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Bulletin for Thomas Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!



May 3rd Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

May 4th Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins

5:00 p.m. Vespers

May 5th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Vespers

May 6th Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

May 7th Thursday St. Alexis of Wilkes Barre

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

May 8th Friday St. John the Theologian

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

May 9th Saturday

7:00 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

May 10th Sunday of the Paralytic

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

How To Conduct Oneself in Illness

11. On the other hand, if you feel that your illness is worsening and is beginning to exhaust your bodily strength, receive the Mystery of Holy Unction. The Lord God greatly heals the body by it, and if He is not pleased to heal your body, He will certainly heal your soul.

12. After doing this, entrust yourself completely to the will of God and do not wish for anything other than that the *(cont. on back)*

Announcements for May 3

Public Services: We are not blessed to offer public services at present. Archbishop Alexander has blessed us to serve as many services as we wish with a restricted group to produce the service for streaming it. The Holy Synod meets this week and will be taking up the question of how and when to reopen parishes. Keep praying at home and practicing the Faith, which not circumstances can hinder.

Temple Wine offered for the health and salvation of Dymphna, Zoe Frederick, and in Memory of Thomas Boguski; **Temple Oil** offered for the health and salvation of Zoe Frederick.

Commemorations: Though you are not present to offer your usual commemorations, please know that the priest commemorates all of you at the Proskomide as a matter of course.

Basics of Orthodoxy will be held this week after Liturgy at 12:30 by livestream.

Hebrews: There will be a class via zoom or a series of talks after Vespers on the book of Hebrews. Start reading it and noting your questions. You may send questions to Fr. Justin. When this is to begin will be announced on the email list.

Confession: If you desire to make a confession, please contact the priest directly to arrange it.

Livestreaming: We are streaming the service live today.

Special Help: If anyone needs assistance with shopping or any other needs due to current conditions, please let us know. We have people willing to help. We also have some resources to help those who are pinched by the economic shutdown.

Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, June 7. Instead we say or sing the Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death..." three times.

During the 50 days from Pascha to Pentecost, we do not kneel or make prostrations in church in keeping with the joyful, festal character of the season. We begin to kneel and do prostrations again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

For 40 days through the Leavetaking (May 27), we greet each other by saying, "Christ is Risen!" "Indeed, He is Risen!" We also use the Paschal Troparion before and the Kontakion after meals and when setting out on a trip.

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.

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.

Last week, we gave \$1480 in tithes and offerings; in March we have given \$12,072; our monthly budget is \$17,560; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). Candles \$37.50. *Please note: we do not report funds given electronically until the end of the month.*

Please Pray 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, Kristen Hatten, Rebekah Kruse, Robert Boguski, Branson, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Andrew, and Carter. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$254,900. 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 400 Chapters on Love

- 1.33 A pure intellect is one divorced from ignorance and illumined by divine light.
- 1.34 A pure soul is one freed from passions and constantly delighted by divine love.
- 1.35 A culpable passion is an impulse of the soul that is contrary to nature.
- 1.36 Dispassion is a peaceful condition of the soul in which the soul is not easily moved to evil.
- 1.37 A man who has been assiduous in acquiring the fruits of love will not cease loving even if he suffers a thousand calamities. Let Stephen, the disciple of Christ, and others like him persuade you of the truth of this (cf. Acts 7:60). Our Lord Himself prayed for His

murderers and asked the Father to forgive them because they did not know what they were doing (cf. Luke 23:34).

1.38 If love is long-suffering and kind (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4), a man who is contentious and malicious clearly alienates himself from love. And he who is alienated from love is alienated from God, for God is love.

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continued from front: Lord God do with you whatever is pleasing to Him. This is the best attitude for every person, whatever his condition. because whoever entrusts himself to the Lord God is God's, and such a one can never perish.

Troparia and Kontakia for May 3

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!'

Myrrh-bearing Women, Troparion, tone 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thine immaculate Body from the tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But Thou didst rise on third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

Glory...

Myrrh-bearing Women, Kontakion, tone 2

The Angel came to the myrrbearing women at the tomb / and said: "Myrrh is meet for the dead; / but Christ hath shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: the Lord is risen, / granting the world great mercy.

Now and ever...

Paschal Kontakion, tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the myrrbearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

"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*
