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Bulletin for Pascha Sunday, May 2nd, A.D. 2021

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

May 2nd Pascha Sunday; The Feast of Feasts

9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Agape Vespers, Picnic

May 3rd Bright Monday

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

May 4th Bright Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers in Decatur

May 5th Bright Wednesday (No Fast)

6:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

7:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

May 6th Bright Thursday

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

May 7th Bright Friday (No Fast)

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

8:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

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

May 8th Bright Saturday St. John the Theologian

8:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

9:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

May 9th Thomas Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

“We celebrate the death of death and the overthrow of hell, the beginning of another life which is eternal, and in exultation we sing the praises of its source!”

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Announcements for May 2

To Our Visitors: Welcome! Please join us after the service for coffee, food, and conversation. If you would, fill out a visitor's card for us and leave it in the basket on the candle table by the door. We also invite you to go first through the line at Coffee Hour.

To All: Please be aware that Holy Communion is open only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves for worthy participation in the Mystery through prayer, fasting, and a recent confession to a priest (within the last month or so).

Temple Wine in memory of Nina and for the health and salvation of Tabitha Dakak; **Temple Oil** for the health and salvation of Richard Rodgers and Michelle Frederick.

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 \$3711.55 in tithes and offerings; in April, we have given \$11,322.13 plus \$13,667.02 electronically for a total of \$24,989.15; candles \$128; Building Fund \$180.42; 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 Hollembeak, and for all in need. Thank God for Charity Wells' recovery!

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$303,300. Let us pray that God grant us means to build to His glory without resorting to the banks.

Bright Week: We continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection all week. There is no fasting, other than the eucharistic fast. It is good to abide in the Church and the joy of the feast as much as our responsibilities permit.

Paschal Vespers in Decatur will take place this Tuesday evening at 6:00 as we work to develop a mission there.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.10 If a man loves someone, he naturally makes every effort to be of service to that person. If, then, a man loves God, he naturally strives to conform to His will. But if he loves the flesh, he panders to the flesh.

Paschal Notes

The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said at home or in church during this season until Pentecost, June 7. Instead we say or sing the Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death..." three times.

During the 50 days from Pascha to Pentecost, we do not kneel or make prostrations in church in keeping with the joyful, festal character of the season. We begin to kneel and do prostrations again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

For 40 days through the Leavetaking (May 27), we greet each other by saying, "Christ is Risen!" "Indeed, He is Risen!" We also use the Paschal Troparion before and the Kontakion after meals and when setting out on a trip.

Paschal Hours

The Hours will be sung once Pascha night between Matins and the Liturgy while the Liturgy of Preparation (Proskomide) is finished in the altar. They will also be sung and at the start of Agape Vespers and Vespers and Liturgy all week. Hereby you may sing along with the choir. They also may be said or sung morning and evening during Bright Week in place of our regular prayers, if desired.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*thrice*)

Tone 6 Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, / let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, / the only sinless one. / We venerate Thy Cross, O Christ, / and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection, / for Thou art our God / and we know no other than Thee; / we call on Thy Name. / Come, all ye faithful, / let us venerate Christ's holy Resurrection, / for, behold, through the Cross joy hath come into all the world; / let us ever bless the Lord, / praising His Resurrection, / for by enduring the Cross for us, / He hath destroyed death by death. (*thrice*)

Hypakoe, tone 8 Before the dawn Mary and the women / came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. / They heard the angelic voice: "Why do ye seek among the dead as a man / the One who is everlasting light? / Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: / "The Lord is risen! He hath slain death, / as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!"

Kontakion, tone 8 Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 8 In the grave with the body, but in hell with the soul as God, / in Paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit / wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribed.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 8 Bearing life and more fruitful than Paradise, / brighter than any royal chamber, / Thy tomb, O Christ is the fountain of our resurrection.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Rejoice, O holy and divine abode of the Most High! / For through thee, O Theotokos, joy is given to those who cry: / “Blessed art thou among women, O all-undefiled Lady!”

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Shine! Shine! O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord hath shone on thee. / Exult now / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, / in the resurrection of thy Son.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us. Amen.

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Paschal Greetings in Various Languages

Greek: Christos anesti! Alethos anesti!

Slavonic: Khristós voskrésye! Vo istinu voskréye!

Russian: Khristós voskrés! Vo ístinu voskrés!

Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

Romanian: Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

Serbian: Crístos vâskres! Vaístinu vâskres!

Georgian: Kriste aghsda! Cheshdmaritad aghsda!

Finnish: Kristus nousi kuolleista! Totisesti nousi!

Japanese: Christos fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!

German: Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich er ist erstanden!

Norwegian: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!

Latin: Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!

French: Le Christ est ressuscité! En vérité il est ressuscité!

Italian: Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e' risorto!

Portuguese: Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou!

Eritrean-Tigre: Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou!

Swahili: Kristo amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!

Welsb: Atgyfododd Crist! Atgyfododd in wir!

Yupik: Xris-túsaq Ung-uíxtuq! Iluúmun Ung-uíxtuq!

Kris TOO Sahq Ung OOIKH took! Ee LOO Moon oong OOIKH took!

“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*
