

## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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## Sunday, August 27, 2017

### *The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3*

Commemoration of the Venerable Pimen the Great (4<sup>th</sup> c.)

Commemoration of the Hieromartyr and Venerable Kuksha of the Kiev Near Caves (12<sup>th</sup> c.)

### ***Schedule of Services***

- 8/27 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 8/29 Tuesday**  
***Annual Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist***  
9:00 AM – Service of Intercession to St. John the Baptist
- 8/30 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/2 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 9/3 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/6 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/7 Thursday** (*In the Waterbury Parish!*)  
***Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos***  
6:15 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy  
*(NOTE: This service WILL take place in the Waterbury Parish, as this day is their patronal feast-day!)*
- 9/8 Friday**  
***Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos***  
9:00 AM – Service of Intercession to the Most-Holy Theotokos
- 9/9 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 9/10 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*Followed by Special Parish Meeting (Please see details about this meeting on the "New and Notes" page of this bulletin.)*
- 9/11 Monday**  
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting
- 9/13 Wednesday**  
***Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***  
6:15 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy

### **Some Sayings of the Venerable Saint Pimen the Great**

*Abba Pimen the Great (sometimes spelled "Poemen") was a monk of the Egyptian Desert who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century after Christ. He was called "Abba", which means "father" out of respect for his virtue. Here are some of his sayings:*

Another monk said to Abba Pimen, "I have sinned grievously and I want to spend three years at repentance. Is that enough time?" The Elder replied, "That is a long time." The monk continued to ask how long the saint wished him to repent. Perhaps only a year? Abba Pimen said, "That is a long time." The other brethren asked, "Should he repent for forty days?" The Elder answered, "I think that if a man repents from the depths of his heart and has a firm intention not to return to the sin, then God will accept three days of repentance."

When asked how to get rid of persistent evil thoughts, Abba Pimen replied, "This is like a man who has fire on his left side, and a vessel full of water on his right side. If he starts burning from the fire, he takes water from the vessel and extinguishes the fire. The fire represents the evil thoughts placed in the heart of man by the Enemy of our salvation, which can enkindle sinful desires within man like a spark in a hut. The water is the force of prayer which impels a man toward God."

Abba Pimen said, "It is useful to observe three things: to fear God, to pray often, and to do good for one's neighbor."

Abba Pimen said, "Wickedness never eradicates wickedness. If someone does evil to you, do good to them, and your goodness will conquer their wickedness."

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for all victims of disaster, difficulty and senseless violence throughout the world.**

**+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!***

## ***Newly Departed***

John—Thomas Hopko's grandfather-in-law d. 8/3/17  
Galina—a woman we have been asked to pray for d. 8/19/17  
Michael—father of a friend of the Hopko family d. 8/20/17  
Catherine—Fr. Vladimir Aleandro's aunt d. 8/24/17

## ***Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!***

Anastasia Letitia 8/27/1937  
Tillie Castiola 8/31/1981  
Archpriest Nicholas Kiryluk 8/31/1988  
Anna Slevinsky 9/1/1985  
John J. Pawelchak 9/1/2003

## **THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP**

### ***Persons captive and suffering for the Faith***

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

### ***Those who are sick and suffering***

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)  
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment  
Karen—Mary Fomenko's niece; unwell and in need of prayers  
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer  
child Matthew—son of friends of M. Osuch; genetic disorder with medical complications  
child Ava—young daughter of friends of Melanie Osuch; suffering seizures  
Alexander—acquaintance of M. Osuch; suffering and in need of God's mercy and help  
Michele—very close friend of M. Osuch; troubled and in need of God's mercy and help  
Anna Osuch—suffering in ill health  
Jadwiga ["Yahd-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer  
Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's father; unwell  
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer  
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke  
Darilyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin  
Michael "Mischa" Semanitzky—Dn. Paul's uncle; ongoing health issues  
Gregory Shesko—long-time laborer in the Diocese of New England; lung cancer  
Hope—Fr. John's sister Catherine's sister-in-law; tumor in one of her kidneys  
child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges  
Barbara—Arlene Osuch's sister; epilepsy with complications  
Anatoli—a friend of Tania Bouteneff; diagnosed with colon cancer  
Galina—wife of above-mentioned Anatoli  
William "Bill" Markovich—recently unwell

Veronika "Nika" Dubnansky—continuing her recovery, almost one full year!  
Samantha—extremely ill child for whom we have been asked to pray  
Eugene—Tania Bouteneff's uncle; battling cancer  
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease  
Deryl—Ann Sovyrda's nephew; kidney disease  
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer  
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease  
James—Louine King's son; chronic ankle joint issues, perhaps requiring surgery  
Justin—Louine King's great-grandson; troubled and in need of our prayers  
Zachary—nephew of acquaintances of Nimcheks; recent double lung transplant  
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner; still in need of prayers for health  
Virginia—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers  
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer  
Vince—friend of the Oraschewsky Family; colon cancer  
child Maven—child of friends of the G. and D. Wegh Family; serious medical condition  
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell  
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer  
Archpriest Vladimir Horoszczak; underwent open heart surgery on June 27  
Peter Oraschewsky—hip joint replacement surgery earlier this summer  
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda's former wife; health challenges  
Mary—Deacon Paul Nimchek's sister; back surgery  
John Kuzmich—suffering from lung cancer  
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from lung cancer  
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing  
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers  
Archpriest Steven Voytovich—severely injured foot

