

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 31st, 2021

January 31st Sunday Unmercenaries Cyrus & John

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

2:00 p.m. Baptisms

February 1st Monday

7:00 p.m. Vigil

February 2nd Tuesday Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Mission Council

February 3rd Wednesday

6:30 p.m. 1-year Pannikhida for Anna Pascale

7:00 p.m. Vespers

February 4th Thursday

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

February 5th Friday

6:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

February 6th Saturday St. Photius

9:00 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

February 7th Sunday New Martyrs of Russia

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Teen Church School

Jean-Claude Larchet, the Fathers on Gluttony

Gluttony can be defined as the search for the pleasure of eating; in other words, the desire to eat with pleasure in mind, or rather—defined negatively in relation to the virtue whose negation gluttony is—the intemperance of mouth and belly. This passion takes two main forms, I can focus essentially on the quality of foods, and is then the search for delicate, fine, and tasty meals (*cont. on p. 3*)

Announcements for January 31

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 Wine offered in memory of Kyle Robertson; **Temple Oil** offered for the health and salvation of Viola Frederick.

Attendance at Services: attendance remains somewhat limited. Please email or text the priest if you desire to come to Liturgy on Sunday. As there is always room at Vespers, Matins, Vigils, and Liturgies during the week, feel free to attend those services, but it does help the priest to know you plan to attend a Liturgy. Please pray faithfully at home: read Vespers Saturday evening, and the Hours and the Typica Sunday morning if you are not attending church that day, joining thereby with your brethren in spirit.

The Special Offering today will be for St. Nicholas in McKinney, as they seek to build a church all.

Church School: The teen class will resume meeting next Sunday upstairs after Divine Liturgy. They will initially be reading and discussing the second half of Elder Thaddeus' book *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*.

Classes this Week

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

Confession will be heard after Vespers, and Vigil during the week or by appointment. It helps the priest if you let him know ahead of time that you are planning to come, but not required.

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 \$2332.50 in tithes and offerings; in January, we have given \$15,553.34; candles \$145; special offering for St. Elisabeth \$54.27 building fund \$100; 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.*

Visit from Belarus: Sister Maria from the monastery will visit us February 10-11 and will speak to us about the monastery and its various ministries.

Mission Council will meet February 2 at the church at 7:30 p.m.

Giving Statements for 2020 are on the candle table for each family. Please pick yours up today.

Baptisms of Elisabeth Dakak and the Morris children Dmitry, Justin, Anastasia, and Joanna will be today at 2:00 p.m.

Please Pray for our catechumens preparing for Holy Illumination: Elizabeth Dakak, and the Morris children Dmitry, Justin, Juliana, and Anastasia and for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Robert Boguski, Branson Clements, Peter Dimitrov & Haley Smith, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, Vincent Howell, Johnny Jelinek, Delsie Bussell, Dave and Carter Sims. Pray 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: \$322,772.21. According to the outgoing treasurer, our building fund increased by \$64,097.42 over the past year; \$55,038.36 of it came from regular giving over the amount of the monthly budget. Glory to God!

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.57 There are virtues of the body and virtues of the soul. Those of the body include fasting, vigils, sleeping on the ground, ministering to people's needs, working with one's hands so as not to be a burden or in order to give to others (cf. 1 Thess. 2:9, Ephes. 4:28). Those of the soul include love, long-suffering, gentleness, self-control and prayer (cf. Gal. 5:22). If as a result of some constraint or bodily condition, such as illness or the like, we find we cannot practice the bodily virtues mentioned above, we are forgiven by the Lord because He knows the reasons. But if we fail to practice the virtues of the soul, we shall not have a single excuse, for it is always within our power to practice them.

2.58 Love for God leads him who shares in it to be indifferent to every transient pleasure and every labor and distress. Let all the saints, who have suffered joyfully so much for Christ, convince you of this.

(cont. from front) and a desire that foods be prepared with care; it can also revolve primarily around quantity, and is then the desire to eat too much. In the first case, the pleasure of the mouth and of taste is sought above all; in the second case, the pleasure of the belly or digestive organs in general. In both cases, there is the search for a certain kind of bodily pleasure, and this is why gluttony can be classified among the 'passions of the body.' TSI I, p. 151.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, January 31

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.

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.

Unmercenaries Cyrus & John, Troparion, tone 5

O Christ God who hast given us the miracles / of Thy holy martyrs Cyrus and John as an invincible rampart, / through their supplications set at naught the counsels of the heathen / and strengthen the scepters of kings, // in that Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

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!

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.

Unmercenaries Cyrus & John, Kontakion, tone 3

Receiving the gift of miracles from grace divine, / O saints, ye work wonders unceasingly, / cutting down all our passions with invisible surgery, / O divinely wise Cyrus and glorious John; // for ye are divine physicians.

“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*
