



# The Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church  
301 Struthers Liberty Rd  
Campbell, OH 44405  
OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



## AUGUST BULLETIN SPONSOR

Audrey Chengelis

### Liturgical and Events Schedule

#### Sunday, August 27

9:35 AM: Hours  
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida /  
Social / Council Meeting

#### Monday, August 28

6:00 PM: Vespers w/ Litya (Altar feast of the parish)

#### Tuesday, August 29– STRICT FAST DAY

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, September 1

Start of the New Liturgical Year / Canfield Fair weekend  
Archangel Michael Greek Festival weekend in Campbell

#### Saturday, September 2

6:00 pm Vespers / Confessions

#### Sunday, September 3

9:35 AM: Hours  
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for Sue Zenko /  
Social

### Classes Resume in September!

#### Thursday, September 7

11:00 AM: Book Club - Gospel of Mark

#### Saturday, September 9

4:00 PM: Bible Study - on Angels

#### Monday, September 11

6:00 PM: Orthodoxy 101 - the Divine Liturgy

Everyone is welcome! Bring family and friends, Orthodox or not, to any of the groups.

Note: If there is a better day or time for any of the above groups, please let Fr. Andrew know.

### The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John / Commemorated on August 29

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt. 14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus).

The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: "Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip." Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother.

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## PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Send a "Thinking of You" card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please contact Fr. Andrew.

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### *The Beheading con't from previous pg*

The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The

defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

Today the Church makes remembrance of Orthodox soldiers killed on the field of battle, as established in 1769 at the time of Russia's war with the Turks and the Poles.

AUGUST Liturgical Attendance			
Day	Vespers	Divine Liturgy	Communi-cants
Sunday, Aug 6		62	37
Sunday, Aug 13		66	47
Monday, Aug. 14	13		
Tuesday, Aug. 15		16	
Sat., Aug. 19	7		
Sunday, Aug 27		57	37

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 8-22-23

**PARISHIONERS:** Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / George Horodnic / Irene Horodnic / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Paula Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Mary Jane Puskas / Kenny Ruff / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Marion Zwinski / Mary and her unborn child

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Archbishop Benjamin / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr) / Bruce (Hryb) / Bret (Zelinsky) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie (Kidder) / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Karen Muzyka (Fr.) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Eugene (Pallai) / Ksenia and her unborn child (Petrochko) / Matushka Helen (Psinka) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Kristianna & infant Mary Louise (Robinson) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Julia (Shirilla) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Sarah and her newborn Zoe / Drew (Willison) / Emilia Yannitto / Zoland Zile, (Fr.)

**MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

### Matthew 19:16-26 (Gospel)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” “The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to 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 His disciples heard it, 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.”

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Epistle)

Moreover, 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.

*Thank you* to all who helped bring in school supplies. The table is full of items!!

*Thank you* to those who will purchase garlic today. May God bless you all.

## His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Presides at Annual Saint Herman

### Pilgrimage

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the annual Saint Herman Pilgrimage in Alaska on August 7-10, 2023.

The pilgrimage commenced on Monday, August 7, with the arrival of His Beatitude at Anchorage International Airport in the early morning hours. Traveling with His Beatitude was Deacon Vitaly Permiakov, Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Greeting them were His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska and his delegation, welcoming them by singing It is Truly Meet and presenting them with Alaskan flowers.

The same day His Beatitude, His Grace, Archpriest Daniel Charles, diocesan chancellor, and other clergy traveled to Kodiak, AK, where they were greeted by the Kodiak Deanery's clergy and faithful at the Kodiak Airport. Upon his arrival, His Beatitude visited the All Saints of Alaska chapel at Saint Herman's Seminary, where he observed the recent renovations.

That evening, His Beatitude served the Akathist to Venerable Herman of Alaska at the Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Kodiak, AK. The service took place before the relics of Saint Herman. The evening concluded with His Beatitude and His Grace exchanging greetings and His Beatitude anointing the faithful.

