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Bulletin for Sunday, March 7th, 2021

March 7th Sunday of the Last Judgement; Meatfare

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

March 8th Monday

4:00 p.m. Vespers

March 9th Tuesday 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

March 10th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Vespers

March 11th Thursday Ven. Gerasimus

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

March 12th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

March 13th Saturday`

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

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Jean-Claude Larchet, The Fathers on Sadness

The second form of sadness . . . is, on the contrary, a passion, a sickness of the soul, constituted by the misuse of the aforementioned sadness. Instead of using sadness to weep over his sins and to grieve himself over his estrangement from God and the loss of spiritual good, man uses it on the contrary to bemoan the loss of sensual things; he is distressed at not having satisfied some desire and not obtaining some expected pleasure, or furthermore at having had some troubles in his relationships with his fellow men. He thus uses sadness contranaturally and abnormally. *Larchet, Therapy of Spiritual Illnesses, vol. I p. 186*

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Announcements for March 7

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.

Coffee is available today, but coffee hour will not be held due to the wedding and reception later.

Attendance at Services: attendance remains somewhat limited. You may attend Vigil, Vespers, Matins, or Weekday Liturgies at will. On Sundays, two of the three groups may attend as announced. 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 our seminarians.

Today is Meatfare Sunday, on which we say farewell to meat until Pascha. This week, we fast from meat only in preparation for the Fast.

Many years to all those celebrating namedays, birthdays, and anniversaries this month!

Next Sunday: the great leap forward. Set clocks ahead 1 hour.

Forgiveness Vespers followed by the rite of forgiveness will be held next Sunday at 5:00. Ice cream will follow.

Clean Week: the first week of the Fast, known as Clean Week, follows Forgiveness Sunday (March 15-20). Plan now to keep it as clean from unnecessary distractions as possible and to attend as much of the Great Canon as you can. This will set the tone for the fast.

Commemorative Prospheora: Please remember to pick up your prospheora and your commemorative book or sheet. Many are being left at church these days. If you wish names to be commemorated at the Proskomide but do not want a prospheora, please write "no prospheora."

Classes this Week

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

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 \$1386.09 in tithes and offerings; in February, we gave \$10,783.64 plus \$10,240.66 electronically for a total of \$21,024.30; candles \$88; special offering for seminarians \$38.30; building fund \$850; 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.*

Confession will be heard after Vespers (except Friday), and Vigil during the week or by appointment. Please try to let the priest know you intend to come.

Please Pray for Benedict Patrick and Morwenna Prickett being married today; 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 & Melissa & Carter Sims, Reid Jones. 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: \$323,537.21.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.75 Some of the things given to us by God for our use are in the soul, others are in the body and others relate to the body. In the soul are its powers; in the body are the sense organs and other members; relating to the body are food, money, possessions and so on. Our good or bad use of these things given us by God, or of what is contingent upon them, reveals whether we are virtuous or evil.

2.76 Of the things contingent upon those given us by God, some are in the soul, some are in the body, and some relate to the body. Those in the soul are spiritual knowledge and ignorance, forgetfulness and memory, love and hate, fear and courage, distress and joy, and so on. Those in the body are pleasure and pain, sensation and numbness, health and disease, life and death, and so on. Those relating to the body are having children and not having children, wealth and poverty, fame and obscurity, and so on. Some of these are regarded as good and others as evil. Not one of them is evil in itself. According to how they are used they may rightly be called good or evil.

2.77 Both spiritual knowledge and health are good by nature, yet their contraries have been of more benefit to many people. For such knowledge may serve no good purpose where the wicked are concerned, even though,

as we have said, it is good in itself. The same is true with regard to health, riches and joy, for they are not used advantageously by such people. But certainly their contraries do benefit them. Therefore not one of them is evil in itself, even though it may appear to be evil.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, March 7

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.

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.

Last Judgment, Kontakion, tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, upon the earth with glory, / the whole world will tremble. / The river of fire will bring men before Thy judgment seat, / the books will be opened and the secrets disclosed. / Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, / and count me worthy to stand on Thy right hand, O most righteous Judge.

“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*
