

## St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church

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### Bulletin for Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **October 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:30 p.m. Vespers

#### **October 11<sup>th</sup> Monday Optina Elders**

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers (*No Confession*)

#### **October 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday St Symeon the New Theologian**

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **October 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office, Matins

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **October 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, Celsius**

7:30 a.m. Matins

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Class: Basics of Orthodoxy

#### **October 15<sup>th</sup> Friday**

6:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

#### **October 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Like the man who had fallen among thieves and been wounded, I too am fallen because of many sins and wounded is my soul. to whom shall I, who am guilty, flee, if not unto Thee, merciful physician of souls? Pour upon me Thy great mercy, O God!

*Sunday Vespers, tone 7*

## Announcements for October 10

**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 St. Basil Mission, Weatherford, OK.

**Temple Wine** offered in memory of Peter Boyle and for the health and salvation of Eliana Whitson. **Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of Michelle Frederick

**The Teen Class** will resume meeting next Sunday.

**The Sunday Basics** class will meet today.

### Classes this Week:

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Basics of Orthodoxy 301 Creed

**Class Coming October 20:** We shall offer an opportunity to study I Peter together on Wednesdays at 6:00 before Vespers. If you'd like to prepare, start reading the epistle.

**We Welcome** Fr. James Coles and Khouria Karen visiting this morning from St. Ignatius Antiochian Church in Mesa, AZ.

**Many Thanks** to those labored to make our 20-year anniversary celebration a success: the parish council, those who brought food and drink, those who cleaned the church, who served, who sang, who asked questions, who helped break things down and the barn, who shared pictures and collected pictures, and to the Wells family who made their barn available.

**St. Macarius of Optina** said, "Avoid evil and do good; at first, out of fear of God, then later you will acquire the love of God."

**Our Myrrhbearers Ministry**, our burial ministry, will be having quarterly meetings for training and planning. They plan to hold the first of these in November, probably the 7<sup>th</sup>, Please see Brian Freas, Heather Huse, or Emmelia McAnear for more information. Look for their new brochure on the candle table soon.

**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.

**Please Pray** for our catechumens Makenna Baldwin, Haley Smith, David and Melissa Sims and their children Carter, Molly, and

Caroline, Ethan Peterson, Vincent Howell, Lance Rawlinson, Delsie Bussell, Amanda Putnam, Haydon Grosch, and Ben Pimpler and for our inquirers Ryan McDowell, Douglas Burr, Janelle Schnulle, Johnny. Pray for Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, Anna Charpie, and for those who have lost or are losing jobs due to shot mandates: Jonathan Strand, Maximus Wells.

Last week, we gave \$2649.91 in tithes and offerings; In September, we gave a total of \$23,831.21; our monthly budget is \$19,300; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund); Special offering for Building Fund, \$668; Candles \$128.50. 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 43, Sunday Liturgy 165.

**St. Nikon of Optina** said, "A spiritual father, like a sign-post, merely indicates the way, but you yourself must follow the path. If the spiritual father points the way, but his disciple does not move, and will not go anywhere, then he will simply rot at that sign-post."

### 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 August: \$385,793.56

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.75 He who cultivates the virtues for the sake of self-esteem also seeks after spiritual knowledge for the same reason. Such a man plainly does not do anything or discuss anything for the edification of others. On the contrary, he always seeks the praise of those who see him or hear him. His passion is brought to light when some of these people censure his actions or words. This distresses him greatly, not because he has failed to edify them - for that was not his aim - but because he has been humiliated.

3.76 The presence of the passion of avarice reveals itself when a person enjoys receiving but resents having to give. Such a person is not fit to fulfill the office of treasurer or bursar.

3.77 A man endures suffering either for the love of God, or for hope of reward, or for fear of punishment, or for fear of men, or because of his nature, or for pleasure, or for gain, or out of self-esteem, or from necessity.

## Hymn to St. Symeon the New Theologian (+1022)

*We shall serve Vespers and Divine Liturgy in his honor this week.*

Come, O brethren, let us magnify the initiate of the mysteries of theology! for, lo! proclaiming ineffable things, he hath made clear for us the dogmas of the mystery of salvation. For, pouring forth springs of tears, he cleansed the eye of his soul; and gazing upon the never-setting Light, he was filled with the waters of heavenly theology, like a river overflowing with the waters of grace, gladdening the souls of the divinely wise, who cry out to him with love: cleanse us of the mire of many sins, O venerable father, Symeon, and give us that water to drink which floweth unto the life of everlasting gladness! *Vespers*

## Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Troparion, tone 8

All-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!

### Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: / the Savior hath come to those in faith. / Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council, Kontakion, tone 6

The Son who ineffably shone forth from the Father / hath been born in two natures of a woman, / and beholding Him we do not refuse to depict His countenance; / but tracing it piously, we honor it in faith. / Wherefore, the Church, holding to the true Faith, / doth venerate the icon of the incarnation of Christ.

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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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