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Bulletin for Sunday, November 14th, 2021

November 14th Sunday Apostle Philip, St. Gregory Palamas

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:30 p.m. Vespers

3:00 p.m. Parish Thanksgiving Meal

November 15th Monday Nativity Fast Begins

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 16th Tuesday Apostle Matthew

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

November 17th Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Class: I Peter

7:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 18th Thursday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Vespers

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

November 19th Friday

6:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Confession

November 20th Saturday Forefeast of Entrane

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Vigil, Confession

November 21st Sunday Apostle Entrance of Theotokos

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2:00 p.m. Vespers

Emulating the woman of Canaan, cleave to Christ, O my soul, and cry after Him again and again: Have mercy on me, O Master. I have no child possessed of the devil, but my unruly flesh. I pray Thee, drive out its fever, calming its frenzied movements, and by the supplications of the all-pure Mother who conceived Thee and gave birth to Thee, O Christ, and at the entreaties of all the saints, bring about its mortification through Thy fear, O Benefactor who art most merciful. *Monday Vespers, tone 4*

Announcements for November 14

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.

Temple Oil given for the health and salvation of Elijah Frederick for his birthday.

Classes this Week:

Sunday, Coffee Hour, Basics of Orthodoxy 101

Sunday, Coffee Hour, Teen Class

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. I Peter

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

Our Parish Thanksgiving meal will be held today at 3:00.

The Nativity Fast begins tomorrow, November 15.

The Nativity Fast begins tomorrow and lasts until the Nativity of our Lord, December 25. We abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, oil, (unless modifications are shown on the wall calendar) and marital relations.

We use our fasting to strengthen our pursuit of God through increased prayer, almsgiving, spiritual reading, repentance, and service to others. To help us acquire more of Christ and His Spirit, we reduce or eliminate the presence in our lives of things that distract us from God and provoke us to sin: secular entertainments, music, movies, television, internet, social media, youtube, novels, news—the list of possible distractions is long. If you have questions about the fast, please see your priest or confessor.

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 \$4419.75 in tithes and offerings; our monthly budget is \$19,300; (the money received above budget goes to the building fund); Building Fund, \$100; Candles \$94.50, special offering for All Saints of NA church \$112.25. May God bless you for your faithful giving!. Attendance: Saturday Vigil 36, Sunday Liturgy 116.

St. Barsanuphius of Optina said, "Let us maintain our faith in Christ and, according to our strength, fulfill His holy

commandment. Only do not rely on your own powers, but on help from the Lord: "Lord, help me!"—and He will help."

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, Adam Kaufman, and for all whose employment is threatened by shot mandates.

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 October: \$404,298.93

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

3.90 If you harbor rancor against anybody, pray for him and you will prevent the passion from being aroused; for by means of prayer you will separate your resentment from the thought of the wrong he has done you. When you have become loving and compassionate towards him, you will wipe the passion completely from your soul. If somebody regards you with rancor, be pleasant to him, be humble and agreeable in his company, and you will deliver him from his passion.

3.91 You will find it hard to check the resentment of an envious person, for what he envies in you he considers his own misfortune. You cannot check his envy except by hiding from him the thing that arouses his passion. If this thing benefits many but fills him with resentment, which side will you take? You have to help the majority but without, as far as possible, disregarding him, and without being seduced by the cunning of the passion itself, for you are defending not the passion but the sufferer. You must in humility consider him superior to yourself, and always, everywhere and in every matter put his interest above yours. As for your own envy, you will be able to check it if you rejoice with the man whom you envy whenever he rejoices, and grieve whenever he grieves, thus fulfilling St Paul's words, 'Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep' (Rom. 12:15)..

Troparia and Kontakia for Sunday, November 14th

Resurrectional Troparion, tone 4

Having learned the radiant proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, /the women disciples of the Lord cast off the ancestral curse, /and, boasting, told the Apostles: /Death hath been despoiled, Christ God is risen, /granting the world great mercy.

St. Maximus, Troparion, tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit / thou didst pour forth Christ's sacred teachings, / thou didst expound with Divine authority / the self-emptying of God the Word / and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith: / O, Glorious Father Maximus / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

Apostle Philip, Troparion, tone 3

O holy Apostle Philip, / intercede with the merciful God / that He grant unto our souls // forgiveness of our transgressions.

Resurrectional Kontakion, tone 4

My Saviour and Deliverer as God/ hath raised out of the grave the earth-born from their bonds / and He hath shattered the gates of hell / and as Master / He hath risen on the third day.

St. Maximus, Kontakion tone 8 *Serbian Melody*

Let us the faithful praise with fitting hymns / that lover of the Holy Trinity, great Maximus, / who clearly taught the divinely-given Faith: / that we should give glory unto Christ our God, / Who, but one person, hath in very truth / two natures, wills, and energies. / Let us cry to him: // Rejoice, divine herald of the Faith.

Apostle Philip, Kontakion, tone 8

Thy disciple and friend, the emulator of Thy suffering, / the divinely eloquent Philip, proclaimed Thee to the world as God; / by his prayers and through the Theotokos, // keep Thy Church and every city from the most iniquitous enemies, O most Merciful One.

“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*
