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## Bulletin for Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### November 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Nativity Fast Begins

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

### November 16<sup>th</sup> Monday Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

6:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

### November 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

### November 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

6:00 a.m. Matins

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers

### November 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

### November 20<sup>th</sup> Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil

### November 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday Entrance of the Theotokos

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

5:00 p.m. Vigil

### November 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

*From Jean-Claude Larchet on the Therapy for Anger  
Love is the third virtue opposed to anger (after gentleness and patience). ‘The most direct means to attaining to this love for the neighbor is to pray for him. Dt. Maximus writes; “Has a brother been the occasion of some trial for you and has our resentment led you to hatred? Do not let yourself be overcome by this hatred, but conquer it with love. You will succeed in this by praying to God sincerely for your brother.” He counsels further: “If you harbor rancor against anybody, pray for him, and you will prevent the passion from being aroused.” And elsewhere: “With regard to rancor, pray for him who has offended you and you will be delivered.”*

## Announcements for November 15

**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; **Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Constantine.

**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.

**Memory Eternal** to the handmaiden of God Olga Pavlovna Fincher who departed this life at 1622 hours, November 11. May God grant her His Kingdom. The Myrrhbearers did a fine job.

**The Special Offering** today at the end of Liturgy will be for IOCC.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. John

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

**Feast:** this week, we celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, one of the Twelve Great Feasts. We do well to keep the feast by attending at least part of the cycle of services for it: Vigil Friday at 7:00 p.m., Divine Liturgy Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

**The Nativity Fast** begins today and lasts until December 25. Coffee hours will be fastworthy until then.

**The Nativity Fast:** We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, (unless modifications are shown on the wall calendar) and marital relations in order to give ourselves to increased prayer, almsgiving, spiritual reading, repentance, and service to others as we pursue being filled more fully with Christ. If you have questions about the fast, please see your priest or confessor.

**Confession** will be heard after Vespers and Vigil during the week (except Friday, or by appointment).

**Lights:** As electric lights in church tend not to be conducive to prayer, we are trying to do without them.

**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 \$2315 \$1700 in tithes and offerings; in November, we have given \$4015; candles \$64.50, special offering for seminarians \$30, special offering for St. Herman's Seminary \$42, building fund \$1000; 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, Branson Clements, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Kristen & Clementine Hatten, Robert Osborne, Rebekah Kruse, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, Vincent, and Carter Sims. Pray for Thomas Harper who is in South America, and for Eugene & Rachel Hollemebeak, 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: \$289,970.48.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.18 When the demons expel self-restraint from your intellect and besiege you with thoughts of unchastity, turn to the Lord with tears and say, 'Now they have driven me out and encircled me' (Ps. 17:11. LXX); 'Thou art my supreme joy: deliver me from those who encircle me' (Ps. 32:7. LXX). Then you will be safe.

2.19 The demon of unchastity is powerful and violently attacks those who struggle against passion, particularly if they are lax about matters of diet and often meet women. With the lubricity of sensual pleasure he imperceptibly steals into the intellect and thereafter persecutes the hesychast by means of the memory, setting his body on fire and presenting various forms to his intellect. In this way he evokes his assent to sin. If you do not want these forms to linger in you, turn again to fasting, labor, vigils and blessed stillness with intense prayer.

## Troparia and Kontakia for November 15

### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / 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.

### Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, Abibus, Troparion, tone 5

O Christ God, Thou hast given us an impregnable rampart / in the miracles of Thy holy martyrs. / Through their supplications destroy Thou the councils of the heathen / and strengthen the scepters of kingdoms // in that Thou art good and lovest mankind.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human dough, / for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

### 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.

### Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, Abibus, Kontakion, tone 2

Having received grace from on high, O most lauded martyrs, / ye intercede for those amid temptations; / wherefore, ye delivered the maiden from a bitter death, / O holy ones: // for ye are truly the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world!

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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*