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Bulletin for Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday St. Herman of Alaska**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

**August 10<sup>th</sup> Monday St. Lawrence**

4:45 a.m. Matins

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

**August 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

**August 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vigil

**August 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday Leavetaking, St. Maximus**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

**August 14<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Vigil

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dormition of Theotokos**

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

*How To Conduct Ourselves in With Other People*

3. It is pleasant for you when people speak well of you. Therefore you should speak well of all your enighbors, be especially careful not to slander your neighbor. Slander is the work of Satan, let it belong to him alone (Rev. 12:10). You speak only good of your neighbor.

*(from Met. Gregory, How To Live A Holy Life)*

## Announcements for August 9

**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 William and Richard and in memory of Nicholas Gluschenko (August 4, 2009).

**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** ends on the Feast of Dormition, Saturday, 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.

**Start of School Year:** On Sunday, August 16, we will serve a Moleben at the end of Liturgy for all students and teachers before the start of the new school year. We'll also pray for our departing seminary students, Dn. Michael and Elias Rehmet, after Liturgy on Dormition.

**Vacation Notice:** Fr. Justin and his family will be gone August 17 – September 11.

**Visiting Priest:** Fr. Gerasim will come to St. Maximus to serve Sunday, August 23 at 9:00 and Tuesday, September 1 (Church New Year) at 9:00. With the shortage of priests and the limit on attendance, this is the best we can do this year.

**Antidoron** is distributed during the singing of Psalm 33 just before the end of the Divine Liturgy to Orthodox Faithful who did not commune that day. It is the unconsecrated but blessed part of the loaf that became Christ's body and as such is a consolation for those Orthodox Christians who were not able to commune for whatever reason. If you are in this category of persons, come up to receive it when you see the priest come out during Psalm 33.

**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

1.83 Put to death therefore whatever is earthly in you: unchastity, uncleanness, passion, evil desire and greed' (Col. 3:5). Earth is the name St Paul gives to the will of the flesh. Unchastity is his word for the actual committing of sin. Uncleanness is how he designates assent to sin. Passion is his term for impassioned thoughts. By evil desire he means the simple act of accepting the thought and the desire. And greed is his name for what generates and promotes passion. All these St Paul ordered us to mortify as 'aspects' expressing the will of the flesh.

## Troparia and Kontakia for August 9

### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

### Transfiguration, Troparion, tone 7

Thou wast transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ God, / showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / make Thine everlasting light shine also upon us sinners. / O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

### 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 Herman, Torparion

O righteous Father Herman of Alaska / North Star of Christ's holy Church, / the light of thy holy life and great deeds / guideth those that follow the Orthodox way. / Together we lift high the holy Cross, / which thou didst plant firmly in America. / Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, / singing his holy Resurrection.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 8

Having risen from the tomb Thou didst waken the dead and raise Adam, / and Eve exulteth in Thy Resurrection, / and the ends of the world keep festival for Thy rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

### 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. Herman, Kontakion, tone 8

O beloved of the Mother of God, who received the tonsure at Valaam, / new zealot of the struggles of the desert-dwellers of old: / wielding prayer as a spear and shield, thou didst show thyself to be terrible to demons and pagan darkness. / Wherefore, we cry out to thee: // O venerable Herman, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved!

### Transfiguration, Kontakion, tone 7

Upon the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they would behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world / that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

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“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*

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