

August 27, 2017

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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**The Gospel according to Saint Matthew
28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)**

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3. Ven. Pøemen the Great (ca. 450). Hieromartyr Kuksha and Ven. Pimen (Pøemen), of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). St. Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova (359). St. Liberius, Pope of Rome (366). Ven. Pøemen of Palestine (ca. 602). Martyr Anthusa. Ven. Sabbas of Benephali. St. Cæsarius, Bishop of Arles (543).

TROPARIA

(Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

(Tone 8) By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe. Our Father Pimen, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 4) By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy.

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (15:1-11) Brethren: I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy 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; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (19:16-26)

And behold, one of the crowd came up to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “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 him, “All these I have observed; 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.”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SAINT PIMEN THE GREAT (AUGUST 27)

Saint Pimen the Great was born about the year 340 in Egypt. He went to one of the Egyptian monasteries with his two brothers, Anoub and Paisius, and all three received monastic tonsure. For many of the monks, Saint Pimen was a spiritual guide and instructor. They wrote down his answers to serve for the edification of others besides themselves. A certain monk asked, “If I see my brother sinning, should I conceal his fault?” The Elder answered, “If we reproach the sins of brothers, then God will reproach our sins. If you see a brother sinning, do not believe your eyes. Know that your own sin is like a beam of wood, but the sin of your brother is like a splinter (Mt. 7:3-5), and then you will not enter into distress or temptation.”

Saint Pimen was strict in his fasting and sometimes would not partake of food for a week or more. He advised others to eat every day, but without eating their fill. Abba Pimen heard of a certain monk who went for a week without eating, but had lost his temper. The saint lamented that the monk was able to fast for an entire week, but was unable to abstain from anger for even a single day.

To the question of whether it is better to speak or be silent, the Elder said, “Whoever speaks on account of God, does well, and whoever is silent on account of God, that one also does well.”

He also said, “If man seems to be silent, but his heart condemns others, then he is always speaking. There may be a man who talks all day long, but he is actually silent, because he says nothing unprofitable.”

The saint said, “It is useful to observe three things: to fear God, to pray often, and to do good for one’s neighbor.”

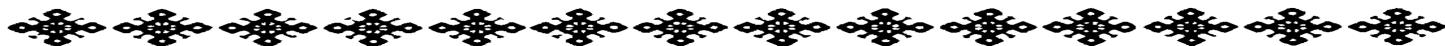
“Wickedness never eradicates wickedness. If someone does evil to you, do good to them, and your goodness will conquer their wickedness.”

He possessed such great humility that he often sighed and said, “I shall be cast down to that place where Satan was cast down!”

Once, a monk from another country came to the saint to receive his guidance. He began to speak about sublime matters difficult to grasp. The saint turned away from him and was silent. They explained to the bewildered monk that the saint did not like to speak of lofty matters. Then the monk began to ask him about the struggle with passions of soul. The saint turned to him with a joyful face, “Now you have spoken well, and I will answer.” For a long while he provided instruction on how one ought to struggle with the passions and conquer them.

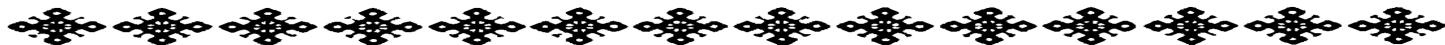
Saint Pimen died at age 110, about the year 450. Soon after his death, he was acknowledged as a saint pleasing to God. He was called “the Great” as a sign of his great humility, uprightness, ascetic struggles, and self-denying service to God. www.oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & strength for Nick Maxim	Connie
Special Intention for Peter Stuaak, health & blessings	Dennis & Ilene
Fr. Tom, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Reggie, Allen, Deborah, Jo Ann, Gloria, Luba, Kosta, Jimmy, Laurie, David, Helen, Anna, Walt, Zina, Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Marlene, Joseph, Nicholas, Margaret, Gladys, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Happy 69 th wedding anniversary Rose & John Goodman	Dennis, Ilene, Sue, Mike, Steve & Benjamin



WELCOME all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship after veneration of the cross!



COFFEE HOUR Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee and donuts today & the month of September. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the kitchen.

MACEDONIAN OPEN The Macedonian Open Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year’s event a success. We are proud to announce that this year’s total profit of \$19,047.46 is an all time record and will be placed in the Parish Pride account. We could not have done it without everyone’s help. We encourage all parishioners to patronize the businesses that supported us. Flyers are available in the Church hall.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting **Toothpaste & Toothbrushes** for the month of September. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MICHAEL, FLUSHING on Saturday, October 21. Envelopes with information and to make reservations are on the Parish Info bulletin board in the hall. Cost for the banquet is \$20 per person.

Father Matthew and family will be on vacation until September 1st. In case of emergency you can contact Fr. Joe Abud 810-444-9108 or Fr. Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740.

Weekly Schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 2

NO VESPERS

Sunday, Sept. 3

9:45 am	Third Hour
10 am	Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week August 20, 2017

Weekly Offerings	\$2,175.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$4,034.03
	\$-1859.03

95 people were in attendance on Sunday, August 20, 2017

“Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry, but they who seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.”
Psalm 33:11 (LXX)