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Bulletin for Sunday, May 30th, 2021

May 30th Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, St. Emelia

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

May 31st Monday

6:30 a.m. Matins

12:00 p.m. Memorial Day Picnic

6:00 p.m. Vespers

June 1st Tuesday St. Justin of Chelije

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. *Vespers in Decatur*

June 2nd Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 Vespers, Confession

June 3rd Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Meal

3:00 p.m. Vespers

June 4th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

June 5th Saturday

9:00 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

June 6th Sunday of the Blind Man

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

When by Thine unfathomable dispensation Thou didst appear on earth, O Christ God, the Samaritan woman, on hearing Thy man-befriending words, left the water jar at the well and hastened to those in the city and said: "Come, behold One who knoweth the hearts of men; mayhap He is the expected Christ, who hath great mercy." *Vigil for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

Announcements for May 30

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 St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of the Reader Basil.

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

Departure: We send the Heitzenrater family off to Pennsylvania. May God bless them and keep them! Please remember them in your prayers as they travel and settle into a new life.

Unction: We will serve a general Unction service Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. for the healing of soul and body. All Orthodox Christians who have had a recent confession may receive anointing.

Twenty-Year Anniversary: We shall celebrate the twenty-year anniversary of our parish with Bishop-to-be Hieromonk Gerasim on July 26.

Holy Water from the blessing at Midfeast Pentecost is available.

St. Nektary of Optina said, "The details of the confession are not important, but he compunction of the heart. "The Lord sees the heart."

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 \$3881.19 in tithes and offerings; in May we have given \$10,776.37; candles \$43.50; Building Fund \$200; Special Offering for hall for Holy Apostles, Tulsa \$118; 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 new catechumen Vincent Howell, for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Robert Boguski, Branson Clements, Peter Dimitrov, Haley Smith, David and Melissa Sims and their children Carter, Molly, and Caroline, Reid Jones, Delsie Bussell and Ethan Peterson, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Lance Rawlinson, Johnny Jelinek, Amanda, Kristen & Clementine Hatten. Pray for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, and for all in need.

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.

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

3.23 Although the intellect apprehends its vision of created things within itself, they are actually outside it. This is not the case with respect to God's knowledge of Created things, for He is eternal, infinite and undetermined, and has bestowed on everything that exists its being, well-being and eternal being.

3.24 Natures endowed with intelligence and intellect participate in God through their very being, through their capacity for well-being, that is for goodness and wisdom, and through the grace that gives them eternal being. This, then, is how they know God. They know God's creation, as we have said, by apprehending the harmonious wisdom to be contemplated in it. This wisdom is apprehended by the intellect in a non-material way, and has no independent existence of its own.

3.25 When God brought into being natures endowed with intelligence and intellect He communicated to them, in His supreme goodness, four of the divine attributes by which He sustains, protects and preserves created things. These attributes are being, eternal being, goodness and wisdom. Of the four He granted

the first two, being and eternal being, to their essence, and the second two, goodness and wisdom, to their volitive faculty, so that what He is in His essence the creature may become by participation. This is why man is said to have been created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen. 1:26). He is made in the image of God, since his being is in the image of God's being, and his eternal being is in the image of God's eternal being (in the sense that, though not without origin, it is nevertheless without end). He is also made in the likeness of God, since he is good in the likeness of God's goodness, and wise in the likeness of God's wisdom, God being good and wise by nature, and man by grace. Every intelligent nature is in the image of God, but only the good and the wise attain His likeness.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, May 30th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

Mid-Pentecost, Troparion, tone 8

In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: / "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Kontakion of Samaritan Woman, tone 8

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly! / She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified.

Mid-Pentecost, Kontakion, tone 4

O sovereign Master and Creator of all things, Christ our God, / Thou didst cry unto those present at the Judaic Mid-feast and address them thus: / Come hither and draw ye forth immortality's water. / Wherefore, we fall down before Thee and faithfully cry out: //Grant Thy compassions unto us, O Lord, for Thou art truly the Well-spring of life for all.

"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*
