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Bulletin for Sunday, July 19th, 2020

July 19th Sunday St. Seraphim of Sarov

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vigil

July 20th Monday Prophet Elijah

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 21st Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 22nd Wednesday St. Mary Magdalene

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 23rd Thursday Icon of Theotokos “Joy of All Who Sorrow”

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

July 24th Friday Boris & Gleb

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

July 25th Saturday Dormition of St. Anna

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

July 26th Sunday St. Jacob of Alaska

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

How To Conduct Ourselves in Happiness

2. In using our earthly well-being with gratitude, never forget that the Lord God grants us to live happily on earth not so that we might only rejoice and be glad, but so that we, feeling the goodness of God, might be grateful to the Lord God, that is, do nothing displeasing to Him, and if we were to do something displeasing to Him, we should offer repentance, for “the goodness of God leadeth thee,” says the holy Apostle to the fortunate of the *(continued p. 3)*

Announcements for July 19

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 Mary, and Viola Frederick; **Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Nikolay and for the eternal memory and blessed repose of Nina.

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 contact the priest directly to arrange it. Usually they are heard after Vespers or Vigil each day.

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 July so far, we have given about \$6600 by check or cash; 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 the Reynolds family, 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

1.74 Listen now to what they say about love for our neighbor: ‘I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience also bears me witness in the Holy Spirit: I have great distress and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were severed from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites’ (Rom. 9:1-3). Moses and the other saints speak in a similar manner.

1.75 He who is not indifferent to fame and pleasure, as well as to the love of riches that exists because of them and increases them, cannot cut off occasions for anger. And he who does not cut these off cannot attain perfect love.

1.76 Humility and ascetic hardship free a man from all sin, for the one cuts out the passions of the soul, the other those of the body. This is what the blessed David indicates when he prays to God, saying, ‘Look on my humility and my toil, and forgive all my sins’ (Ps. 25:18).

1.77 It is through our fulfilling of the commandments that the Lord makes us dispassionate; and it is through His divine teachings that He gives us the light of spiritual knowledge.

(cont. from front) world, not to amusements and a self-willed life, but to repentance (Romans 2:3, 4). “God shows you His mercy so that you will stop sinning. If you do not stop sinning, then your punishment will be terrible,” says St. John Chrysostom. Whoever forgets about this purpose of God’s goodness concerning earthly blessings becomes comfortably attached to earthly prosperity with all his heart and, indulging only his worldly passions, forgets God and forget eternal blessedness and his soul. And what will happen to his soul? Friend, consider! Its fate will be terrible!. From *How To Live A Holy Life*, Met. Gregory

Troparia and Kontakia for July 19

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 5

Let us the faithful hymn and worship the Word / who with the Father and the Spirit hath no beginning, / and was born for our salvation of the Virgin; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, / and to endure death / and to raise the dead / by His glorious Resurrection.

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. Seraphim, Troparion, tone 4

From thy youth thou hast loved Christ, O Blessed One, / and, with burning zeal to work for Him alone, / Thou hast contended in unceasing prayer and labor in the wilderness; / and gaining by compunction of heart the love of Christ, / thou hast appeared as chosen and beloved of the Theotokos. / Therefore we cry out to thee: // "Save us by thy prayers, O our Venerable Father Seraphim."

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 5

Thou didst descend to Hades, O my Savior; / and, having shattered its gates as all-powerful; / Thou as Creator didst raise the dead with Thee; / and Thou didst destroy the sting of death, / and Adam hath been delivered from the curse, O Lover of Man. / Wherefore, we all cry: Save us, O Lord!

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. Seraphim, Kontakion, tone 2

Forsaking the beauty of the world and the corruption therein, / thou didst make thine in abode in the Monastery of Sarov. / And having lived there as an angel, / thou didst become for many a path to salvation. / For this cause, Christ hath glorified thee, O father Seraphim, / and enriched thee with the gift of healings and miracles. // Wherefore, we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O our venerable father Seraphim!

"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*
