

August 13, 2017

LEAVETAKING OF TRANSFIGURATION

**Venerable Maximus of Moscow
the Fool-for-Christ**



Saint Maximus of Moscow, the Fool for Christ. Nothing is known about his parents, or the time and place of birth. Saint Maximus chose one of the most difficult and thorny paths to salvation, having taken upon himself the guise of a fool for the sake of Christ. Summer and winter Maximus walked about almost naked, enduring both heat and cold. He had a saying, "The winter is fierce, but Paradise is sweet."

Russia loved its holy fools, it esteemed their deep humility, it heeded their wisdom, expressed in the proverbial sayings of the people's language. And everyone heeded the holy fools, from the Great Princes down to the least beggar.

Blessed Maximus lived at a difficult time for the Russian people. Tatar incursions, droughts, epidemics were endemic and people perished. The saint said to the unfortunate, "Not everything is by the weave of the wool, some is opposite... They have won the fight, submit, and bow lower. Weep not, you who are beaten; but weep, you who are unbeaten. Let us show tolerance, and in this at least, we shall be human. Gradually, even green wood will burn. God will grant salvation if we bear all with patience."

But the saint did not only speak words of consolation. His angry denunciations frightened the mighty of his world. Blessed Maximus would often say to the rich and illustrious, "The house has an icon corner, but the conscience is for sale. Everyone makes the Sign of the Cross, not everyone prays. God sees every wrong. He will not deceive you, nor will you deceive Him."

Blessed Maximus died on November 11, 1434 and is buried at the church of the holy Princes Boris and Gleb. Miraculous healings began occurring from the relics of God's saint. In an encyclical of 1547, Metropolitan Macarius enjoined "the singing and celebration at Moscow for the new Wonderworker Maximus, Fool-for-Christ." That same year on August 13 the incorrupt relics of Blessed Maximus were uncovered. The church of Saints Boris and Gleb, where the saint was buried, burned in the year 1568. On the site a new church was built, which they consecrated in the name of Saint Maximus, Fool-for-Christ. The venerable relics of Saint Maximus were placed in this church.

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Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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COMMEMORATIONS:

MARTYR HIPPOLYTUS OF ROME AND 18 MARTYRS
WITH HIM, INCLUDING MARTYRS CONCORDIA,
IRENAEUS, AND ABUNDIUS (258)

ST. EUDOCIA THE EMPRESS (460), WIFE OF
THEODOSIUS THE YOUNGER

ST. SERID (SERIDOS), ABBOT, OF GAZA (6TH C.)

ST. RADEGUNDE OF POITIERS, NUN (GAUL, 587)

ST. WIGBERT, ABBOT OF HERSFELD, ENGLISH
MISSIONARY TO GERMANY (738)

EMPRESS IRENE, TONSURED XENIA (12TH C.)

UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF ST. MAXIMUS OF
MOSCOW, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST (1547)

Tone 1

Eothion 10

Matins Gospel: St. John 21:1-14

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

TRANSFIGURATION TROPARION - Tone 7 - When, O Christ our God, thou was transfigured on the mount, thou didst reveal thy glory to thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O thou Bestower of light, glory to thee!

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

TODAY: 1-Year Memorial for Fr. Boniface.
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.

SAINT PHILIP'S is a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, and who are dressed modestly and arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

WELCOME FR. JOSEPH & FR. TRYPHON!

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today in memory of Fr. Boniface, by Fr. Noah.

MANY THANKS to all who participated in today's potluck Coffee Hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. **Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.**

THIS WEEK'S GREETERS: Don & Maryann Reigle

THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM: Serge & Alex Kaminsky

THANK YOU to all who fulfill these ministries!

IN MEMORY OF FR. BONIFACE, we are taking a collection for a new bench to be placed in the cemetery. Please mark your check or envelope "cemetery bench." Thank you for your generosity!

MANY THANKS to all who worked, prayed, and studied at this year's VCS. 26 students, 13 teen helpers, and 5 adult volunteers learned about the Parables of Christ. Thanks be to God!

Mark Your Calendar:

Beheading of the Forerunner

Tuesday, August 29 - Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

New Church Year

Friday, September 1 - Blessing of Water 7 p.m.

International Food Festival

*Sept 15 & 16 - Mark your Calendar!
Pray, work, invite, & rejoice!*

Village at Home

Saturday, November 11 - more details to come

Bp Thomas visit rescheduled for December 15-17.

FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit, please call the church office.

He has shown you, O man, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you:
but to do justly, and love mercy,
and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

This Week:

Monday, Aug 14: **VESPERS w/Artoklasia & Lamentations, 6 p.m.**
MATINS, 7 p.m.; Blessing of flowers & herbs.

Tuesday, Aug 15: *Dormition of the Theotokos*
DIVINE LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Blessing of flowers & herbs.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug 16: **AKATHIST, 7 p.m.**

Thursday, Aug 17: Blood Drive, 2-7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 19: Intro to Orthodoxy, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS, 6 p.m. - Confessions

Sunday, Aug 20: **MATINS 8:45 a.m., LITURGY 10 a.m.**
Coffee Hour & Teens after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Paper Products

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Well, I wouldn't emphasize that so much.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Aug 5: 33 Divine Services on Aug 6: 154
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$228.70 Collections, \$396.25 Youth, \$3.
BookShelf, \$6. Camp Schol, \$70. Cemetery, \$50. Christmas in July,
\$235. Ukr. Orphans, \$925. Stewardship, \$6,976.76 Total received:
\$8,890.71

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)