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**Bulletin for Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

3:30 p.m. Vespers

4:00 p.m. Octoberfest

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Monday**

6:00 a.m. Midnight Office

4:00 p.m. Vespers

**October 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins or Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers

**October 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins or Midnight Office

6:00 p.m. Class: Gospel of John

7:00 p.m. Vespers

**October 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday St. Euthymios the New**

6:00 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

3:00 p.m. Vespers

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins or Midnight Office

5:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

**October 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday Prophet Hosea**

6:30 a.m. Matins

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m. Vigil

**October 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Evangelist Luke**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

*From the Optina Elders on Anger*

An irritable state of soul comes, first of all, from self-love, when something happens not according to our desire or point of view, and secondly, from lack of faith that fulfilling the commandments of God in the given situation will bring benefit. *St. Ambrose*

## Announcements for October 11

**To Our Visitors: Welcome!** Please join us after the service for coffee, food, and fellowship. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the candle table by the door.

**Temple Oil** offered in memory of Barbara Joy Dobbs and for the health and salvation of Mary Rodgers.

**Attendance at Services:** our attendance remains limited, though it is less so than before. 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. Please pray faithfully at home, tune in on Sundays and Saturdays if you cannot attend in person, or read Vespers, the Hours, and the Typica at home.

**Many Years** to the newly-illuminated Anastasia Sidorenko and her sponsor Anna Tarasova and to the Meals family: Paul, Rebecca, George, Jacob, Joshua, Abigail, Thomas, and Michael, and to their sponsors Theophan and Emilia McAnear!

**Coffee Hour** will be simple today. Please clean up. We'll come back for a parish meal this afternoon at 4:00.

**Octoberfest** will be held today at 4:00. after Vespers at 3:30. There will be an opportunity to exhibit your art including poetry in addition to pumpkin carving and pie baking.

**The All Saints Party** is scheduled to be held Friday evening, October 30, at 5:30.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. The Gospel of John

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox

**Confession** will be heard after Vespers and Vigil during the week. Please let the priest know you'd like to make a confession. Because of class on Friday, slots then are limited.

**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.

**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 September, we gave more than \$7200 by check or cash and another \$10,095 electronically for a total of \$17,295; 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 our catechumens Robert Boguski, Makenna Baldwin, Mark Robertson, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Dakak, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Kristen & Clementine Hatten, Robert Osborne, Rebekah Kruse, Branson Clements, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, Andrew, and Carter. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, for Gregory Werner and Hannah Freas as they prepare for Holy Matrimony, and for Fr. Vasile Tudora, Constantine, 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: \$288,824.48.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.4 The effect of observing the commandments is to free from passion our conceptual images of things. The effect of spiritual reading and contemplation is to detach the intellect from form and matter. It is this which gives rise to undistracted prayer.

2.5 Unless various successive spiritual contemplations also occupy the intellect, the practice of virtues by itself cannot free it so entirely from passions that it is able to pray undistractedly. Practice of the virtues frees the intellect only from dissipation and hatred; spiritual contemplation releases it also from forgetfulness and ignorance. In this way the intellect can pray as it should.

2.6 Two states of pure prayer are exalted above all others. One is to be found in those who have not advanced beyond the practice of the virtues, the other in those leading the contemplative life. The first is engendered in the soul by fear of God and a firm hope in Him, the second by an intense longing for God and by total purification. The sign of the first is that the intellect, abandoning all conceptual images of the world, concentrates itself and prays without distraction or disturbance as if God Himself were present, as indeed He is. The sign of the second is that at the very onset of prayer the intellect is so ravished by the divine and infinite light that it is aware neither of itself nor of any other created thing, but only of Him who through love has activated such radiance in it. It is

then that, being made aware of God's qualities, it receives clear and distinct reflections of Him.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for October 11**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

#### **Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Troparion, tone 8**

All-glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

#### **Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1**

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

#### **Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Kontakion, tone 6**

The Son who ineffably shone forth from the Father / hath been born in two natures of a woman, / and beholding Him we do not refuse to depict His countenance; / but tracing it piously, we honor it in faith. / Wherefore, the Church, holding to the true Faith, / doth venerate the icon of the incarnation of Christ.

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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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