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Bulletin for Sunday, November 1st, 2020

November 1st Sunday Synaxis of Unmercenary Healers

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

November 2nd Monday Martyr Acyndinus

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

November 3rd Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins or Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers

November 4th Wednesday

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers

November 5th Thursday Martyrs Galacteon & Epistemis

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

November 6th Friday

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

November 7th Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil

November 8th Sunday Archangel Michael

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

From Jean-Claude Larchet on Anger

Since the love of pleasure is one of the fundamental factors behind the pathological use of the irascible power, it is important that one first uproot it if one wishes to be healed of the passion of anger; and since love of pleasure is essentially linked to sensual desires, the therapy of anger presupposes a mortification of strong sexual desire. Thus St. Maximus notes: "We lull the inappropriate rantings of aggressiveness which no longer has concupiscence to excite it and persuade it to allow itself to be conquered by familiar pleasures. . . Indeed, aggressiveness—which by nature comes to the rescue of sexual desires—naturally ceases to become enraged once it sees that concupiscence has (*cont. on back*)

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Announcements for November 1

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 Tabitha Arrington.

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 our seminarians. Next week it will be for St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska.

The Election comes this Tuesday with threats of violence from some of those opposed to our president. Please pray for God's mercy on our land, for repentance, and that all the wicked schemes of the evil one may be thwarted. Be watchful this week. The priest hopes to come daily to church to read Compline and the Akathist to the Protection of Theotokos at 10:00 p.m. for our land. Also, please see the Prayer for Our Country in the *Confessor's Tongue*.

The Parish Thanksgiving Meal is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 that we may give thanks and feast together before the Nativity Fast begins. We shall 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

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.

The Nativity Fast begins November 15 and lasts until December 25. Now is a good time to begin to prepare for the Fast and to consider how to pray, fast, give alms, and serve others, and what to read to nourish and inspire the soul.

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 \$1700 in tithes and offerings: in October, we gave \$11,450 in tithes and offerings plus another \$x electronically for a total of \$yyy; candles \$60, special offering for Interfaith \$78; 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, Vincent, 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

2.13 The demons either tempt us themselves or arm against us those who have no fear of the Lord. They tempt us themselves when we withdraw from human society, as they, tempted our Lord in the desert. They tempt us through other people when we spend our time in the company of others, as they tempted our Lord through the Pharisees. But whichever line of attack they choose, let us repel them by keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord's example.

Larchet, cont. from front: been mortified.” In order for man to be healed of anger, it is necessary that he have conquered the passions connected to concupiscence—especially gluttony, lust, and love of money, the frequent causes of this passion—and that he practice their opposing virtues. The Fathers especially stress the fight against love of money, and thus paradoxically set forth almsgiving as an essential remedy for anger.

Troparia and Kontakia for November 1

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting 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.

Holy Unmercenaries, Troparion, tone 8

O holy unmercenary physicians and wonderworkers, / visit our infirmities. // Freely have ye received; freely give unto us.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

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.

Holy Unmercenaries, Kontakion, tone 2

Having received the grace of healings, / ye extend health to those in need, / O all-glorious physicians and wonderworkers. / By your visitation cast down the audacity of the enemy, // healing the world through your miracles.

“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*
