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Bulletin for Sunday, July 5th, 2020

July 5th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 7th Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 8th Wednesday Great Martyr Procopius

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 9th Thursday Hieromartyr Pancratius

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 10th Friday Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

July 11th Saturday Great Martyr Euphemia

9:00 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

July 12th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

How To Conduct Ourselves in Poverty

7. Finally, think more often about the heavenly blessings, which you will surely enjoy if you patiently endure your poverty to the end. The pauper mentioned by the Lord in the Gospel was on earth poor as almost no one else, and how glorious was the end of his life. The angels took and carried his soul to the bosom of Abraham. There his condition was suddenly changed. He had not had the slightest joy during his entire life, but now he is delighting in the greatest joys, continuous and eternal. The same will happen also with you: you will not have to endure necessity always; you will not suffer always; a reward is being prepared for you, and the reward for the faithful in heaven cannot compare with any of our earthly sorrows. The holy Apostle says, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall (*cont. pg. 3*)

Announcements for July 5

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.

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.

Families Moving: Two families who have long been a part of our parish are leaving us. The Rehmet's—Dn. Michael, Gina, and Elias—will be leaving after Dormition for St. Tikhon's Seminary. The Andrew and Julianna Bramlett along with Onesimus, Petra, and Euphemia, will be returning to Missouri July 25, where Andrew is taking a new job back in his hometown. Keep them all in your prayers, and plan to see or talk to them before they depart. We are sorry to see them leave, but we are glad they are pursuing the Lord's will.

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 June, we gave \$8283 by check or cash and \$12,198 electronically for a total of \$20,481; our monthly budget is \$17,560; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund). May God bless you for your faithful giving! *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.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

1.68 Never strike any of the brethren, especially without reason, in case he is unable to bear the affliction and leaves the monastery. For then you would never escape the reproach of your conscience. It would always bring you distress in the time of prayer and divert your intellect from intimate communion with God.

1.69 Shun all suspicions and all persons that cause you to take offence. If you are offended by anything, whether intended or unintended, you do not know the way of peace, which through love brings the lovers of divine knowledge to the knowledge of God.

1.70 You have not yet acquired perfect love if your regard for people is still swayed by their characters – for example, if, for some particular reason, you love one person and hate another, or if for the same reason you sometimes love and sometimes hate the same person.

(continued from front) be revealed in us.” “Eye hath not seen, nor ear hard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” From *How To Live A Holy Life*, Met. Gregory

Troparia and Kontakia for July 5

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.
/ He hath delivered us from the womb of hell, / and hath granted the world / great mercy.

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. Athanasius of Athos, Troparion, tone 3

The ranks of the angels marvelled at thy life in the flesh: / how in the body thou didst go forth to wrestle with invisible foes, O ever glorious one, / and didst wound the hordes of the demons. / Hence, O Athanasius, Christ hath bestowed rich gifts upon thee. // Wherefore, pray that our souls be saved, O father.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

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.

St. Athanasius of Athos, Kontakion, tone 8

Thy flock, O divinely eloquent one, calleth upon thee / as an excellent seer of immaterial beings and a most true and active interpreter. / Fail not to pray for thy servants that thou mayest deliver from dangers and assaults // those who cry out to thee: Rejoice, O father Athanasius!

“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*
