

The Health of:

Dan Dangle on his birthday, offered by his family with love.

Bill and **MaryAnn** Kuzemchak, offered by their parish family. Bill is recuperating from surgery and MaryAnn had a fall.

Readings: **I Corinthians 15:1-11** (*12th Sunday after Pentecost*)
Matthew 19:16-26 (*12th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Brethren, 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.

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me 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."

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Sunday School has ended for the summer.

Mark your calendars! Sunday school will start up on Sept 10th for the new school year!

Announcements:

- The Sisterhood is holding a food drive to benefit a local food pantry. Please see the listing downstairs of needed items. All donations will be welcomed!
- **Save the Date!! Sunday Dec 10th, Archbishop Michael's visit and St. Nicholas Day** celebration! Tell your family and friends! This will be the Sisterhood's only Fall luncheon this year. Make plans to attend and enjoy delicious homemade foods for a nominal fee!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand.)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

Venerable Pimen the Great:

St. Pimen the Great was born about the year 340 in Egypt, forsook the world about the year 370, and retired into the great wilderness of Sceté, in Egypt. As a boy, he visited the most renowned spiritual men and, from them, gathered tangible knowledge as a bee gathers honey from flowers. Pimen once begged the elder Paul to take him to St. Paisius. Seeing Pimen, Paisius said to Paul: "This child will save many; the hand of God is with him."

The barbarians ravaging Sceté in 395, he and his brothers retired to Terenuthi, near an old temple of idols, and lived there for several years. Anubis, the eldest, and Pœmen governed this little community by turns, with a constant mutual deference to each other. Of the twelve hours of the night, they allotted four for work, four for singing psalms together, and four for taking their rest. The saint went back into Sceté; but was again banished thence with St. Arsenius, by a fresh incursion of the barbarians in 430.

In the monastery of these three brothers, governed by Abba Anubis, Pimen's eldest brother, this was their Rule [Typikon]: at night, they spent four hours of working with their hands, four hours of sleep and four hours of reading the Psalter. During the day, from morning until noon, they spent in alternating work and prayer; from noon until Vespers they spent reading and, in the afternoon, they prepared supper for themselves the only meal in twenty-four hours and that usually consisted of some vegetables. Concerning their life, Pimen himself speaks: "We ate that which was given to us. No one ever said: 'Give me something else or I do not want that.' In this manner, we spent our entire life in silence and peace." He was frequently sought out by his brothers for his wise and compassionate guidance.

Pimen lived a life of mortification as an ascetic in the fifth century and died peacefully at an old age 110, in about the year 451.

*The memorial of your illustrious struggles
delights the souls of the devout today,
Pimen, our venerable father, wise in God.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/08/27>

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Venerable Pimen the Great

**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

*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 illumined the whole universe!
Our Father Pimen, pray to Christ God to save our souls!*

Troparion – Tone 8

August 27, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Ven. Pœmen the Great (ca. 450) • Hieromartyr Kuksha and Ven. Pimen (Pœmen) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.) • St. Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Córdoba (359) • St. Liberius, Pope of Rome (366) • Ven. Pœmen of Palestine (ca. 602) • Martyr Anthusa. Ven. Savva of Benephali. St. Cæsarius, Bishop of Arles (543)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.