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Bulletin for Sunday, June 13th, 2021

June 13th Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council

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

June 14th Monday

6:30 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Mission Council

June 15th Tuesday Prophet Amos

6:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

6:30 p.m. Holy Unction

June 16th Wednesday St. Moses of Optina

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers

June 17th Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

June 18th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

June 19th Memorial Saturday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Chrismation

5:00 p.m. Vigil

June 20th Sunday Pentecost

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

Let us acclaim today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely the God-bearing Fathers, who, in the midst of the Church, sang a harmonious song of theology, teaching that the Trinity is one, unchanging in essence and Godhead; they are the refuters of Arius, and the foremost warriors of the Orthodox. And they ever intercede with the Lord that our souls find mercy. *Vigil for the Fathers*

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Announcements for June 13

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 mission work in Decatur.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Michelle.

The Teen Class will meet today. We ask all of you to come upstairs promptly after Divine Liturgy.

Unction: We will serve a general Unction service Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. for the healing of soul and body. All Orthodox Christians who have had a recent confession may receive anointing. Those needed a confession may come Monday after Matins or Vespers or Tuesday after Vespers or by appointment. It would be good to prepare by reading the canon of repentance and doing some extra prostrations.

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

The Chrismation of Robert Boguski will take place next Saturday at 4:00. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to enter the Church.

Thursday Bible Talks for Children have resumed and will run to the end of the Dormition Fast with the Prophet Moses and his ministry as our subject. We encourage parents to bring their children to the Thursday Liturgies and to read about Moses with their children at home.

St. Ambrose of Optina said, "You must pray for those who hate and offend you thus: 'Save, O Lord, and have mercy on Thy servant my beloved sister *name*, and for the sake of her holy prayers have mercy on me, the wretched sinner.'"

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. If we desire to commune regularly, we should confess monthly.

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 \$3683.40 in tithes and offerings; candles \$131; Special Offering for Aiden Memorial \$1031; 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.* Attendance: Saturday Vigil 53, Sunday Liturgy 143; Ascension Vigil 35, Liturgy 72.

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, Reid Jones, Delsie Bussell, Ethan Peterson, and Vincent Howell, 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.

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

3.29 Just as evil is a privation of good, and ignorance a privation of knowledge, so non-being is a privation of being - not of being in a substantive sense, for that does not have any opposite, but of being that exists by participation in substantive being. The first two privations mentioned depend on the will of creatures; the third lies in the will of the Maker, who in His goodness wills beings always to exist and always to receive His blessings.

3.30 All creatures are either endowed with intelligence and intellect, and thus possess a capacity for opposites such as virtue and vice, knowledge and ignorance; or else they are physical bodies of various kinds made up of opposites, that is, of earth, air, fire and water. The former are altogether incorporeal and immaterial, although some of them are joined to bodies; the latter are composed of matter and form.

3.31 By nature all bodies lack a capacity for motion; they are given motion by the soul, either by one that is intelligent, or by one without intelligence, or by one that is insensate, as the case may be.

3.32 The soul has three powers: first, the power of nourishment and growth; second, that of imagination and instinct; third, that of intelligence and intellect. Plants share only in the first of these powers; animals share in the first and second; men share in all three. The first two powers are perishable; the third is clearly imperishable and immortal.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, June 13th

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.

Ascension, Troparion, tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / that Thou art the Son of God, / the Redeemer of the world.

Fathers, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Fathers, Kontakion, tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; / great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

Ascension, Kontakion, tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, / and unite earth to heaven; / Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love Thee, / but remaining with them and crying: / I am with you and no one will be against you!

St. Nikon of Optina said, "In order to fulfill the commandments of Christ, you must know them. They are expounded in the Gospels. Read the Holy Gospel, penetrate its spirit, make it the rule of your life, our manual in everything you do and every question in life, act in accordance with the teachings of the Gospels. This is the one light in our life."

"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
