

ST. PIMEN THE GREAT

St. Pimen was born in Egypt in the 400's A.D. At age 15, he fled his home, along with his 6 brothers, to become a monk in the desert. Desert tribe raids forced them to end up living in a very isolated area, Terenuth, in a deserted pagan temple. After some time, others joined the seven brothers in their new monastery. Pimen is Greek for "shepherd" and he was a very wise shepherd over his monks. He was known for incredible personal strictness with fasting, little sleep, etc., but was also known for exercising great patience and kindness with the monks under his care. A man of great God-inspired wisdom, many traveled him seeking prayers and guidance. His exact year of death is unknown, but it is said his falling asleep in Christ took place on August 27, sometime late in the 400's, and that he was very, very old.

SERMON COPIES from the last couple of Sundays are usually available on the long table in narthex near coat rack.

ZOE for Life!! Needs Your Help

May we ask you to help us provide mothers coming to Zoe House for assistance for new or gently used strollers, high chairs, walkers for babies, baby swings and activity centers? If you are able to help with any of these items, we ask you to contact us at 216-465-9030, and thank you in advance for your help for His little ones.

NORTH ROYALTON MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION---COMMUNITY MONTHLY MEAL---This

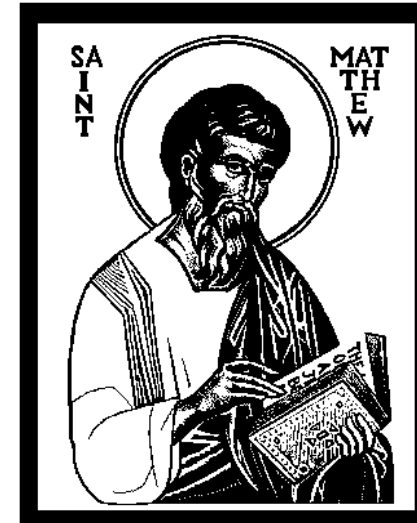
ministry has been organized with Orthodox (2 parishes), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Nazarene, & Methodist participation. The basic plan is for the parishes to go together to serve a hot meal to all who can come---the target group was originally the needy, but all are welcome! The next meal is TODAY, 3-5 p.m., and will be at St. Albert Catholic Church on Wallings Road. If you can help in any way, please contact Father Andrew.

"MERCY MEALS" MINISTRY JUST BEGINNING

If you are able to make meals **and/or** deliver meals to parishioners needing help in difficult circumstances, please contact Lisa Amer-----lisa.amer@att.net,
—440-882-6372

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Pimen the Great; St. Hosius, the Confessor & Bishop of Cordova; The Holy New Martyr Anthusa; The Holy Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes; St. Caesarius, Bishop of Arles

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY! We are glad to have you praying with us on this great holy day! *And we hope you will stay for our lunch right after the service. **The reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*** is limited to members of the Orthodox Church who are in good sacramental standing and have made proper preparation to receive. All are welcome to receive a portion of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.

THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered today by Hani & Chantelle Saddic in beloved memory of Hani’s parents, Fouad & Serrieh; and is offered by Anthony & Judy Yanik in beloved memory of their parents, Martha & Anthony Yanik, Melvin & Lena Grabowski, Cecilia & Julius David and in memory of Delores Kaleal’s husband, John, and son, David.

DURING TODAY’S LITURGY WE WILL PRAY FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF:

Josephine Katzbach	Jamie Peffer	Carol Palmer
Justin Mosier	Fouad & Selwa Zogheib	Sylvia Audey
Ardelle George	Mary Farage	Peter George
Corinne Farris	Marc Balke	Nancy Donnelly
Joanne Esber	Christopher Samuel	Georgeta Popa
Edmund & Jeri Farris	Renee Schwenk	Christina Saada
Sam & Mary Violanti	Issa Zaboura	Caroline Fish
Tony Burhen	Mary Kirkwood	Francisca Melendez
Rosalee Haddad	Evelyn Farage	Ruth Humphrey
Bella, Bret, & Savayah Pacl	Lucy Kincaid	Richard Hakaim
Presbyteria Rosy Tanveer	Darlene Schwenk	Diana Popa
Judy Burhen	Michael Resanovich	Lena

WE WILL ALSO PRAY TODAY for the newly departed servants of God, Besam Waara (Issa Zaboura’s uncle), Matyshka Catherine Jula, Marija Marjanovich, Larry Patrick (Dan Patrick’s uncle), Daria Petrokowski, & Daniel Resanovich, .

