

## St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Mission

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### Bulletin for Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **July 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fathers of First Six Councils; St. Elizabeth**

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

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **July 19<sup>th</sup> Monday St. Seraphim**

9:30 a.m. *Divine Liturgy, St. Seraphim, Dallas*

7:00 p.m. Vigil

#### **July 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Prophet Elijah**

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **July 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

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

7:30 p.m. Vespers

#### **July 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday St. Mary Magdalene**

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers

#### **July 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

6:30 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

#### **July 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil

#### **July 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday St. Anna**

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

I have spent the measure of my life in slothfulness and now, miserable that I am, the end is at hand. I have taken no thought for the judgement and the distance from God that await me. But turn me back, O Savior, and pluck me from all these ills. *Sunday Vespers, tone 3*

## Announcements for July 18

**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 IOCC.

**Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of Thea and Elijah Frederick.

**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 "The Father"

**The Sunday Catechesis** class will return soon, to be taught by Deacon Anthony. These are our Basics 101, 102, and 103 classes, which go through Elder Cleopa's *The Truth of Our Faith*, Timothy Ware's *Orthodox Way*, and the catechism of St. Philaret. All are welcome.

**Antidoron** is offered to non-communing Orthodox during Psalm 33, just before the end of Liturgy as a blessed consolation.

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

**The Twenty-Year Anniversary Celebration** with Bishop Gerasim has been postponed until October 3. However, we will mark next Sunday with giving thanks to God. Perhaps we all can make an effort to make Coffee Hour more special, too.

**Confession & Dormition Fast:** Everyone should plan on making a good confession between now and August 15. Fr. Justin will be gone for the three following Sundays (Aug 22, 29, Sept 5). Fr. Nicholas Park from St. Nicholas will serve Vigil and Liturgy for Aug 22 and Sept 5. He will hear confessions, but we all should use the Dormition Fast (and the weeks before it) for a good confession.

**St. Anatoly of Optina** said, "We must begin with thanksgiving for everything. The beginning of joy is to be content with your situation."

**We Ask** that all children up to age 18 stand with their families or godparents during services. Also, it is best not to leave the church after you receive Communion while other are communing. Use that time to say your prayers of thanksgiving or the Jesus Prayer, or both, if you can.

**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 \$1709 in tithes and offerings; in July, we have given \$2979.30; candles \$36; Special Offering for Loreto House, \$43; 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 50, Sunday Liturgy 103, Thursday Liturgy 55.

**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 Ben Pimpler, 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

3,51 If we persistently devote ourselves to God and keep a careful watch on the soul's passible aspect, we are no longer driven headlong by the provocations of our thoughts. On the contrary, as we acquire a more exact understanding of their causes and cut them off, we become more discerning. In this way the following words come to apply to us: 'My eye also sees my enemies, and my ear shall hear the wicked that rise up against me' (Ps. 92:11. LXX).

3,52 When you see that your intellect reflects upon its conceptual images of the world with reverence and justice, you may be sure that your body, too, continues to be pure and sinless. But when you see that your intellect is occupied with thoughts of sin, and you do not check it, you may be sure that before very long your body, too, will fall into those sins.

## Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

### Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3

Let those in Heaven rejoice, / let those on Earth be glad; / for the Lord hath wrought a mighty act with His arm./ He hath trampled down death by death; / He hath become the first-born of the dead.  
/ He hath delivered us from the womb of hell, / and hath granted the world / great mercy.

### St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

#### Fathers of the First Six Councils, Troparion, tone 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / who hast established our Fathers upon the earth as beacons, / and hast thereby guided us to the true Faith! // O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

#### New Martyr Elizabeth, Troparion...tone 4

Causing meekness, humility and love to dwell in thy soul, / Thou didst earnestly serve the suffering, O holy passion-bearer Princess Elizabeth; / Wherefore, with faith thou didst endure sufferings and death for Christ, / with the martyr Barbara. // With her pray for all who honor you with love.

### Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 3

Today Thou didst rise from the grave, O compassionate One, / and didst lead us away from the gates of death. / Today Adam exulteth, and Eve rejoiceth. / Together with the prophets and patriarchs // they unceasingly hymn the Divine might of Thine authority.

### St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

#### Kontakion of Fathers, tone 8

The preaching of the Apostles and the dogmas of the Fathers / sealed the one Faith of the Church; / and clad in the robe of Truth woven of theology from on high, // it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

#### New Martyr Elizabeth, Kontakion... tone 4

Taking up the Cross of Christ, / thou didst pass from royal glory to the glory of heaven, / praying for thine enemies, O holy martyred Princess Elizabeth; / and with the martyr Barbara thou didst find everlasting joy. // Therefore, pray ye in behalf of our souls.

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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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