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Bulletin for Sunday, October 25th, 2020

October 25th Sunday

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

3:30 p.m. Vespers

4:00 p.m. Young Adults' Gathering

October 26th Monday St. Demetrios

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

October 27th Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins or Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers

October 28th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

October 29th Thursday

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

October 30th Friday

4:30 p.m. Vespers

5:30 p.m. All Saints Party

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

October 31st Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil

November 1st Sunday Synaxis of Unmercenary Healers

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

From the Optina Elders on Anger

Recognize the root of anger and wrath: it is pride. Root it out with its very opposite, humility, with the help of God, who looks upon the humble. *St. Macarius*

If you feel that you cannot control your anger, remain silent, and for the time being say nothing, until, through continuous prayer and self-reproach, your heart has become calm. *St. Hilarion*

Announcements for October 25

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.

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: read Vespers Saturday evening, and the Hours and the Typica Sunday morning if you cannot attend church.

The Special Offering today at the end of Liturgy will be for Interfaith Ministries here in Denton, who help people with practical needs. Next week it will go for our seminarians.

Library Ministry: To keep our ever-growing library in order so you can find the books you need, our Librarian, Pamela Ward, needs the help of one or more persons willing to learn how to shelve books. She can also teach how to catalog. IF you are interested, let Father know and call Pam: (979) 204-6015.

Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy today. Please work together to wash dishes and clean up.

A Social Gathering primarily for young adults, single or married, will be held at church at 4:00 today after Vespers.

The All Saints Party is scheduled for this Friday evening at 5:30. Dress as a saint or biblical character and come with clues to help us guess your identity. Please bring fast-worthy foods to share.

A Parish Thanksgiving Meal is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 8 that we may give thanks and feast together before the fast. We'll plan to bless and distribute the Artos from Pascha at this time.

Classes this Week:

The John Class will not meet this Wednesday.
Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox

Confession will be heard after Vespers and Vigil during the week (except Friday). Please let the priest know you'd like to make a confession. They may be scheduled at other times, too.

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.

Putting Out Candles: Those of you who help put out candles after services, please blow out the oil lamps and snuff the beeswax candles with the snuffer-tongs.

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.

Last week, we gave \$504 in tithes and offerings: in October, we have given \$97504 in tithes and offerings; candles \$78, building fund \$275; 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 Makenna Baldwin, Mark Robertson, Mark Jones, Elizabeth Dakak, Robert Boguski, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Kristen & Clementine Hatten, Robert Osborne, Rebekah Kruse, Branson Clements, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, and Carter Sims. Pray for Joseph and Olga Fincher, for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, 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: \$289,070.48.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.10 If there are some men you hate and some you neither love nor hate, and others you love strongly and others again you love but moderately, recognize from this inequality that you are far from perfect love. For perfect love presupposes that you love all men equally.

2.11 'Shun evil and do good' (Ps. 34:14), that is to say, fight the enemy in order to diminish the passions, and then be vigilant lest they increase once more. Again, fight to acquire the virtues and then be vigilant in order to keep them. This is the meaning of 'cultivating' and 'keeping' (cf. Gen. 2:15).

2.12 Those permitted by God to test us either inflame the desiring aspect of the soul, or stir up its incensive power, or darken its

intelligence, or envelop its body in pain, or deprive us of bodily necessities.

Troparia and Kontakia for October 25

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.
/ He hath delivered us from the womb of hell, / and hath granted 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.

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, Troparion tone 4

In their sufferings, O Lord, / Thy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius received imperishable crowns from Thee, our God. / For possessed of Thy might, / they cast down the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. // By their supplications save Thou our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

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.

Ss. Marcian and Matyrius, Kontakion, tone 4

Having struggled well from childhood, / O Marcian and wise Martyrius, / ye cast down the apostate Arius, / preserving the Orthodox faith unadulterated, / following Paul, the wise teacher. / Wherefore with him yet have found life, // as most excellent champions of the Trinity.

“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*
