

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 11th, 2021

July 11th Sunday Great Martyr Euphemia, St. Olga

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

July 12th Monday St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Mission Council

July 13th Tuesday Archangel Gabriel

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Gabriel Mission, Azle

July 14th Wednesday

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

7:30 p.m. Vespers

July 15th Thursday St. Vladimir

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

July 16th Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

July 17th Saturday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil

July 18th Sunday Fathers of the First Six Councils

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

Wishing to save all men because Thou art God, O Savior, Thou wast for their sakes made flesh, and Thou didst appear as man. Save us who honor Thy commandments, for Thou hast not come, O Lover of mankind, to save the righteous, but Thou camest to us, captives of transgression through our many sins, to release us by the grace of holy Baptism, because Thou art merciful, O God, and lovest mankind

Sunday Vespers, tone 2

Announcements for July 11

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 *Nilism*

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 301 "I Believe"

N.B. the time of Wednesday Vespers will be 7:30 for the rest of the summer.

Mission Council will meet Monday at 7:30 at church. Meetings are open to members of the parish.

Many Thanks to our teens for cutting the lawn and hanging the new ceiling fan, to our faithful prosthora bakers, to our teen church school teachers, and to those bringing food to coffee hour and those helping clean.

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.

St. Anatoly of Optina said, "No prudent person weeps in advance, but he waits for whatever the Lord will send him. And what the Lord sends—whether good or bad—he accepts with joy and strives to endure according to his strength. But if he cannot endure—he repents for his faintheartedness. But we become fainthearted before hand; while still not seeing any misfortune or sorrow, we grieve before the sorrow ever comes. Christian, live in a Christian manner!"

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. 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 \$1270.30 in tithes and offerings; candles \$121.50 Special Offering for seminarians \$100; Special Offering for Loreto Hous, \$81; Building Fund \$20; 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 48, Sunday Liturgy 116, Thursday Liturgy 46.

Please Pray 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, Amanda Putnam and Haydon Grosch, and for our inquirers the Dean family, Johnny Jelinek, Ben Pimpler, Janelle Schnulle, Ryan McDowell, Douglas Burr. 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 June: \$367,633.67

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.48 As has been said many times, in everything we do God examines our motive, to see whether we are doing it for His sake or for some other purpose. Thus when we desire to do something good, we should not do it for the sake of popularity; we should have God as our goal, so that, with our gaze always fixed on Him, we may do everything for His sake. Otherwise we shall undergo all the trouble of performing the act and yet lose the reward.

3.50 Through genuine love for God we can drive out the passions. Love for God is this: to choose Him rather than the world, and the soul rather than the flesh, by despising the things of this world and by devoting ourselves constantly to Him through self-control, love, prayer, psalmody and so on.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, July 11th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 2

When Thou, didst descend to death, O Life Immortal / Thou didst slay Hell with the lightning-flash of Thy Divinity, / and, when from the nether regions Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of Heaven cried out: / ‘O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!’

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

Troparion, St. Euphemia, tone 3

O Euphemia, Christ’s comely virgin, / thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness / and didst cover with shame all the heretics; / for at the holy Fourth Council in Chalcedon, / thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. / O all-glorious Great Martyr, / do thou entreat Christ God // that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

Troparion, St. Olga, tone 4

Having furnished thy mind with wings of divine knowledge, / thou didst soar far above visible creation; / and seeking God, the Creator of all, / and finding Him, thou didst receive rebirth through baptism; / and delighting in the tree of life, / O ever-glorious Olga, / thou remainest incorrupt forever.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 2

Thou didst rise from the grave, all –powerful Saviour; / and Hades, seeing the wonder, was affrighted; / and the dead arose; and creation, beholding, rejoiceth with Thee; / and with Thee Adam also is glad; / and the world, O my Saviour, hymneth Thee forever.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

Kontakion, St. Euphemia, tone 6

For thy Bridegroom thou didst appoint for thyself feats in thy contest and struggles in the Faith. / Pray now, through the Theotokos, / that the audacity of the foe and heresies / may be subdued beneath the feet of the Orthodox, / O all-praised Euphemia, // who accepted and preserved the definition of the six hundred and thirty God-bearing fathers.

Kontakion, St. Olga, tone 4

Let us hymn today God the Benefactor of all, / who glorified the divinely wise Olga in Russia, // that through her supplications He give remission of sins to our souls.

“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*
