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Bulletin for Sunday, July 12th, 2020

July 12th Sunday St. Paisios of Athos

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 14th Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 15th Wednesday St. Vladimir

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 16th Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 17th Friday

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

July 18th Saturday New Martyr Elizabeth

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

July 19th Sunday St. Seraphim of Sarov

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vigil

How To Conduct Ourselves in Happiness

1. When you are happy, that is, when everything in life is going according to your wishes: you are healthy, your wife, your children, and your family is healthy, your neighbors like you, all your affairs are going well, you are satisfied and do not feel need, then every morning and every evening thank the Lord God form your whole soul for all of this and be very careful not to be ungrateful to Him. Everyone recognizes as vile those who are ungrateful to other people, even more so should we acknowledge as vile those who are ungrateful to the Lord God. The Holy Apostle numbers the ingratitude of people among the vices of the people of the last time, that is, of the most depraved time. From *How To Live A Holy Life*, Met. Gregory

Announcements for July 12

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 eternal memory and blessed repose of Anna Pascale and Roman Romero.

Many Years to the newly-illumined servant of God Niklaus Van Hoose and his sponsors, Dn. Michael and Mary Rehmet. He was baptized yesterday.

Attendance at Services: our attendance is limited at present. Please email or text the priest if you desire to come to Liturgy. As there is always room at Vespers and Matins during the week, feel free just to show up at those services.

Vacation Notice: Fr. Justin and his family will be gone August 17 – September 11. Please take advantage of his presence during the next five weeks to attend services, make Confession, and receive Holy Communion.

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

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.

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, for Reader Michael Rodgers and Mary LeBrecht as they prepare for Holy Matrimony, and for all in need.

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

1.71 Perfect love does not split up the single human nature, common to all, according to the diverse characteristics of individuals; but, fixing attention always on this single nature, it loves all men equally. It loves the good as friends and the bad as enemies, helping them, exercising forbearance, patiently accepting whatever they do, not taking the evil into account at all but even suffering on their behalf if the opportunity offers, so that, if possible, they too become friends. If it cannot achieve this, it does not change its own attitude; it continues to show the fruits of love to all men alike. It was on account of this that our Lord and God Jesus Christ, showing His love for us, suffered for the whole of mankind and gave to all men an equal hope of resurrection, although each man determines his own fitness for glory or punishment.

1.72 If you are not indifferent to both fame and dishonor, riches and poverty, pleasure and distress, you have not yet acquired perfect love. For perfect love is indifferent not only to these but even to this fleeting life and to death.

1.73 Listen to the words of those who have been granted perfect love: 'What can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written, "For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded as sheep for slaughtering (Ps. 44:22). But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom. 8:35-39). Those who speak and act thus with regard to divine love are all saints.'

Troparia and Kontakia for July 12

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting 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. Paisios the New, Troparion, tone 1

The offspring of Farasa, / and the adornment of Athos, / and the imitator and equal in honor of the venerable ones from ages past; / O ye faithful, let us honor Paisios the vessel full of graces, / who hasteneth speedily to the pious faithful who cry out: / Glory to Him Who gave thee strength, / Glory to Him Who hath crowned thee, // Glory to Him Who granteth healings for all through thee.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

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. Paisios the New, Kontakion, tone 8

The most-famed ascetic of the Holy Mountain, / and the newly-shining luminary of the Church, / let us praise him with hymns with all our heart, / for he leads the faithful towards a life of excellence, filling them with rivers of gifts, // wherefore we cry out: Rejoice, Father Paisios.

"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*