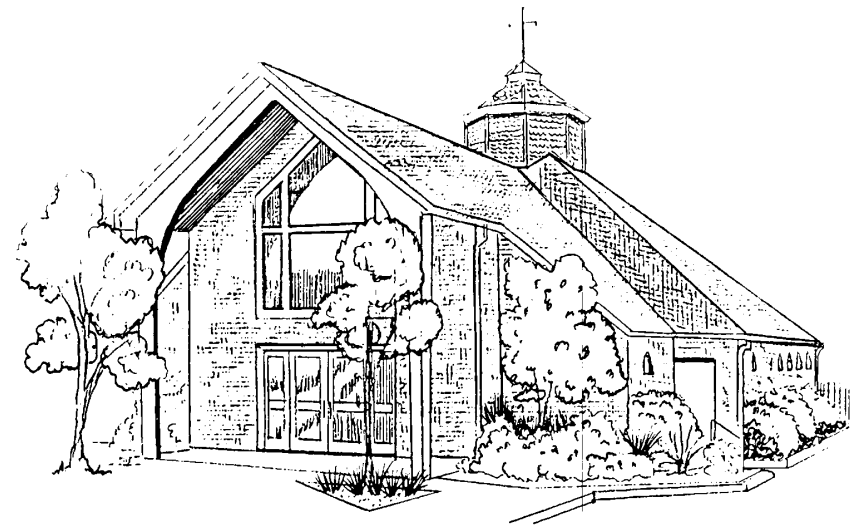


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Venerable Pimen [Poemen] of Palestine

Pimen lived a life of asceticism in Rouba, in the wilderness of Palestine during the time of Emperor Maurice (582-602 A.D.). In his youth, he was a shepherd. Once his dogs attacked a man and tore him to pieces and he, out of mischievousness, did not defend the man. As a result of that, it was revealed to him that he, in the end, would die from wild beasts. And thus it happened. He was devoured by wild beasts and gave up his soul to his Lord.

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August 27, 2023
12th Sunday of Matthew

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Saints of the Day

Righteous Father Pimen the Great of Egypt and Osios; Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; Martyr Anthusa the New; Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes; Caesarius, bishop of Arles.

A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, as we anticipated in the budget, our new property insurance premiums are going to exceed \$40,000 during the next 12 months. The premiums are paid quarterly and will put a strain on our ability to pay for the regular monthly expenses of approximately \$10,000. As we enter the summer months, when our income is generally less, please assist us by keeping up your regular pledge payments. Thank you for your generous support of the Parish. We are confident that the Lord will provide for our needs with your assistance, as always--Rob Booms.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, Aug. 29th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 2nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Thursday, Sept. 7th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Vespersal Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



As you enter St. Basil, you are greeted by a beautiful icon of the Transfiguration. On August 6, we celebrated this holy day. Orthodox believers accept this as an historical event as we do the crucifixion. It comes sequentially after the baptism and ministry of our Lord but before his passion. After ascending Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John, Jesus' appearance changed before their eyes, his face shining like the sun and his clothes as white as light. God the Father speaks from heaven and testifies to the Sonship of Christ. God the Father and the Holy Spirit are present in the form of dazzling light. Peter, seeing Jesus with Moses and Elijah, asks if he can make three shelters for them. This event must have occurred during the Jewish festival of Succoth, when worshippers stay in tent-like booths to celebrate a good harvest. This is commemorated in the Christian tradition by the blessing of fruits and vegetables. The event is joyous, but it is also fearful and awesome as Jesus wants to demonstrate his divine glory to the disciples before his humiliation and crucifixion. Knowing of that glory, they and we can look beyond Christ's suffering to the glory of the Lord's resurrection. In the words of the Troparia of Transfiguration, "...shine forth Thou on us, who are sinners all, the light never-ending, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Light-giver, glory to Thee---Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend." Proverbs 19:4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Approximately 2 dozen **Red Carnations** are needed for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations and donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

In preparation for **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS' visit**, we will have a parish-wide clean-up day on Saturday, Sept. 9th, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Please try to be present for this. Many hands make light work. Thank you.

God willing, Orthros served and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 29th for the **Beheading of St. John the Baptist**. Please see the Worship Schedule for more information.

God willing, a Vespereal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 7th, for the **Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**. Please see the Worship Schedule for more information.

Parents and teachers, please note that **Church School** will begin on Sunday, Sept. 10.

A message from the Ladies Guild

The Ice Cream Social is on September 10th tickets are on sale now. Please be advised that the Bake Sale for November 5th has been cancelled but, God willing, will be replaced with a Spaghetti dinner, so be on the lookout for that. As always, Tania Russell

God willing, a Vespereal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 13th for the **Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**. Please see the Worship Schedule for more information.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting donations for Love Moved First during the year of 2023. Love Moved First is a home for woman in crisis to recover and heal. We will have a collection bin set out and a list of needs next to it. There is much needed so even a little is a big help. If you have any questions about Love Moved First, please see Cheryl Pituch or Tania Russell. Thank you for your support.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 4. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 1

Itinerary for Bishop NICHOLAS' visit Sept. 15-17, 2023:

- Friday, Sept. 15th – Arrival of His Grace, Check-in at hotel.
- Saturday, Sept. 16th, 9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayers with the youth (Preschool – 12 year olds) of the parish in the Church.
- Saturday, Sept. 16th, 9:30-11:30 A.M. – Retreat time with His Grace and the Youth. Topic: Prayer
- Saturday, Sept. 16th, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. – Lunch with His Grace, the Youth and Teens of the Parish.
- Saturday, Sept. 16th, 12:30-2:30 P.M. – Retreat time with His Grace and the Teens. Topic: Gender Identity & Social Media.
- Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2:30-4:30 P.M. – Retreat time with His Grace and the Seniors & Middle-aged Adults. Topic: Prayer and Silence.
- Saturday, Sept. 16th, 5:00 P.M. – Great Vespers
- Sunday, Sept. 17th, 8:30 A.M. – Orthros
- Sunday, Sept. 17th, 9:30 A.M. – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Sept. 17th, 11:30 A.M. – Coffee Hour
- Sunday, Sept. 17th, 12:30 P.M. – Retreat time with His Grace and the Young Adults. Topic: Gender Identity and Social Media.