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Bulletin for Sunday, June 20th, 2021

June 20th Sunday Pentecost

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

12:30 p.m. Vespers with Kneeling Prayers

June 21st Monday

4:00 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Mission Council

June 22nd Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers in Decatur

June 23rd Wednesday No Fast

6:30 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Vigil

June 24th Thursday Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Parish Youth Game Night

June 25th Friday No Fast

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Regional Young Adult Gathering

June 26th Saturday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:00 a.m. Dr. Tarpley Lectures

5:00 p.m. Vigil

June 27th Sunday All Saints

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

The Holy Spirit provideth all things; He gusheth forth prophecy; He perfecteth the priesthood; He hath taught wisdom to the illiterate. He hath shown forth the fishermen as the ologians. He holdeth together the whole institution of the Church. Wherefore, O Comforter, one in essence and throne with the Father and the Son, glory be to Thee. *Vigil for Pentecost*

Announcements for June 20

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. Andrew's Orthodox Church in Lubbock to help them with repairs after they were vandalized last weekend.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Hieromonk Dositheos.

The Teen Class will meet today.

Coming Class: The priest would like to read and discuss Fr. Seraphim Rose's book *Nihilism* with any interested Wednesday nights at 6:00 starting June 30. If you are interested and don't have the book, let Father know so he can order some copies.

Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers will be served today at 12:30. Please try to remain for this important service.

This week is **Fast-Free**. Enjoy.

Twenty-Year Anniversary: We shall celebrate the twenty-year anniversary of our parish with Bishop-to-be Hieromonk Gerasim on Sunday, July 25.

Many Years to the newly-illuminated Robert Boguski and his sponsor Paul Charles Johnson!

Game Night: This Thursday, we'll have a parish game night directed at the children and youth starting at 6:00. Bring some food and drinks and a game you'd like to play.

A Regional Young Adult Gathering will be hosted at our parish next weekend, Friday evening through Sunday. Be sure to welcome any unfamiliar faces.

Dr. Mark Tarpley will speak next Saturday at 2:00 p.m. on Modernism and Post-Modernism and their relation to education. The talks are being delivered for the regional young adult gathering and for our parish, so all interested are welcome.

Opportunities for Ministry: the library and our candle table both stand in need for people to manage them. So does the care of our yard. Our shed needs painting. Our hall doors need maintenance. Our bookstore wants development. Please see Fr. Justin.

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. Nikon of Optina said, "Persecution and oppression are beneficial for us, for they strengthen us in our faith."

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 \$3228.50 in tithes and offerings; in June we have given \$6911.90; candles \$124 Special Offering for Aiden Memorial \$200; Special Offering for Decatur Mission \$75; 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 43, Sunday Liturgy 135, Holy Unction cir. 80.

Please Pray for our new catechumens Lance Rawlinson, Delsie Bussell, Kristen & Clementine Hatten; for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Branson Clements, Peter Dimitrov, Haley Smith, David and Melissa Sims and their children Carter, Molly, and Caroline, Reid Jones, Ethan Peterson, and Vincent Howell, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Drew (Andrew), Haydon Grosch, Johnny Jelinek, Amanda Putnam, Ben Pimpler, Janelle Schnulle. 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

3:34 Impurity of intellect consists first in having false knowledge; secondly in being ignorant of any of the universals (I refer to the human intellect, for it is a property of the angelic intellect not to be ignorant even of particulars); thirdly in having impassioned thoughts; and fourthly in assenting to sin.

3.35 Impurity of soul lies in its not functioning in accordance with nature. It is because of this that impassioned thoughts are produced in the intellect. The soul functions in accordance with nature when its passible aspects – that is, its incensive power and its desire – remain dispassionate in the face of provocations both from things and from the conceptual images of these things.

3.36 Impurity of body consists in the actual committing of sin.

3.37 He who is not attracted by worldly things cherishes stillness. He who loves nothing merely human loves all men. And he who takes no offence at anyone either on account of their faults, or on account of his own suspicious thoughts, has knowledge of God and of things divine.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, June 20th

Pentecost, Troparion, tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise / by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; / through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. / O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Pentecost, Kontakion, tone 8

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; / but when He distributed tongues of fire, He called all to unity. / Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!

*St. Nikon of Optina said, “At the present time, people in the world consider us believers to be foolish and stupid. They do not approve of our Orthodox faith, or ecclesiastical rules, laws, and customs. They scornfully laugh at everything that is holy to us. You can often hear from believers, who are forced to live in a hostile environment, how difficult it is to endure constant mockery and derision. You should consider such treatment an honor: *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you (I Peter 4:14)*. If people laugh at us, if they do not love us, it means that we are not of this world. We should not be grieved or upset over such treatment.”*

“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*
