

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 4th, 2021

July 4th Sunday All Saints of North America

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

July 6th Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers

July 7th Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

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

7:00 p.m. Vespers

July 8th Thursday

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

July 9th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy 301 Creed

July 10th Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil

July 11th Sunday Great Martyr Euphemia

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

Come to know, O miserable soul, thy noble and divine descent and the incorruptible land of thy birth and make haste at all times to attain it. Thou art the higher part, while the body is earth subject to corruption. Let not what is corruptible hold thee fast: let not the worse triumph over the better part.

Come, O my most miserable soul, and with warm tears approach Him, the Height of goodness. Confess all those things that thou hast done before thou art brought up for judgment, and end by asking the merciful Maker to pardon thee before He bars the door, O wretched soul!

Sunday Vespers, tone 1

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belongs to the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America

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 Loreto House, a local Christian ministry that supports unwed mothers and other to provide alternatives to abortion.

Temple Wine given for the health and salvation of Mykola and **Temple Oil** in memory of Nina.

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 Orthodoxy 301 "I Believe"

Twenty-Year Anniversary: We shall celebrate the twenty-year anniversary of our parish with Bishop 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. Ambrose of Optina said, "Flee from suspicion like fire, for with it the enemy of the human race catches people in his net and strives to present everything in a distorted appearance—white is black and black is white, as he did in Paradise with our ancestors Adam and Eve."

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, as the official clergy guidelines of the OCA state: "For reception of Holy Communion more than once a month, Confession must be on a regular basis, and heard not less than once a month."

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 \$5275.59 in tithes and offerings; in June we have given \$14,829.82; we also gave \$7902.86 electronically, for a total of \$22,732.68; candles \$56.50 Special Offering for seminarians \$136; Building Fund \$300; 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 70, Sunday Liturgy 140, Thursday Liturgy 52.

Please Pray for our new catechumen Haydon Grosch; 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, Vincent Howell, Lance Rawlinson, Delsie Bussell, Kristen & Clementine Hatten, and Amanda Putnam, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Johnny Jelinek, Ben Pimpler, Janelle Schnulle, Ryan McDowell, Douglas Burr, Priscilla Gray. 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

3.46 God, full beyond all fullness, brought creatures into being not because He had need of anything, but so that they might participate in Him in proportion to their capacity and that He Himself might rejoice in His works (cf. Ps. 104:31), through seeing them joyful and ever filled to overflowing with His inexhaustible gifts.

3.47 There are many people in the world who are poor in spirit, but not in the way that they should be; there are many who mourn, but for some financial loss or the death of their children; many are gentle, but towards unclean passions; many hunger and thirst, but only to seize what does not belong to them and to profit from injustice; many are merciful, but towards their bodies and the things that serve the body; many are pure in heart, but for the sake of self-esteem; many are peace-makers, but by making the soul submit to the flesh; many are persecuted, but as wrongdoers; many are reviled, but for shameful sins. Only those are blessed who do or suffer these things for the sake of Christ and after His example. Why? Because theirs is the kingdom of heaven, and they shall see God (cf. Matt. 5:3-12). It is not because they do or suffer these

things that they are blessed, for those of whom we have spoken above do the same; it is because they do them and suffer them for the sake of Christ and after His example.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, July 4th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews / and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven, therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: / Glory to the Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! / Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Lover of man.

All Saints of North America, Troparion, Feast, tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace/through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 1

Thou hast risen from the grave as God in glory / and Thou didst raise the world with Thee, / and human nature hymneth Thee as God, / and death hath vanished. / Adam exulteth, O Master, / and Eve, delivered from her bondage, now rejoiceth, crying: / Thou, O Christ, / art He who granteth to all the Resurrection!

All Saints of North America, Kontakion, tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God / in the lands of North America / now stand before us in the Church / and invisibly pray to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ / keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

St. Ambrose of Optina said, "Only a few physically strong persons can live a severe way of life, enduring cold, hunger, dampness, and lying on the ground. But, according to St. John of Damascus, for those who are physically weak, humility and thanksgiving are more beneficial than bodily labors and struggles for which they are not suited."

"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
