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Bulletin for Sunday, June 21st, 2020

June 21st Sunday of All Saints of North America

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 22nd Monday

6:00 a.m. Matins

5:00 p.m. Vespers

June 23rd Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil

June 24th Wednesday Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

June 25th Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

June 26th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Vespers

June 27th Saturday

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

June 28th Sunday of New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vigil

How To Conduct Ourselves in Poverty

5. Call to mind as often as possible that the majority of the saints spent their lives in poverty. The holy apostle says of the majority of the saints of the Old Testament that they *wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth* (Hebrews 11:37, 38). In the New Testament, as is known, all the best people passed their lives in the greatest poverty: all the holy apostles, all the first bishops, (*cont. back*)

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Announcements for June 21

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 for the Health and Salvation of Viola Frederick and in memory of Daniel Tradal.

Basics of Orthodoxy will not be offered today.

Fathers' Day: thank God for fathers and pray that he will strengthen true fatherhood in them, especially those close to you.

The Apostles' Fast continues 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 receive 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. To this end, we have added petitions to the Augmented Litany at each service.

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 Hollembeak, 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

1.61 'But I say to you,' says the Lord, 'love your enemies ... do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you' (Matt. 5:44). Why did He command this? To free you from hatred, irritation, anger and rancor, and to make you worthy of the supreme gift of perfect love. And you cannot attain such love if you do not imitate God and love all men equally. For God loves all men equally and wishes them 'to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth' (1 Tim. 2:4).

1.62 'But I say to you, do not resist evil; but if someone hits you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek as well. And if anyone sues you in the courts, and takes away your coat, let him have your cloak also. And if anyone forces you to go a mile, go with him for two miles' (Matt. 5:39-41). Why did He say this? Both to keep you free from anger and irritation, and to correct the other person by means of your forbearance, so that like a good Father He might bring the two of you under the yoke of love.

1.63 We carry about with us impassioned images of the things we have experienced. If we can overcome these images we shall be indifferent to the things which they represent. For fighting against the thoughts of things is much harder than fighting against the things themselves, just as to sin in the mind is easier than to sin through outward action.

(continued from front all the first priests, all the ancient desert-dwellers. Of the last, many completely lacked clothing to cover their nakedness, and, like the wild animals, lived only on green plants. From *How To Live A Holy Life, Met. Gregory*

Troparia and Kontakia for June 21

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.

“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*
