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Bulletin for Sunday, August 8th, 2021

August 8th Sunday

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

5:00 p.m. Vespers with Paracletis, Confession

August 9th Monday St. Herman of Alaska

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

7:30 p.m. Parish Council

August 10th Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

6:30 p.m. Holy Unction

August 11th Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Matins

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

7:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 12th Thursday St. Maximus

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

August 13th Friday Leavetaking of Transfiguration

7:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers

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

August 14th Saturday

10:00 a.m. Baptisms

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

August 15th Sunday Dormition of the Theotokos

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

At Thy fearful coming, O Christ, may we not hear the words: "I know you not." For we have put our trust in Thee, O Savior, though in our negligence we keep not Thy commandments; yet we entreat Thee, spare our souls. *Sunday Vespers, tone 6*

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Announcements for August 8

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 Library.

Temple Wine given in memory of Gerasimos & Seraphim Gill.

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 "Creator"

The Sunday Catechesis class will return, starting August 22.

We Keep the Dormition Fast today until after Liturgy, August 15, by abstaining from meat, dairy products, fish, wine, and oil, and marital relations (exceptions noted on wall calendar). We give ourselves to prayer, fasting, almsgiving, spiritual reading, and works of mercy. May God grant us all great mercy in it!

Fr. Justin will be on vacation with his family beginning August 16.

The Morris family is moving to Missouri. While Joel will be here a couple more months, this will be the last Sunday for Alta and the children. May God bless them in their new home!

Confession: Everyone should plan on making a good confession between now and August 15. Fr. Justin will be gone on vacation after that. Fr. Nicholas Park will substitute Aug 22 & Sept 5.

Holy Unction for the healing of soul and body will be offered this Tuesday at 6:30. It is for any Orthodox Christian who has had a recent confession.

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 \$7989.50 in tithes and offerings; candles \$100.50; Special Offering for St. Gabriel Mission, \$157; Building Fund \$100; 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 47, Sunday Liturgy 140, Thursday Liturgy 34.

St. Nektary of Optina said, "One may have a good worldly relationship with non-believers, but one cannot have a relationship in prayer, and one must not carry on arguments about religion so that the name of God not be offended during an argument."

Please Pray for Adam Kaufman as he has open heart surgery tomorrow, for our catechumens preparing for Holy Illumination next Saturday, Peter Dimitrov, Branson Clements, Kristen & Clementine Hatten; four our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Haley Smith, David and Melissa Sims and their children Carter, Molly, and Caroline, Reid Jones, Ethan Peterson, Vincent Howell, Lance Rawlinson, Delsie Bussell, Amanda Putnam and Haydon Grosch, and for our inquirers Ben Pimpler, Ryan McDowell, Douglas Burr, 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 July: \$379,869.88

From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.57 The origin of all the passions is self-love; their consummation is pride. Self-love is a mindless love for the body. He who cuts this off cuts off at the same time all the passions that come from it.

3.58 Just as parents have a special affection for the children who are the fruit of their own bodies, so the intellect naturally clings to its own thoughts. And just as to passionately fond parents their own children seem the most capable and most beautiful of all – though they may be quite the most ridiculous in every way – so to a foolish intellect its own thoughts appear the most intelligent of all, though they may be utterly degraded. The wise man does not regard his own thoughts in this way. It is precisely when he feels convinced that they are true and good that he most distrusts his own judgment. He makes other wise men the judges of his thoughts and arguments – lest he should run, or may have run, in vain (cf. Gal. 2:2) – and from them receives assurance.

3.59 When you overcome one of the grosser passions, such as gluttony, unchastity, anger or greed, the thought of self-esteem at once assails you. If you defeat this thought, the thought of pride succeeds it.

3.60 All the gross passions that dominate the soul drive from it the thought of self-esteem. But when all these passions have been defeated, they leave self-esteem free to take control.

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, August 8th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb / and the guards became as dead men, / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thine immaculate body, / Thou didst despoil hell, not being tempted by it, / Thou didst go to meet the Virgin granting life, / O Lord, who didst rise from the dead, / glory to Thee.

Transfiguration, Troparion, tone 7

Thou wast transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ God, / showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. / Through the prayers of the Theotokos, / make Thine everlasting light shine also upon us sinners. / O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

St. Maximus, Troparion tone 3

St. Emilian the Confessor, Troparion, tone 8

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of godliness, / light of the universe, inspiration of hierarchs, / thou hast enlightened all by thy teachings. // O Emilian, pray to Christ God to save our souls.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 6

With His life-originating palm, from the valleys of gloom / the Life-giver Christ God hath raised all the dead. / He hath bestowed resurrection on the human dough, / for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, and Life, and God of all.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

St. Emilian the Confessor, Kontakion, tone 3

Chanting, the Church, for which thou didst suffer, / O Emilian, doth glorify thee / who didst show thyself to be a mighty champion / of the Trinity. / Wherefore, we honor thy memory. / Deliver thy servants / from the invasion // of the heathen.

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change their lamentation into joy. / And Thou didst command Thine Apostles, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, / granting unto the world great mercy.

“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*
