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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**January 21, 2024**

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8

Ven. Maximus the Confessor  
Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa

## THE VENERABLE MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR

Maximus was a Constantinopolitan by birth. At first he was a high-ranking courtier at the court of Emperor Heraclius, and after that he was a monk and abbot of a monastery not too far from the capital.

He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy, which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. As Eutyches claimed that there is only one nature in Christ [Monophysitism], so the Monothelites claimed that there is only one will in Christ [Monothelitism].

Maximus opposed that claim and found himself an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximus did not frighten easily, but endured to the end in proving that there were two wills, as well as two natures, in Christ. Because of his efforts, a council was held in Carthage, and another in Rome. Both councils anathematized the teachings of the Monothelites.

The suffering of Maximus for Orthodoxy can hardly be described: he was tortured by princes, deceived by prelates, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled and imprisoned--until finally, with his tongue and one hand severed by the torturers, he was condemned to exile for life in the land of Skhimaris [near Batumi on the Black Sea], where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God in the year 662 A.D

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Davide, Pina, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

DEPARTED: Archpriest Moses, Archpriest Daniel, Nicholas

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME BLESSINGS: If you would like to have your house blessed, please let Fr. Alessandro know. Home blessings will be scheduled through the end of February. To prepare for Father's visit, on your dining room table or at your icon corner, lay out a white cloth if you have it, and set on it a candle that can be carried around the house and your prayer list.

ANNUAL MEETING & PARISH COUNCIL: Our next Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28. We will be holding elections for some of the Parish Council positions. If you are interested in running, please speak with Fr. Alessandro.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: A big football game is coming up on February 11, 2024, and once again on that weekend our parish will "tackle" hunger to help people in need both near and far. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and diapers (sizes 5 and 6) for the Grace Pantry in Alexandria. We also will collect donations for IOCC, including for their ongoing emergency relief efforts in the Holy Land and Ukraine. Our goals for this event are to collect 500+ diapers in size 5, 500+ diapers in size 6, and \$500 in donations for IOCC. Please bring your donations on or before Sunday, February 11. Lory Easton is willing to purchase diapers at Costco for any who would like to contribute that way (PayPal to LBEBiz2010@gmail.com), and a Souper Bowl of Caring Amazon Wish List also is available (via email).

OYM DC RETREAT: Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM) is hosting a pan-Orthodox retreat for youth and adults on Saturday, Feb 10, at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Silver Spring, MD. The full-day retreat will have two tracks, one for youth (grades 6-12, high school and middle school) and one for adults including young professionals, parents, and youth workers. The theme is "3E-Treat" with the goal to help participants encounter Christ, embody His Church, and engage the world in His Name. The retreat is without cost but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register: [theoym.org/washingtondc](http://theoym.org/washingtondc)

**UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

January 21, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
January 25, Thu	
7:00 PM	Journey to Fullness
January 27, Sat	
5:00 PM	Great Vespers
January 28, Sun	
8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM	Parish Annual Meeting

**MINISTRY ROTATIONS**

	<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Jan 28</b>
Coffee Hour:	Barr	Hughes
Reader:	Class	Barr

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment*