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Bulletin for Sunday, February 9th, A.D. 2020

February 9th Sunday tone 1 Publican & Pharisee

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Basics of Orthodoxy 101

February 10th Monday St. Haralambus

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

5:00 p.m. 9th Day Pannikhida for Milos & Anna; Confession

February 11th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

February 12th Wednesday No Fast

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

February 13th Thursday

6:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

February 14th Friday No Fast

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 301: The One Church

February 15th Saturday

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim, Dallas

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

February 16th Sunday tone 2 Prodigal Son

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Basics of Orthodoxy 101

55 Maxims for Life, Fr. Thomas Hopko

11. Go to liturgical services regularly
12. Go to confession and communion regularly.
13. Do not engage intrusive thoughts and feelings. Cut them off at the start.
14. Reveal all your thoughts and feelings regularly to a trusted person.
15. Read the scriptures regularly.
16. Read good books a little at a time.
17. Cultivate communion with the saints.

Announcements for February 9

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 in memory of Anna, for the health & salvation of Thomas.

The Special Offering this week is for a stone memorial marker for Fr. Michael Storozuk, who helped convert this old fraternity house into a church and rectory.

Fast-Free Week: Note well (N.B.), that in preparation for Lent, we do not fast this week. Enjoy the fast-free week.

Today is the Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee, which marks the opening of the *Triodion* and the beginning of our preparations for Great Lent. We also with it observe the Leave-taking of the Feast of the Meeting.

Memory Eternal to the newly departed handmaiden of God Anna Sandra Pascale (Feb 3), and to the newly departed servant of God Milos Konjevich (Feb 2), who, as diocesan treasurer, was instrumental in helping our mission pay off its debt quickly. The ninth day Pannikhida will be served for them on Monday.

DOS Pastoral Conference: This week Fr. Justin and Dn. Michael will attend the diocesan pastoral conference for clergy in Miama. We'll be gone Tuesday through Thursday.

Biblical Money Management: Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. This class will be offered here at St. Maximus on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 starting February 16. Contact Steven Killfoil at 469-230-5956 for more info.

Forgiveness Sunday is March 2. Forgiveness Vespers will be served at 5:00 p.m. We ask that everyone who makes this their home parish attend, as we begin the Fast by asking forgiveness of one another for our sins of commission and omission. Afterwards, as is our wont, we shall go to Beth Marie's for our last ice cream until Pascha.

Classes this Week:

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox 301 The Creed: Church
Sunday, noon Basics of Orthodoxy 101

House Blessings: If you want your house blessed, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The priest will contact you about scheduling a time.

Pastoral Care: If you have a health emergency, are hospitalized, or having surgery (or know someone who is) and desire visitation; please contact Fr. Justin at (940) 293-3032 for prayer and anointing.

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 \$2053.39 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$17,560; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$94. Special Offering for Seminarian \$172; the Building Fund \$35; Myrrhbearers \$50. Attendance last week: Vigil 61, Liturgy 132. *Please note: we do not report funds given electronically until the end of the month.*

Please Pray for our catechumens for our catechumens Robert Peterson, Makenna Baldwin, Mark Robertson, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Dakak, Colby and Rebekah Meals and their children Caleb, Jacob, Joshua, Abigail, and Benjamin, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Robert Osborne, and. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, who is seriously ill, for Elizabeth Terry, for Anna Pascale, and Thomas Harper who is in South America.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$254,600. Goal: \$300,000 by June 1. 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 Commentary on the Lord's Prayer

We hallow or sanctify the name of our heavenly Father by grace when we mortify our desire for material things and purify ourselves of corrupting passions. For sanctification is truly the complete mortification and cessation of desire in the senses. When we have achieved this we assuage the uncouth turbulence of our incensive power, for the desire that arouses it and persuades it to fight for its own pleasures has now been quelled by

holiness. For anger, being by nature the protagonist of desire, stops of its own accord when once it sees the desire has been put to death.

Troparia and Kontakia for February 9

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.

Meeting of the Lord, Troparion, tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, / for from thee hath shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / who doth illumine those in darkness. / Be glad also, thou righteous elder, / for thou hast received in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, // who bestoweth upon us Resurrection.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / thou didst pour forth Christ's sacred teachings, / thou didst expound with Divine authority / the self-emptying of God the Word / and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith: / O, Glorious Father Maximus / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

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.

Publican and Pharisee, Kontakion, tone 3

As the Publican let us bring cries of sorrow to the Lord, / and let us fall before him as sinners at the Master's feet. / For He desireth the salvation of all men; / He granteth forgiveness unto all that repent, / and He hath for our sake taken flesh, / though He is God // coeternal with the Father.

Meeting of the Lord, Kontakion, tone 1

Thou who hast sanctified by Thy birth a virgin womb / and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon, / art come, O Christ our God, and on this day hast saved us. / Give peace to thy commonwealth in time of battle / and strengthen the Orthodox people whom Thou hast loved, // O Thou who alone lovest mankind.

“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*
