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Bulletin for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**October 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Icon of Theotokos “Joy of All Who Sorrow”**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Monday**

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

3:00 p.m. Vespers

**October 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday St. Demetrios**

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Holy Unction

**October 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

6:30 a.m. Midnight Office

6:00 p.m. Class: I Peter

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**October 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday St. Job of Pochaev**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Vespers

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

**October 29<sup>th</sup> Friday**

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

**October 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

**October 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:30 p.m. Vespers

3:00 p.m. Octoberfest & All-Saints Party

I am become exceeding rich in evil; I have loved good fare, and in my lifetime I have received the good things, and been condemned to Gehenna, O Lord. I have despised, as if it were Lazarus, my hungry mind, laid before the gates of Thy divine works. Do Thou take pity upon me, O Lord. *Monday Vespers, tone 1*

## Announcements for October 24

**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 OCMC, to support priests in Africa.

**Temple wine** given for the health and salvation of Mary Rodgers;  
**Temple Oil** given for the health and salvation of Michelle Frederick and Richard Rodgers.

### Classes this Week:

Sunday, Coffee Hour, Teen Class

Sunday, Coffee Hour, Basics of Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. I Peter

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

**Holy Unction** will be served this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. All Orthodox Christians who have had a recent confession and are in communion with the Church may receive the sacrament for the healing of soul and body.

**Our Myrrhbearers Ministry**, our burial ministry, will be having quarterly meetings for training and planning. The first of these will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> here at the church at 1:00 p.m. Please see Brian Freas, Heather Huse, or Emmelia McAnear for more information. Look for their new brochure on the candle table.

**St. Ambrose of Optina** said, "Say the Jesus Prayer against lustful temptations, but during temptation of anger, pray for the one who has upset you: "Save, O Lord, and have mercy on N\_\_\_, and through her holy prayers help me, accursed and sinful!"

**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 Jelinek, Glen Farris, Rachel Simms. Pray for sick Eugene & Rachel Hollembeak, Anna Charpie, Adam Kaufman, Dn.

Anthony and family, and for those who have lost or are losing jobs due to shot mandates: Jonathan Strand, Maximus Wells.

Last week, we gave \$4840.40 in tithes and offerings; this month we have given \$9838.31 our monthly budget is \$19,300; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund); Special offering for Building Fund, \$1135; Candles \$130.50, special offering for St. IOCC \$152. 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 35, Sunday Liturgy 135.

**St. Macarius of Optina** said, "In the spiritual life, this always happens: either consolation comes before sorrows, or sorrows come just before consolation. These changes give birth to hope and humility. Sorrows are manifested in different ways: physical and spiritual, but it is yet too early for you to know about this. Just accept whatever God sends to you with gratitude and equanimity; do not be exalted from feelings of consolation, and do not despair in times of sorrow."

### 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

And if blood of Martyrs is to flow on the steps

We must first build the steps;

And if the Temple is to be cast down

We must first build the Temple. *T.S. Eliot*

### From Saint Maximus 400 Chapters on Love

3.81 If you wish to be a person of understanding and moderation, and not to be a slave to the passion of conceit, continually search among created things for what is hidden from your knowledge. When you find that there are vast numbers of different things that escape your notice, you will wonder at your ignorance and abase your presumption. And when you have come to know yourself, you will understand many great and wonderful things; for to think that one knows prevents one from advancing in knowledge.

3.82 The person who truly wishes to be healed is he who does not refuse treatment. This treatment consists of the pain and distress brought on by various misfortunes. He who refuses them does not realize what they accomplish in this world or what he will gain from them when he departs this life.

3.83 Self-esteem and avarice produce each other. Those who are full of self-esteem acquire riches and those who are rich become full of self-esteem. That is what happens to people living in the world. In

the case of a monk, if he has renounced possessions, he becomes still more full of self-esteem; but if he has money he is ashamed and hides it as something unworthy of one who wears the habit.

### Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

#### 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.

#### Theotokos, “Joy of All Who Sorrow” Troparion, tone 4

Let us sinners and humble ones / now diligently have recourse unto the Birth-giver of God, / and let us fall down in penitence, / exclaiming from the bottom of our souls: / O Sovereign Lady, help us, / have compassion on us. / Show zeal, for we perish with the multitude of our sins. / Turn not thy servants empty away, // for we have thee as our only hope. *twice*

#### 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!

#### Theotokos, “Joy of All Who Sorrow”, Kontakion, tone 6

We have none other help, / we have none other hope, save thee, O Lady. / Do thou help us. / We hope on thee / and in thee do we glory. // Let us never be confounded, for we are thy servants.

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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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