

## St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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### Bulletin for Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **April 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. John of the Ladder**

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

5:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **April 12<sup>th</sup> Monday**

7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

#### **April 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

6:30 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

#### **April 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Compline with Great Canon

#### **April 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil

#### **April 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

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

Having passed beyond the middle point in this holy season of the Fast, with joy let us go forward to the part that still remains, anointing our souls with the oil of almsgiving. So may we be counted worthy to venerate the divine Passion of Christ our God, and to attain His dread and holy Resurrection.

Now that we have passed beyond the middle point in the time of the Fast, let us manifest in ourselves a beginning of divine glory, and let us hasten eagerly towards our journey's end, the life of holiness, that we may receive the joy that grows not old

*Tridion, Vespers of the Fourth Sunday*

**From St. Tikhon of North America**

How speedily some of us lose the Orthodox faith in this country of many creeds and tribes! They begin their apostasy with things which in their eyes have but little importance. They judge it is "old fashioned" and "not accepted amongst educated people" to observe all such (*cont. on p. 3*)

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## Announcements for April 11

**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.

**The Special Offering** today will be for our seminarians.

**Temple Wine** offered for the health and salvation of Richard Rodgers. **Temple oil** offered for the health and salvation of Katherine Frederick

**Fr. Gerasim** will be here next Sunday to serve Divine Liturgy in Fr. Justin's absence. Groups 1 and 2 may attend.

**Many Thanks** to Valentina Burhans, Svetlana Royik, and Justinian Irving for their work to tame and beautify the yard.

**Our Daily Bread:** we are collecting this Lent for the local soup kitchen, Our Daily Bread. Items needed may be placed in the box in the hall. Cash donations will be accepted also.

**The Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** will be served this week Tuesday at 6:30, due to Fr. Justin's absence the rest of the week. The Eucharistic Fast begins at noon. The **Great Canon** will be read Wednesday evening at 6:30 as part of Little Compline.

### The Fast: Fifth Week

We abstain from meat, meat products, dairy, fish, wine (alcohol), oil, and marital relations. If fasting fully according to the norm, we take one meal a day M-F after 3 p.m. or after the Presanctified Liturgy. We take two meals a day on Saturday and Sunday. We join increased prayer and almsgiving to our fasting and cut back on (or cut out) all things that distract us unnecessarily from Christ.

**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 \$2603 in tithes and offerings; candles \$127.50; special offering for the Perdomos \$271, Alms \$50, Building Fund \$300; 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, Robert Boguski, Branson Clements, Peter Dimitrov & Haley Smith, David and Melissa Sims and their children Carter, Molly, and Caroline and for our inquirers the Dean family, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Ethan Peterson, Lance Rawlinson, Vincent Howell, Johnny Jelinek, Delsie Bussell, Reid Jones. Pray for Eugene & Rachel Hollebeak, and for all in need.

**Confessions** will be heard this week only Monday and Tuesday. Please let the priest know if you'd like to come. Everyone should plan on making a good Confession during the Fast *before* Holy Week. The following week, the sixth and last week of the Fast proper, Fr. Justin will be able to hear confessions from Tuesday on.

### Building Fund Watch

"Establish Thou this holy house, even unto the consummation of the age."

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

Building fund balance: \$303,000.

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

2.93 Death in the true sense is separation from God, and 'the sting of death is sin' (1 Cor. 15:56). Adam, who received the sting, became at the same time an exile from the tree of life, from paradise and from God (cf. Gen. 3); and this was necessarily followed by the body's death. Life, in the true sense, is He who said, 'I am the life' (John 11:25), and who, having entered into death, led back to life him who had died.

2.94 A man writes either to assist his memory, or to help others, or for both reasons; or else he writes in order to injure certain people, or to show off, or out of necessity.

2.95 In Psalm 23, 'green pasture' represents the practice of the virtues; 'water of refreshment', spiritual knowledge of created things.

2.97 The shadow of death' is human life. Therefore if a man is with God and God is with him, clearly he is able to say, 'Though I walk through the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me'.

*(cont. from p. 1)* customs such as praying before and after meals, or even morning and night, to wear a cross, to keep icons in their houses and to keep church holidays and fast days. They even do not stop at this, but go further: they seldom go to church and sometimes not at all, as a man has to have some rest on a Sunday ... in a pub); they do not go to confession, they dispense with church marriage and delay baptizing their children. And in this way their ties with the Orthodox Faith are broken! They remember the Church on their deathbeds, and some don't even do that! To excuse their apostasy they naively say: "this is not the old times, this is today, and consequently it is impossible to observe all the demands of the Church." As if the word of Christ is of use for the old

times only and not for always. As if the Orthodox Faith is not the foundation of the world. "Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel into anger" (Isaiah 1:4).

### **Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, April 11**

#### **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.

#### **Sunday of John Climacus, Troparion tone 1**

O John, our father, saint of God, thou was revealed as a citizen of the desert, / an angel in a body and a worker of miracles. / Through fasting, prayer and vigils, /thou hast received heavenly gifts of grace, /and thou healest the sick and the souls of those that turn to thee with faith. / Glory be to Him who gave thee strength; / glory, be to Him who crowned thee / glory be to Him who through thee granteth to all men healing.

#### **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.

#### **John Climacus, Kontakion, tone 4**

Truly the Lord hath set thee as fixed star in the firmament of abstinence, / giving light to the ends of the earth / O father John our teacher.

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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*

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