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Bulletin for Sunday, June 28th, 2020



June 28th Sunday of New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vigil

June 29th Monday SS Peter & Paul

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

June 30th Tuesday Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 1st Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vigil

July 2nd Thursday St. John of San Francisco

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 3rd Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins

4:00 p.m. Vespers

July 4th Saturday

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

July 5th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

How To Conduct Ourselves in Poverty

6. If in your poverty some other burdens oppress you, again do not lose your spirits, but comfort yourself with holy thoughts. For example, people hate you or despise you. Think: “What does it matter? My Lord and Savior was God, but they hated and despised even Him, He was not at all diminished because of this. Should I not endure hatred and scorn, when the Lord also says, “Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you” (Luke 6:22). Do they oppress you and insult you? Think: “What does it matter? Whom did they oppress and insult more than the Lord Himself? Finally, they oppressed and insulted Him to the point that they crucified Him. *(cont. back)*

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Announcements for June 28

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. 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. **Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Gregory, Terence, Basil.

Basics of Orthodoxy will not be offered today.

Confessor's Tongue: Please be sure to read this each week. It is published for you edification, and is all the more important when we cannot gather freely.

The Apostles' Fast ends tomorrow with the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. The next fast will be the Dormition Fast, August 1-14.

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 contract 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

1.64 Some passions pertain to the body, others to the soul. The first are occasioned by the body, the second by external objects. Love and self-control overcome both kinds, the first curbing the passions of the soul and the second those of the body.

1.65 Some passions pertain to the soul's incensive power, and others to its desiring aspect. Both kinds are aroused through the senses. They are aroused when the soul lacks love and self-control.

1.66 The passions of the soul's incensive power are more difficult to combat than those of its desiring aspect. Consequently our Lord has given a stronger remedy against them; the commandment of love.

1.67 While passions such as forgetfulness and ignorance affect but one of the soul's three aspects – the incensive, the desiring or the intelligent – listlessness alone seizes control of all the soul's powers and rouses almost all the passions together. That is why this passion is more serious than all the others. Hence our Lord has given us an excellent remedy against it, saying: "You will gain possession of your souls through your patient endurance" (Luke 21:19).

(continued from front) But what did He lose because of this? For His patience God the Father exalted Him to such a degree that at His

name should bow “every knee . . . of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth” (Phil. 2:10). Think further: “If people do not despise and humiliate someone, how can that person get practice in humility? If they do not insult him, how can he learn patience, meekness, and so forth?” From *How To Live A Holy Life*, Met. Gregory

Troparia and Kontakia for June 28

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!’

New Martyrs of Turkish Yoke, Troparion, tone 3

The new martyrs, who with unremitting battle / have cast down the ancient deception, / have exalted the Faith of the Orthodox; / for, having abolished the worship of the iniquitous / and preached Christ boldly, / they now unceasingly entreat Him / as perfect God // that He grant us great mercy.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

New Martyrs of Turkish Yoke, Kontakion, tone 1

Rejoice mystically, O Church of Christ, / beholding thy children the new martyrs, / standing round about thy table in their relics, / like newly planted olive shoots; / and cry aloud to the Creator of all: // “Thou art the confirmation of the martyrs, O Christ!”

“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*
