

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Venerable Pimen the Great

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Assigned Readings

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Matthew 19: 16-26

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## Saint of the Day:

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 fame of Saint Pimen's deeds and virtues spread throughout the land. 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 often refused audiences with Governors and other dignitaries.

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Saint Pimen was strict in his fasting and sometimes would not partake of food for a week or more. The usual rule at the monastery was to eat one meal a day after Vespers, of whatever vegetation was available, usually a form of cabbage. He advised others to eat every day, but without eating their fill.

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.

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## Announcements

August Charity collection is for the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry in honor of St. Silas.

Retirement dinner for Fr. Vladimir Fetcho is being held after Divine Liturgy at Fiorelli's in Peckville on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost for tickets is \$30 per person.

All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant is accepting donations towards their dome repair project. They will be repainting the domes in blue and regilding the crosses on top. They will be holding a food festival fundraiser on Friday August the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our fall pierogi making and sale is planned for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. With the plan to make pierogi on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. Then sell them deep fried on Monday.

Services for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist will be held at All Saints Orthodox Church with Fr. Paul. He has invited us to come and share in the celebration of the feast together. We did likewise for the Nativity of St. John with Fr. Paul coming up the hill in June.

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## Upcoming Services:

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Great Vespers – 5pm

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 930 am.

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## Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

### Troparion to St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of abstinence.

You thus reached the heights through humility and wealth through poverty.

O Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, //  
pray to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

### Kontakion to St. Nicholas – Tone 3

You proved yourself to be a holy priest, O Nicholas;  
You served God in Myra and lived the gospel of Christ.

You offered your life for your people;  
You rescued the innocent from death.//

Therefore God has glorified you as a trustworthy guide of things divine.

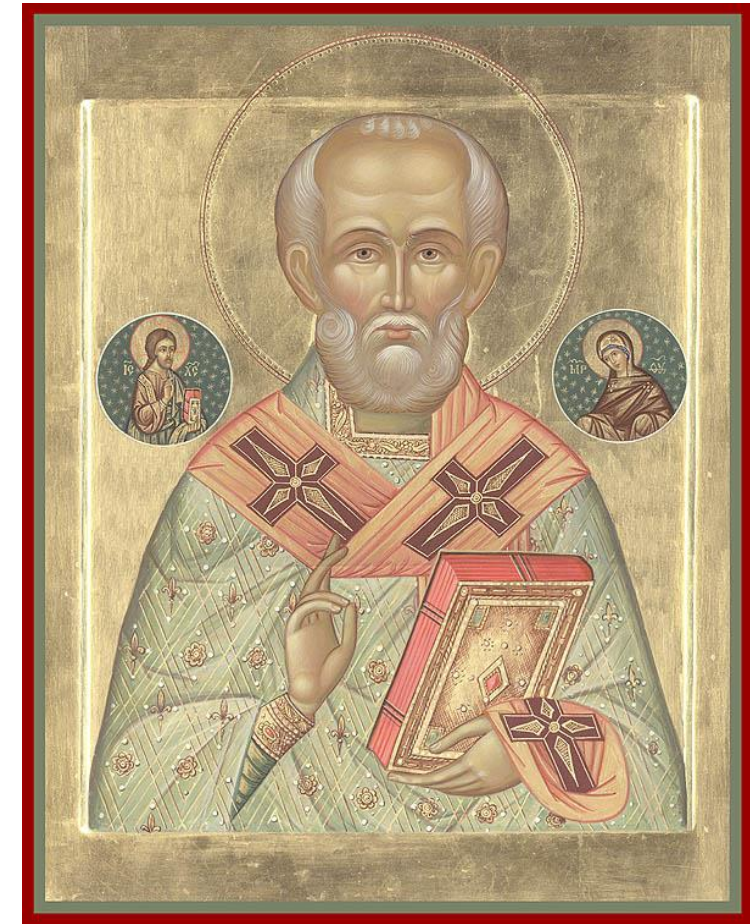
### Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians,  
constant advocate before the Creator,  
do not despise the cry of us sinners,  
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith,  
hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos//  
For you always protect those who honor you.

### Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir  
Priest John  
Priest James  
Matushka Gloria  
Matushka Myra  
Matushka Nancy

Thom  
Julie  
Joan  
Vera  
Marie



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