### ***Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities***

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut

### ***Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces***

Joel Orelop—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic") serving with the Marines  
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps

### ***Travelers, those soon to be traveling and those away from us***

Douglas Henrick—O. Petroff's great-grandson; in China until spring 2018  
Maria Oraschewsky—visiting Germany, July 4 to August 28, with her grandson  
Peter and Chezelle Serev  
Protodeacon Paul and Patricia Nimchek  
Mark & Karry Orelop and Family

### ***Wedding Anniversaries***

Richard & Laura Koski 8/31

### ***Birthdays***

Ashley Paden 8/28  
Marilou Petroff 8/30  
Kristen Senetcen Austin 9/2

## **More Sayings of the Venerable Pimen the Great**

A brother came to see Abba Pimen and said to him, "Abba, I have many thoughts and they put me in danger." The old man led him outside and said to him, "Expand your chest and do not breathe in." He said, "I cannot do that." Then the old man said to him, "If you cannot do that, no more can you prevent thoughts from arising, but you can resist them."

A brother asked Abba Pimen, "How should a man behave?" The old man said to him, "Look at Daniel [who was thrown into the lion's den]: no-one found anything in him to complain about except for his prayers to the Lord his God."

A brother questioned Abba Pimen saying, "What does it mean to be angry with your brother without a cause?" Abba Pimen replied, "If your brother hurts you by his arrogance and you are angry with him because of it, that is getting angry without cause. If he plucks out your right eye and cuts off your right hand, and you get angry with him, you are angry without cause. But if he separates you from God, then be angry with him."

Abba Pimen said that blessed Abba Anthony [Saint Anthony the Great, one of the earliest monks] used to say, "The greatest thing a man can do is to throw his faults before the Lord and to expect temptation to his last breath."

Abba Pimen also said, "Many become powerful, but few eminent."

# A Pilgrimage to Waterbury!

**“A Pilgrimage to Waterbury”, Thursday evening, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos:** On Thursday evening, September 7, our parish will be marking the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (one of the twelve “great” feasts of the Church year), by joining the faithful people of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 3125 North Main Street, Waterbury, to celebrate the Feast. That evening, beginning at 6:15 PM, we will celebrate Vespers and Liturgy (“Vesperal Liturgy”) in the chapel located within the Community Center at the Waterbury Parish. Fr. John Hopko will preside at the Vesperal Liturgy in his capacity as Pastoral Administrator of the Waterbury Parish. The services will be followed by a “bring-and-share” meal in the Waterbury Parish Community Center Social Hall, located in the same building as the Chapel.

Please, consider making the effort to participate in this event. The present group of faithful parishioners in Waterbury are a group of good and dedicated persons seeking to revitalize their parish as it works through some extraordinarily difficult issues. They could use our prayerful support.

## News and Notes...

**Fr. John to preside at wedding in the Waterbury Parish, this Sunday, August 27:** Fr. John will be leaving from our Terryville Parish to travel to the Waterbury Parish immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy this Sunday morning, August 27. He will be presiding at a wedding in the Waterbury Parish beginning at 1:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. Please keep James and Maria, the couple being married, in your prayers.

**Special Basket Collection in Support of the Parish Scholarship Fund, Sunday, September 3:** Thursday, August 31, will be the 29th anniversary of the death of Fr. Nicholas Kiryluk, in whose memory our Parish Scholarship Fund is named. Many of us remember him (together with Matushka Olga, his wife, who passed away December 1, 2003) with great warmth. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 3, we will have a Special Basket Collection in honor of Fr. Nicholas and his family members to benefit the Parish Scholarship Fund. Please be generous in support of this worthy cause. The Parish Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for higher education (post high school) to parish members.

**Special Parish Meeting, Sunday, September 10:** On Sunday, September 10, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and after we have had some time for “coffee and...”, we will be having a special meeting of the Parish. This meeting is to discuss in some depth the question of how we wish to address the issue of Church Growth and Development in our Parish. Presently, we are in the midst of an eight-week-long preaching program during which we are exploring some of the characteristics manifested by healthy, growing, and developing parish churches. The purpose of this preaching program is to prepare us for our meeting in September, by raising awareness of this significant issue and some of its relevant aspects. Please, plan now to make the time to participate in our special meeting on September 10. Each and every one of us matters, and makes a difference. Your presence is vital to the hoped for fruitfulness of our planned September 10th gathering—do not doubt that truth!

**September Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, September 11:** Our Parish Council will hold their September monthly meeting on Monday, September 11, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Thank you!** Thanks are extended to all who participated in and contributed to the Back-to-School Clothing Program here in the Town of Plymouth. Through the efforts of members of our parish, 15 sets of back-to-school clothing were contributed to this Program. Thank you! God bless you! (NOTE: We did extend some financial support from the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund of our Parish in support of this program. If you would like to contribute to cover those disbursements, please see Fr. John H. Thanks!)

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## Scripture Readings for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, this year August 27

### The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:1-11)

Brothers and Sisters: I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came to Jesus, kneeling before him and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? There is no good but One, and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Jesus, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Jesus, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## Scripture Readings for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 3

### The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 16:13-24)

Brothers and Sisters: Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 21:33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"