TODAY'S SERVICE

EPISTLE LESSON---I Corinthians 15: 1-11 **Reader:** Samuel Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON---Matthew 19: 16-26

HOMILY: “Camels and Needles”

Altar Boys: Shadi Zogheib, Caleb Blazek, Nicholas Katsaros, Xavier Blazek, Emad Zogheib

Ushers: Anthony Yanik, George Nassif **Greeters:** Georgette Dye, Judy Yanik

MEMORIAL PRAYERS will be offered today by Hani & Chantelle Saddic in memory of Hani’s parents, Serrieh (40 days), and Fouad (35 years); and will be offered by Anthony & Judy Yanik in memory of their parents, Martha & Anthony Yanik, Melvin & Lena (20 years) Grabowski, and Cecilia & Julius David and in memory of Delores Kaleal’s husband, John, and son, David.

SAINTS DAY BLESSINGS—Children whose Saints Days fall in August will be honored and prayed for after the liturgy. For info on their Saints, see elsewhere in this bulletin.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27---The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Craig & Cindy George for their wedding anniversary. Also, the 40 Day Churching will be held for Ashley Smith and her son, Noah Michael.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH----after liturgy today

Be sure to stay after liturgy today for good fellowship, good food, and an opportunity to donate to the parish operating fund. No set price for the meal---whatever you wish to give. And if you are not able to give, you are welcome as our guests. PLEASE JOIN US!

The meal is being hosted by Hani & Chantelle Saddic in memory of Hani’s parents-----thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY---Sisterhood meeting after lunch today.

---YOUNG ADULT PICNIC TODAY AT 4---SEE FLIER ELSEWHERE IN BULLETIN FOR THE DETAILS.....

***OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY DAY OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST*---**

Monday, August 28—Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy 10 a.m.; Potluck lunch afterwards-----strict fasting food as this day is a very strict one-day fast.

PARISH COUNCIL----Monday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. (note later time than usual).

NORTH BIBLE STUDY & ANNUAL COOK-OUT----Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Ralph & Elle Parkers’, 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. We are studying the book of Revelation. Please bring a side dish or dessert for the meal and RSVP to Elle---440-315-3195

CHANTING CLASS---Saturday, September 2, 4 p.m.

VESPERS—Saturday, September 2, 5 p.m.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS----

Thursday, September 7---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 8---Festal Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. Potluck lunch afterwards---it is a regular Friday fast day.

THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10---- As always, hosted by the Brotherhood and free of charge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES FOR FALL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9 A.M.---Classes for pre-school through teens-----**PLUS---**on alternating Sundays, the teen class will also be open for adults, both parents of teens and any other adults that wish to attend. On those Sundays, Peggy Latina will lead a Bible Study on the book of Genesis. On the other Sundays, the “just teens” class will be led by George Nassif and Scott Palmer.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS---Some of our parishioners will be delivering personal necessity bags, sandwiches, clothing, water, etc. to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland Sunday, September 17. If you can help by donating items for future deliveries, please let Josie Katzbach know, 440-668-9831, or contact Fr. Andrew. **ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW—SOCKS (see big box on table in hall) AND WATER.** *And please remember the need for cash funding—please put your donations in alms box in church narthex.* And a new need---we are “adopting” some folks in need of tents. Can you donate a tent? Any size is fine. Either new or used but in good shape and ready to use...Just let Josie know.

ST. HERMAN’S MEAL SERVING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 is our next monthly meal serving at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can do the cooking or help with the serving of the meal, contact Deacon Basil to volunteer. 440-665-3591 The meal is at 5:30.

A GIANT DELIVERY OF FOOD & CLOTHING TO THE HOMELESS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11---Please mark your calendar to help with sandwich production at the church that morning. Donations needed:----sweaters, jackets, socks, underwear, blankets. See Father Andrew about donations.....

NEED FOR COFFEETIME HOSTS---- COFFEETIME IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PARISH LIFE-----it is where we greet our visitors, make new friends, and see old friends. It is crucial to our parish family life. **THE COFFEETIME SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2017 IS NOW ON BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL (in the rear).** Please take a look at it and sign up to host for a Sunday---it’s fine for 2 families to host together. Coffee and paper products are provided. *And if you are not signed up for Coffeetime but decide to bring food, please let coordinator Jean Fadil, 440-234-3064, know ahead of time so as to avoid confusion—thanks!*

Acts 20: 35---“remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

A “FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS BOOK” FOR ST. MATTHEW’S IS NOW AVAILABLE IN OFFICE FOR YOU TO SEE---*in the interests of parish financial transparency you are welcome to look at it to view current financial reports. Just check with any Parish Council member or Father Andrew.*

As of 8/27/2017

Total Pledged \$ 101,002.54

Total Received \$ 94,854.61

Difference \$ 6,147.93

Percent Received 94%