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Bulletin for Sunday, August 2nd, 2020

August 2nd Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

August 3rd Monday

4:45 a.m. Matins

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

August 4th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

August 5th Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vigil

August 6th Thursday Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vespers

August 7st Friday

4:45 a.m. Matins

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

August 8th Saturday

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

August 9th Sunday St. Herman of Alaska

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

How To Conduct Ourselves in Happiness

4. So that it may be easier to protect yourself from love of the joys and comforts of your earthly well-being, act as the saints acted. While making use of earthly blessings, they ceaselessly remembered and sighed for the heavenly blessings. You should act that way, too. Accustom yourself to remember heavenly bliss as (*continued p. 3*)

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Announcements for July 26

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 & Wine offered for the health and salvation of Mykola Tokaryev and in memory of Nina Tokaryev.

Attendance at Services: our attendance is limited at present. Please email or text the priest if you desire to come to Liturgy. As there has always been room at Vespers and Matins during the week, feel free just to show up at those services without notice.

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.

The Dormition Fast has begun and lasts until the Feast of Dormition, August 15. The norms the Church has given us for the fast call us to devote ourselves to prayer, almsgiving, fasting (abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, marital relations—see wall calendar for modifications), and reading the Scriptures and other Orthodox spiritual literature, and to reduce or eliminate secular entertainments and elective social engagements. All the faithful should prepare themselves for Confession and Holy Communion during the Fast. With the Fast are celebrated the two Great Feasts of Transfiguration and the Dormition of the Theotokos along with the Feasts of St. Herman of Alaska at St. Maximus. Hence, we may readily use this short, concentrated Fast as a sort of intense spiritual boot camp to recalibrate our life in Christ. With God's help, we will offer Vespers, Matins, and Divine Liturgy every day of the Fast.

Start of School Year: On Sunday, August 16, we will serve a Molieben at the end of Liturgy for all students and teachers before the start of the new school year.

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.

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 gave about \$9100 by check or cash and another \$10,054 electronically for a total of \$19,154; 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 for the Colby and Rebekah Meals and children 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, Gregory Werner and Hannah Freas 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: \$256,300.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

1.82 The first kind of fear is expelled by perfect love when the soul has acquired this and is no longer afraid of punishment (cf. 1 John 4:18). The second kind, as we have already said, is always found united with perfect love. The first kind of fear is referred to in the following two verses: ‘Out of fear of the Lord men shun evil’ (Prov. 16:6), and ‘Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom’ (Ps. 111:10). The second kind is mentioned in the following verses: ‘Fear of the Lord is pure, and endures for ever’ (Ps. 19:9. LXX), and ‘Those who fear the Lord will not want for anything’ (Ps. 34:10. LXX).

(*cont. from front*) often as possible and say, “Lord, if it is so good for me under your shelter even on earth, what will it be like in heaven? Thy kingdom come.” Or “Lord, You gladden me so much on earth. Deprive me not of Thy heavenly joy.” Or “Lord, how much consolation Your boundless goodness gives my soul. Do not allow it in this consolation somehow to fall asleep in sin.” Or, “O Lord, how great is your goodness to me, and how foolish I am. How little I love You. What little zeal I have to root out of myself various vices, but especially my favorite sin. Enlighten me. Awaken me. Set me on the path of salvation. Have mercy on me and save me. *From How To Live A Holy Life, Met. Gregory*

Troparia and Kontakia for August 2

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto 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.

Protomartyr Stephen, Troparion, tone 4

For the sufferings which thou didst endure for Christ God, / thy head hath been crowned with a royal diadem, / O Stephen, first among those who have suffered; / for, having denounced the insanity of the Jews, / thou didst behold thy Savior at the right hand of the Father. / Him do thou therefore entreat // in behalf of our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

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.

Protomartyr Stephen, Kontakion, tone 6

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth / by the heavenly Husbandmen, O most laudable Stephen, / and thou, O blest one, wast the first on earth to shed thy blood for Christ; / first hast thou been to be crowned with the wreath of victory in the heavens, / O first among athletes, crown-bearer, // who wast first among martyrs.

“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*
