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Bulletin for Sunday, October 20th, 2019

October 20th 18th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 1

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:00 p.m. Vespers

October 22nd Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 23rd Wednesday Apostle James Brother of the Lord

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

October 24th Thursday Icon "Joy of All Who Sorrow"

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

October 25th Friday

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics 301 The Creed "Creator"

October 26th Saturday Great Martyr Demetrios

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

October 27th 19th Sunday after Pentecost, tone 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:00 p.m. Vespers

St. Diodochus: 100 Chapters on Spiritual Knowledge & Discrimination

83. It is true that the heart produces good and bad thoughts from itself (cf. Luke 6:45). But it does this not because it is the heart's nature to produce evil ideas, but because as a result of the primal deception the remembrance of evil has become as it were a habit. It conceives most of its evil thoughts, however, as a result of the attacks of the demons. But we feel that all these evil thoughts arise from the heart, and for this reason some people have inferred that sin dwells in the intellect along with grace. That is why, in their view, the Lord said: 'But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries', and so on (Matt. 15:18-19). They do not realize, however, that the intellect, being highly responsive, makes its own the thoughts suggested to it by the demons through the activity of the flesh; and, in a way we do not understand, the proclivity of the body accentuates this weakness of the soul because of the union (*cont. on back*)

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Announcements for October 20

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 our seminarian fund.

Classes this Week:

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 301 The Creed 7 "Maker of Heaven and Earth."

Many Thanks to Olivia Reynolds and Melanie Betz for organizing the Octoberfest and to all of you who participated.

Church School for children turning 13 during the school year and older starts next Sunday. Mr. McAnear and Mr. Veazey will be teaching.

A New Mission Council will be installed next Sunday at the end of Divine 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 \$568.61 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$5238.51 our monthly budget is \$16,084; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$75.50 Special Offering for Our Daily Bread \$110, Building Fund \$0. Attendance last week: Vigil 61, Liturgy 141. *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 back at home, for Elizabeth Terry, and Thomas Harper who is in South America, and Paul Charles Johnson in Serbia.

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.

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

2.72 It is not the man who worships God with words alone who glorifies God in himself but he who for God's sake bears hardship and suffering in the quest for virtue. Such a man is glorified in return by God with the glory that is in God, receiving through participation the grace of dispassion as a reward for virtue. For everyone living the life of ascetic practice who glorifies God in himself by suffering for the sake of virtue is himself glorified in God through the dispassionate illumination of divine realities perceived during contemplation. For the Lord said as He drew near to His passion, 'Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself; and He will glorify Him at once' (John 13:31-32). From this it is clear that divine gifts follow sufferings endured for the sake of virtue.

2.75 When our intellect has shaken off its many opinions about created things, then the inner principle of truth appears clearly to it, providing it with a foundation of real knowledge and removing its former preconceptions as though removing scales from the eyes, as happened in the case of St Paul (cf. Acts 9:18). For an understanding of Scripture that does not go beyond the literal meaning, and a view of the sensible world that relies exclusively on sense-perception, are indeed scales, blinding the soul's visionary faculty and preventing access to the pure Logos of truth.

(continued from front) between the two. The flesh delights endlessly in being flattered by deception, and it is because of this that the thoughts sown by the demons in the soul appear to come from the heart; and we do indeed make them our own when we consent to indulge in them. This was what the Lord was censuring in the text quoted above, as the words themselves make evident. Is it not clear that whoever indulges in the thoughts suggested to him by Satan's cunning and engraves them in his heart, produces them thereafter as the result of his own mental activity?

Troparia and Kontakia for October 20

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Martyr Artemius, tone 4

In his sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyr Artemius received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / he cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By his supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

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.

Martyr Artemius, Kontakion, tone 2

Assembling, let us praise with hymns as is meet / the pious and crown-bearing martyr Artemius / most great among martyrs / the abundant bestower of miracle / who had won the trophy of victory over the enemy // for he entreateth the Lord in behalf of us 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*
