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**Bulletin for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of All Saints**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
3:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 15<sup>th</sup> Monday Apostles' Fast Begins**

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins  
7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
4:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

7:30 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

7:30 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 19<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins  
7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
4:00 p.m. Vespers

**June 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

7:30 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vigil

**June 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of All Saints of North America**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
6:00 p.m. Vespers

*How To Conduct Ourselves in Poverty*

3. As often as possible, remember the earthly poverty of our Savior. He is God; everything is His: both what is in the heavens, and what is on earth, in the earth, and beneath the earth, but He lived on earth in complete poverty, as He Himself said, "Foxes have holes, and birds (*cont. back*)

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## Announcements for June 14

**Public Services:** We have been blessed to open services to the parish, but at a limited number of those present each time. For now we stream daily Vespers, Saturday Vigil, and Sunday Divine Liturgy, and we'll stream Vigil for St. Justin of Chelije. Please pray faithfully at home, contact the priest about attending services, and tune in on Sundays and Saturdays if you cannot attend in person, or read Vespers, the Hours, and the Typica at home.

**Temple Oil** offered in for the Health and Salvation of Geronda Dositheos.

**Basics of Orthodoxy** will NOT be offered online at 12:30 today.

**The Apostles' Fast** begins tomorrow, Monday, June 15 and lasts until the Feast of Peter & Paul on June 29. We abstain from meat, dairy, and, unless otherwise indicated on the wall calendar, from fish, wine and oil, as we humble ourselves before God to received His grace that we may submit ourselves to His will for us and cooperate with the Holy Spirit in His work for our sanctification.

**Civil Strife:** Because of our many sins, our nation now suffers an ugly, violent, lawless civil strife in our cities. This unrest is a sign of the spiritual illness of our country and is a call for us to offer repentance for our sins and those of our country. We have added petitions to the Augmented Litany at each.

**Building Update:** The parish council has decided to sign contracts with a civil engineer and our architect to continue the development of our plan to build to the point we can put a site plan to the city for approval, our next big hurdle to cross. This will involve spending some serious money, but it cannot be avoided. The civil engineer, for all his work, will cost about \$28,000. The cost of our design architect will be similar. (These contracts involve much more work than just the site plan to take to the city.) Please talk to Adam Skelton for more details.

**Attendance at Services:** our attendance is limited at present. Consequently, attendance at Divine Liturgy must focus on those prepared to receive Holy Communion. If you are attending Divine Liturgy, do come to as much of the preceding Vespers and Matins (or Vigil) as you can as part of your preparation for receiving Holy Communion, for this is proper standard procedure. You have priority to attend those services as part of your preparation. Inevitably, however, there is always space at Matins and usually some at Vespers for someone wishing to attend a service but who is not going to Liturgy. Catechumens and inquirers and any others who wish to attend a service are urged to take advantage of Vespers, Matins and Vigil. Please email or text the priest if you desire to come.

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

**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.

In May, we gave \$24,884.74; \$13,353.28 by check or cash, and \$11,531.46 electronically; our monthly budget is \$17,560; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). We will have a report for May next week. *Please note: we do not report funds given electronically until the end of the month.*

**Please Pray** and for the Meals family soon to be received at St. Paul's Denison, for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Mark Robertson, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Dakak, 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 Hollenbeck, and for Reader Michael Rodgers and Mary LeBrecht as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

### 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

1.55 If 'love prevents us from harming our neighbor' (Rom. 13:10), he who is jealous of his brother or irritated by his reputation, and damages his good name with cheap jibes or in any way spitefully plots against him, is surely alienating himself from love and is guilty in the face of eternal judgment.

1.56 If love is the fulfilling of the law' (Rom. 13:10), he who is full of rancor towards his neighbor and lays traps for him and curses him, exulting in his fall, must surely be a transgressor deserving eternal punishment.

1.57 If 'he who speaks evil of his brother, and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law' (Jas. 4:11), and the law of Christ is love, surely he who speaks evil of Christ's love falls away from it and is the cause of his own perdition.

1.58 Do not listen gleefully to gossip at your neighbor's expense or chatter to a person who likes finding fault. Otherwise you will fall away from divine love and find yourself cut off from eternal life.

1.59 Do not permit any abuse of your spiritual father or encourage anyone who dishonors him. Otherwise the Lord will be angry with your conduct and will obliterate you from the land of the living (cf. Deut. 6:15).

1.60 Silence the man who utters slander in your hearing. Otherwise you sin twice over: first, you accustom yourself to this deadly passion and, second you fail to prevent him from gossiping against his neighbor.

(continued from front) of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Luke 9:58). For what purpose did He live so poorly? Of course, not for any other purpose than to incline all of us to accept poverty with equanimity and to be satisfied with what is most necessary for sustain life; for poverty, as St. John Chrysostom says, leads to piety more easily than wealth. From *How To Live A Holy Life*, Met. Gregory

#### Troparia and Kontakia for June 14

##### 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.

##### All Saints of North America, Troparion, Feast, tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace/through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

##### All Saints of North America, Kontakion, tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God / in the lands of North America / now stand before us in the Church / and invisibly pray to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ / keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

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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*