On the morning of August 8, the feast of the Holy Righteous Yakov Netsvetov (O.C.), His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Resurrection Cathedral. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were His Grace Bishop Alexei, Archpriest Daniel Charles, Archpriest Innocent Dresdow, cathedral dean, and other clergy. The Liturgy was conducted in both English and Church Slavonic, concluding with the hierarchs greeting the participants of the pilgrimage.

At noon, the grand banquet was held at the Afognak Center in Kodiak. After the greeting of His Beatitude, presentations centered around the life of Saint Herman and the oral traditions connected to him preserved by the First People of Alaska. Speakers included Priest Michael Nicolai, Mr. Spyridon Ash and Ms. Daria Safronova, archivist and faculty member of St. Herman's Seminary. During the banquet, His Beatitude presented His Grace with a donation from the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC, given in honor of His Beatitude on his 57th birthday. His Grace offered concluding remarks and

asked participants to support the Alaska diocese's endeavors.

Later that day, His Beatitude presided at the Vigil for the feast of the websiteGlorification of Saint Herman at the Holy Resurrection Cathedral, with His Grace concelebrating. Following the Gospel reading, the clergy and faithful had the opportunity to venerate the holy relics of Saint Herman and were anointed with holy oil.

The pilgrimage continued on the feast day itself, August 9, as His Beatitude, His Grace, clergy and pilgrims traveled by boat to Spruce Island, the site of Saint Herman's ascetic endeavors and his original burial place, where they were greeted at Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam chapel.

His Beatitude then presided at the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, sung in Aleutic, Yup'ik, English, and Slavonic. Concelebrating were His Grace, Archpriest Daniel Charles, Archpriest John Dunlop, and other clergy.

At the end of the service, His Beatitude read a kneeling prayer before the icon depicting the repose of St Herman. A Panikhida was also served by His Grace on the graves of Archimandrite Gerasim (Schmalz) and Archpriest Peter Kreta, who are buried on the island. The pilgrimage concluded with a picnic at Monk's Lagoon.

On Thursday, August 10, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon returned to Anchorage where he stayed for weekend services, in support of the Diocese of Alaska.

Following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 13, His Beatitude was greeted by Mr. James Holowatch, Parish Council President, and was welcomed by His Grace, Archpriest Daniel Charles, Priest Peter Kamilos, and the cathedral clergy. Following the Liturgy, His Grace presented His Beatitude with a zapvika set on behalf of Saint Innocent Cathedral. A festal banquet was held in the cathedral hall before His Beatitude's return to Washington, DC.

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### IOCC EVENT / UKRAINE RELIEF DINNER & PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Service 4:00pm / Dinner 5:00 pm

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral

419 South Dithridge St

Pittsburgh (Oakland), PA 15213

If interested, please see Fr. Andrew., who has tickets. Tickets are \$50. RSVP is necessary by September 19.

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### Church New Year / Commemorated on September 1

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1). Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

# August Celebrations

## BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4- Meiriam Dardovski    | 5- Darrin Feldman       |
| 9- Elaine Basala        | 12- Layne Demkosky      |
| 12- Reader Nick Vansuch | 12- Ethan Donofrio      |
| 13- Frank Batura Jr     |                         |
| 13- Ed Kusinski         | 14- Eli Arvan           |
| 14- Katie Zelinsky      | 15- Anthony Cavaliere   |
| 16- Anthony Jesko, Jr.  | 18- Stephen Calzone III |
| 18- Mary Margaret James | 21- Kaylee Calzone      |
| 28- Ricky Whitham       | 29- AB Michael of NY/NJ |
| 31- Sharon LaVallee     | 31- Fr. Emilian Huthyan |
| 31- Melanie Rusnak      |                         |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 10- Fr. Michael & Pani Mellissa Chendorain
- 18- Nicola & Shelly Nicoloff
- 18- Philip & Trudy Ellmore
- 21- Fr. Gregory & Matushka Xenia Burner
- 21- Dc. David & Mat. Gemmel
- 27- Fr. Michael & Presbyteria Jessica
- 28- Fr. Eli Bremer Priestly ordination
- 29- Zoland & Claudia Zile
- 30- Fr. Peter & Pani Bernadette

