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Bulletin for Sunday, February 16th, A.D. 2020

February 16th Sunday tone 2 Prodigal Son

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

1:30 p.m. Vespers

February 17th Monday Greatmartyr Theodore the Recruit (Tyro)

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

February 18th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 19th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Class: *The Field: Commands of Christ, Beatitudes*

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 20th Thursday St. Leo of Catania

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

February 21st Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins, Confession

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

February 22nd Memorial Saturday

6:45 a.m. Memorial Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Baptism (Bramlett)

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

February 23rd Sunday tone 3 Last Judgement

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

55 Maxims for Life, Fr. Thomas Hopko

18. Be an ordinary person.

19. Be polite with everyone.

20. Maintain cleanliness and order in your home.

21. Have a healthy, wholesome hobby.

22. Exercise regularly. *(continued on back page)*

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belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

Announcements for February 16

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 given in memory of Alexandria Courtney-Dean and for the health & salvation of Ashlee Dean.

The Special Offering today is for St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska; next week, we'll give for our building fund.

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.

Great Lent begins in two weeks. Please plan on keeping the first week known as Clean Week (March 3-7) as free from travel and other elective activities that you may begin the fast in church with the Canon of St. Andrew and in the proper spirit. The same goes for Holy Week, April 13-18. Plan and prepare now for keeping the fast for your spiritual benefit. Everyone should plan on making a good confession during it.

Memorial Saturday: This coming Saturday is one of the Church's general memorial days for remembering the departed. We shall observe it with Vespers Friday night and Matins and Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning. All these services include prayerful hymns for the departed and a chance to remember them and lift them to the Lord in prayer. The Church remembers by name in Her services those who departed this life in communion with her; others are commemorated generally and in the hearts of the faithful and the private prayers they offer to God on their behalf. It is fitting that the next day is the Sunday of the Last Judgement.

Classes this Week:

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

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.

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 \$3728.30 in tithes and offerings; in February, we have given \$5781.39; our monthly budget is \$17,560; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$53. Special Offering for Fr. Michael's cemetery marker \$330; the Building Fund \$100; Myrrhbearers \$1600; Nativity Monastery \$36. Attendance last week: Vigil 41, Liturgy 129. *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: \$254,720. 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

If we live in the way we have promised, we will receive, as daily and life-giving bread for the nourishment of our souls and the maintenance of the good state with which we have been blessed, the Logos Himself; for it was He who said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven and gives life to the world', (cf. John 6:33-35). In proportion to our capacity the Logos will become everything for us who are nourished through virtue and wisdom; and in accordance with His own judgment He will be embodied differently

in each recipient of salvation while we are still living in this age. This is indicated in the phrase of the prayer which says, 'Give us this day our daily bread' (Matt. 6:11).

(Hopko, Maxims, continued from front)

23. Live a day, and a part of a day, at a time.
24. Be totally honest, first of all, with yourself.
25. Be faithful in little things.
26. Do your work, and then forget it.
27. Do the most difficult and painful things first.
28. Face reality.
29. Be grateful in all things.
30. Be cheerful.
31. Be simple, hidden, quiet and small.

Troparia and Kontakia for February 16

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / 'O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!'

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.

Prodigal Son, Kontakion, tone 3

Foolishly have I run away from Thy glory, O Father, / wasting in sin the wealth that Thou gavest me. / Therefore with the words of the Prodigal I cry unto Thee: / I have sinned before Thee, compassionate Father. / Accept me in repentance and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

"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*
