

## St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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### Bulletin for Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **June 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday All Saints**

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

#### **June 28<sup>th</sup> Monday Apostles' Fast**

6:30 p.m. *Great Vespers, St. Seraphim's*

#### **June 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday SS Peter & Paul**

9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy, Consecration at St. Seraphim's*

4:00 p.m. Vespers

#### **June 30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy, Installment, St. Barbara's, FW*

6:00 p.m. Book Study: *Nililism*

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Reception for the Gibsons

#### **July 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

#### **July 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday St. John of San Francisco**

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

#### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Russian Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday All Saints of North America**

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

How much time remaineth until thy life is spent? Repent, O my soul, feel pain for thy sins here that there thou mayest find rest and deliverance from hell. Lord, O Lord who art good and merciful, let me dwell with Thy chosen ones. *Sunday Vespers, tone 8*

## Announcements for June 27

**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 seminarian fund.

**Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of Thea Frederick and in memory of Nikolay Gluschenko.

**The Teen Class** will meet today.

### Classes this Week:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Book Study of Rose's *Nililism*

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodox

**We welcome** those visiting from around the state for the gathering of Orthodox young adults we have hosted this weekend.

**The Gibsons** will be visiting us this week. We shall have a reception for them following Vespers Wednesday, and they will be with us at Divine Liturgy and the following Coffee Hour Thursday.

**Many thanks** to our youth who have taken it upon themselves to cut and edge our lawn, and to our faithful prosphora bakers.

**Twenty-Year Anniversary:** We shall celebrate the twenty-year anniversary of our parish with Bishop-to-be Hieromonk Gerasim on Sunday, July 25 with a hierarchical Divine Liturgy and a picnic banquet at the Wells' Big White Barn in Decatur following.

**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.

**St. Nikon of Optina** said, "I implore you to live piously in order that you might preserve your Orthodox faith, in order that no one and nothing, no circumstances and no kind of sorrow can turn you away from it. For this you absolutely must pray, seeking God's help to keep your faith pure."

**We Ask** that all children up to age 18 stand with their families or godparents during services.

**Confessions** will be heard after Vigils, week-day Vespers (except when followed by a class as on Friday), 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 \$2632.33 in tithes and offerings; in June we have given \$9544.23; candles \$141.50 Special Offering for St. Andrews, Lubbock \$281; Building Fund \$150; 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 58, Sunday Liturgy 125, Thursday Liturgy 50.

**Please Pray** for our new catechumen Amanda Putnam (*not mentioned last week*); 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, 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 at end of May: \$365,583.13

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.38 It is a great achievement not to be attracted by things. But it is a far greater achievement to remain dispassionate in the face both of things and of the conceptual images we derive from them.

3.39 Love and self-control keep the intellect dispassionate in the face both of things and of the conceptual images we form of them.

3.40 The intellect of a man who enjoys the love of God does not fight against things or against conceptual images of them. It battles against the passions which are linked with these images. It does not, for example, fight against a woman, or against a man who has offended it, or even against the images it forms of them; but it fights against the passions which are linked with the images.

3.41 The whole purpose of the monk's warfare against the demons is to separate the passions from conceptual images. Otherwise he will not be able to look on things dispassionately.

3.42 A thing, a conceptual image and a passion are all quite different one from the other. For example, a man, a woman, gold and so forth

are things; a conceptual image is a passion-free thought of one of these things; a passion is mindless affection or indiscriminate hatred for one of these same things. The monk's battle is therefore against passion.

3.43 An impassioned conceptual image is a thought compounded of passion and a conceptual image. If we separate the passion from the conceptual image, what remains is the passion-free thought. We can make this separation by means of spiritual love and self-control, if only we have the will.

3.44 The virtues separate the intellect from the passions; spiritual contemplation separates it from its passion-free conceptual images of things; pure prayer brings it into the presence of God Himself.

### **Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One. / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions. / O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

#### **All Saints, Troparion, tone 4**

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world, / Thy Church as in purple and fine linen / through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God; / Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; / grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

#### **All Saints, Kontakion, tone 8**

All the world doth offer unto Thee, O Lord, as to creation's Planter, / the God-bearing Martyrs as nature's first fruits for they bare witness unto Thee. / Thus preserve Thou Thy Church in the profoundest peace by their entreaties, O Savior, / through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.

*St. Macarius of Optina said, "By all means strive to acquire the opposite of pride—humility; and how it is acquired you will learn in the books of the holy fathers: continual self-reproach is the shortest path to it."*

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*"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*

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