

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Ann
Archpriest Eugene	Stefan
Archpriest Elias	John
Priest Kyrill & family	Vivian
Priest James	Jung Sook
Priest John	Thomas
Priest Alexander	Cheyenne
Subdeacon Peter	Nancy
Reader Aleksei	Randall
Monk Philaret	Rose
Matushka Mary	Don
Matushka Mary Sara	Norma
John • Euphrosynos	James
Virginia • Thomas	
John • Luke	
Catechumen Rebecca	
Catechumen Jennifer	

The repose and salvation of –

Borca (August 6)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

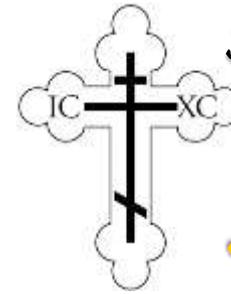
This Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 PM – Small Compline & Saints of the Day

Next Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 PM – Small Compline & Saints of the Day

Thursday, September 7, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers & Litya

**Friday, September 8, 7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
for the Nativity of the Theotokos**

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



**ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Venerable Pimen the Great



The Fourth Century el Baramous Monastery at Scetis (now known as Wadi El Natrun).

**Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced**

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Venerable Pimen the Great

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 at Scetis 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.

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

In 407 A.D. the monastery was overrun by raiders, scattering the monks. Abba Poemen and Abba Anoub, along with a handful of monks, fled to Terenuthis, on the river Nile. 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.

Also this week: *Uncovering of the relics of the Ven. Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev; Ven. Moses the Black of Scete (August 28); BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST OF THE LORD, JOHN (August 29); TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE RIGHT-BELIEVING GREAT PRINCE ST ALEXANDER NEVSKY (August 30); The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most Holy Mother of God; St Aidan, Bp of Lindisfarne (August 31); INDICTION (CHURCH NEW YEAR); ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE (THE ELDER); Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (September 1); Martyrs Mamas of Caesarea, and his parents Theodotus and Rufina (September 2).*

** Regular fasting this week; strict fast on Tuesday;† wine and oil allowed on Friday **

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11 (Sunday)

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26 (Sunday)

Troparion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

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 hades, /
And has granted to the world /// Great mercy!

Troparion – Tone 8 (Saint)

Thine abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom /
And thy suffering made thy labors fruitful a hundredfold /
Thou hast become a shining torch over all the world /
O our holy father Pimen, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls..

Kontakion – Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the *tomb*, O Merciful One, /
Leading us from the gates of death. /
On this day Adam exults as *Eve* rejoices; /
With the prophets and patriarchs ///
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion – Tone 4 (Saint)

O father Pimen, lofty in word and deed /
We commemorate today thy holy and celebrated struggles ///
That strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.

† *“According to the Fathers, this means a little nourishment with oil and one cup of wine for the glory of God.”*