## NAMES DAY

- 9- Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago
- 23- AB Irene of Canada

### Venerable Pimen the Great

#### Commemorated on 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. The brothers were such strict ascetics that when their mother came to the monastery to see her children, they did not come out to her from their cells. The mother stood there for a long time and wept. Then Saint Pimen said to her through the closed door of the cell, "Do you wish to see us now, or in the future life?" Saint Pimen promised that if she would endure the sorrow of not seeing her children in this life, then surely she would see them in the next. The mother was humbled and returned home.

Fame of Saint Pimen's deeds and virtues spread throughout the land. Once, the governor of the district wanted to see him. Saint Pimen, shunning fame, thought to himself, "If dignitaries start coming to me and show me respect, then many other people will also start coming to me and disturb my quiet, and I shall be deprived of the grace of humility, which I have acquired only with the help of God." So he refused to see the governor, asking him not to come.

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 **Con't next page**

### 40 Day Remembrance

- August 27 Walter Litzie
- September 24 His Eminence Metropolitan Daniel of Tokyo / Thomas Kristian

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

# \$1000

### 7th Annual Dinner & Raffle Benefit

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Located at

### St. Michael's Byzantine Church Hall

463 Robinson Rd. • Campbell, Ohio

**Cocktail Hour**  
Appetizers  
Beer & Wine  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Dinner**  
By Chef Linda  
6 p.m.

- COCKTAIL HOUR, 2 DINNERS, 1 RAFFLE TICKET - \$100.00
- COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER, RAFFLE TICKET - \$70.00
- Cash Drawings • Grand Prize \$1000 • 3 Side Board Drawings
- Lottery Tree • 50/50 Raffle

**TICKET DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Make Check out to: St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church  
Contact Church Council Member or Crystal: 330-507-3156

**Blessing of  
Campbell First  
Responders  
Staff and Vehicles**



Sunday, September 24, 2023

11:30 AM Blessing



11:45 AM Complimentary lunch at  
the church

All City Officials & First Responders  
welcome!



**ON GOING FINANCIALS FOR  
AUGUST**

Expenses .....	\$6,127.87
Income.....	\$5,058.82
TOTAL .....	-\$1,069.05

Weekly Tithe.....	\$4,432
Weekly Candles .....	\$247
Assessment.....	\$50
Incense .....	\$25
Tetrapod Candles .....	\$50
Advent Social.....	\$50
Iconastasis Candles .....	\$50

**OTHER INCOME**

Ohio Bureau of Workmen's Comp .....	\$154.82
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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."

Another monk said to the saint, "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? Saint 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, the saint 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."

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."

Once, after Saint Pimen and his disciples arrived at the monastery of Scetis, he learned that the Elder living there was annoyed at his arrival and was also jealous of him, because monks were leaving the Elder to see Abba Pimen. **Con't Pg 9**

## SIGN-UP / VOLUNTEERS FOR SOCIALS

It has been customary that the “O” Club , Sisterhood, & council sponsor the coffee socials.

We are asking for individuals or families to please sponsor a social on a rotating basis. With enough volunteers, the rotation of sponsors could be once a quarter. Even though the above groups take a particular Sunday, getting a break would be nice.

Bagels, donuts and coffee is perfectly fine.  
A simple meal is perfectly fine.

Please see Fr. Andrew so he can put you on a schedule.

