

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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Bulletin for Sunday, May 16th, 2021

May 16th Sunday

9:00 a.m. Hours, Typica

May 19th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

May 21st Friday

6:00 p.m. Reader's Vespers

May 22nd Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

May 23rd Sunday of Paralytic

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

May 24th Monday

3:00 Vespers, Confession

May 25th Tuesday St. John the Baptist

6:00 p.m. Vespers in Decatur, Confession

May 26th Wednesday Midfeast Pentecost

6:00 a.m. Matins

7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Water

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 27th Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

May 28th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

The myrrh-bearers, having risen early and beholding the sepulchre empty, said unto the Apostles: "The Mighty One hath put down corruption, and He hath carried off them that were held bound in Hades; proclaim ye with boldness that Christ God is risen, granting us great mercy. *Vigil for Myrrhbearers' Sunday*

Announcements for May 16

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.

Reader Services are being served this Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:00 and this week Wednesday at 7:00 and Friday at 6:00.

Memorial Day: We plan to have our annual picnic at noon on May 31. This is a good time to invite your non-Orthodox family and friends.

Temple Wine given for the health and salvation of Robert Terry and Elisabeth Terry.

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 (June 9), 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.

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 is also a box for alms at the candle table.

Last week, we gave \$2356.39 in tithes and offerings; in May we have given \$5487.00; candles \$83; Special Offering for seminarians \$22; 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, Delsie Bussell, Ethan Peterson, and Reid Jones, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Lance Rawlinson, Vincent Howell, Johnny Jelinek, Amanda. Pray for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, and for all in need. Remember our seminarians: Dn. Maximus & Michelle Gibson, Dn. Michael & Maria Rehmet, and Elias Rehmet.

Confessions will be heard after Vigils, weekday Vespers (except Fridays), and Matins, and by appointment. It helps the priest if you let him know you'd like to come.

The Twenty-Year Anniversary of the parish will be celebrated this summer. Our first Vespers was July 28, 2001; our first Divine Liturgy July 29, 2001.

Building Fund Watch

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

Liturgy of St. Basil

Building fund balance: \$351,000.

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.15 It you totally fulfill the command to love your neighbor, you will feel no bitterness or resentment against him whatever he does. If this is not the case, then the reason why you fight against your brother is clearly because you seek after transitory things and prefer them to the commandment of love.

3.16 It is not so much because of need that gold has become an object of desire among men, as because of the power it gives most people to indulge in sensual pleasure.

3.17 There are three things which produce love of material wealth: self-indulgence, self-esteem and lack of faith. Lack of faith is more dangerous than the other two.

3.18 The self-indulgent person loves wealth because it enables him to live comfortably; the person full of self-esteem loves it because through it he can gain the esteem of others; the person who lacks faith loves it because, fearful of starvation, old age, disease, or exile, he can save it and hoard it. He puts his trust in wealth rather than in God, the Creator who provides for all creation, down to the least of living things.

3.19 There are four kinds of men who hoard wealth: the three already mentioned and the treasurer or bursar. Clearly, it is only the last who conserves it for a good purpose - namely, so as always to have the means of supplying each person's basic needs.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, May 16th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: // ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.

Myrrh-bearing Women, Troparion, tone 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thine immaculate Body from the tree,/wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,/ and placed it in a new tomb./ But Thou didst rise on third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

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.

Myrrh-bearing Women, Kontakion, tone 2

The Angel came to the myrrbearing women at the tomb / and said: “Myrrh is meet for the dead; / but Christ hath shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: the Lord is risen, / granting the world great mercy.

Paschal 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 myrrbearing women, / granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

“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*
