hath been born in two natures of a woman, / and beholding Him we do not refuse to depict His countenance; / but tracing it piously, we honor it in faith. / Wherefore, the Church, holding to the true Faith, / doth venerate the icon of the incarnation of Christ.

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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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