As of right now on any given month:

First Sunday	“O” Club
Second Sunday	Council
Third Sunday	Sisterhood
Fourth Sunday	Open
Fifth Sunday	Open (when applicable)

## SEPTEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSOR

**Wine:** (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of Steve, Eileen Elash and Jim Nolder and all members of the Elash & Graban Families– Given by Cindy Ferrick

**Incense:** (*\$25 for the month*) For the Health of all the members of the Elash and Graban Families– Given by Cindy Ferrick

**Bulletin:** (*\$50 for the month*) Sponsored by Audrey C.

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** (*\$50 for the month*) From the Wilfong & Basile Family

**Altar Candles:** (*\$50 for the month*) In honor of Nancy & Ron T. & Mary & Andrew on the occasion of their Anniversary’s- Given by Nancy. T

**Tetrapod Candles:** (*\$50 for the month*) In honor of Mary Margaret & Andrew James on the occasion of their Anniversary

**Candles @ St John the Baptist Icon** in back of church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*)

**Candles @ Protection Icon** in back of Church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)

**Candles @ St. Panteleimon Icon** in front of church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)

**Candles @ St. Herman** in front of Church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)

**Flowers:** (*\$75*) In honor of Nancy & Ron Tusinac

## September Social Schedule

Sunday, September 3- “O” Club

Sunday, September 10– Council

Sunday, September 17– Sisterhood

Sunday, September 24– OPEN

## Romanian Monastery Welcomes DOM Pilgrimages for Feast of Dormition

His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest, was the honored guest of His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, at the annual pilgrimage to the Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI, August 14-15. This pilgrimage customarily brings clergy and faithful from all over the Midwest to celebrate the patronal feast of the beloved monastery.

Upon his arrival at the monastery, His Eminence was greeted by Abbess Gabriella, and then served a Panikhida at the grave of his predecessor, the ever-memorable Archbishop Paul of Chicago. Later that evening, Archbishop Daniel served Vigil with the Lamentations at the Tomb of the Mother of God, according to the Jerusalem use. On the following day, the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, the Archbishop was the main celebrant of the outdoor Divine Liturgy in the monastery pavilion. After the divine services, a festive meal was offered. His Eminence also presided at the service of Holy Unction later that afternoon, which concluded the monastery’s annual patronal celebration and pilgrimage.

## CANDLE CHANGES

Due to the fact that people need additional individual lighting of candles, beginning in September the Icon of Christ and of Mary in front of the church will not be available for sponsorships. They will only be for individual lighting.



### ***Pimen Con't from Pg 7***

In order to console the hermit, the saint went to him with his brethren, taking food with them as a present. The Elder refused to receive them, however. Then Saint Pimen said, "We shall not depart from here until we are permitted to see the holy Elder." He remained standing at the door of the cell in the heat. Seeing Saint Pimen's humility and patience, the Elder received him graciously and said, "Not only is what I have heard about you true, but I see that your works are a hundred times greater."

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.

## **WEDNESDAY WORKERS BEING CALLED BACK INTO SERVICE**

It is my understanding there used to be a group of people who met on a weekly basis to take care of the church inside and out prior to Covid. The church building & property are very big and one or 2 people can't address the issues that need attention. If we can't get people to help and keep up the church and property then we will be forced to hire outside help which will be very expensive. Whatever you can do a little or lot please contact Michael Simko or myself. If Wednesday doesn't work and another day is better let us know. This is the house of God and we really need to treat it that way.

Thank you and God bless you in your time and talents you give to the church. Fr. Andrew Bartek

## **The Kingdom of Heaven**

When Christ will come in glory at the end of the ages, and God will be all in all, then will come the new heaven and new earth foretold by the prophet Isaiah and described in the book of Revelation (cf. Is 65.17–66.24).

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

And He who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev 21.1–8).

Behold I am coming soon, bringing my recompense to repay everyone for what he has done (Rev 22.12).

To gain the "heritage" of the New Jerusalem is the whole meaning of life, the sole purpose of man's being created by God. "He who conquers shall have this heritage." And as Saint Paul has said simply, "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom 8.37).

For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8.38–39).

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph 3.14–19).

To be "filled with all the fullness of God"—this, and this alone, is what Orthodox spirituality is about.

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