

Remember in Your Prayers

- The Wards, who are looking for housing near the parish.
- For the repose of Fred, Rebecca, and Vladimir, non-Orthodox relatives of parishioners.
- Daniel Schilke, son of Don Schilke, whose cancer has returned.
- Katya Lukianov, recovering from major back surgery.

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

This week, Christina (Hoffberg) celebrated her birthday, and Jayson & Emily Trierweiler celebrated their anniversary – *May God grant them all many years!*

Parish Building Fund

Please remember our building fund drive, and give what you can. We are saving for our new property and building - let's take advantage of this **matching grant** opportunity! We only have **4 months remaining** to meet our goal of \$75K!

Tithing

We had a wonderful month of July in catching up with monthly tithes: as we keep up, let us remember that all that we give is the Lord's gift to us.

St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule

Aug 27 – Brandon Davie's Team
Sep 03 – Elizabeth Cuneo's Team

Altar Server Schedule

This week – Vespers: Thomas, Miles; Divine Liturgy: Daniel, Max, Luke
Next week – Vespers: Evan, James; Divine Liturgy: Stavros, Logan, Toby

+Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church+

Wednesday 6:15 pm – Akathist/Paraklesis

Saturday – 5pm – Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:10 am – Hours; 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Saint Katherine of Alexandria Orthodox Church

Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, August 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Venerable Pimen the Great

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 19:16-26

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3

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 hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Troparion to the Venerable St. Pimen (Poemen) - Tone 8

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile,

and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.

By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe.

Our Father Pimen, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 3

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 to Saint Katherine - Tone 2

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs, form a great choir in praise of the most wise Katherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators!

Welcome to all our guests!

We are glad you are able to be with us today. Guests are invited to join us for coffee and a lunch meal after the Divine Liturgy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how 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 of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet 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 which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

Gospel – Matthew 19:16-26

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Patristic Commentary (on the Gospel)

“To the youth’s stirring and awesome question the Savior, as though angrily, answers, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good except the One God.’ If I am just a teacher, then I am not sufficiently good, divinely good and powerful, to be able to solve the question of eternal life. Only someone who has eternal life and can give eternal life can solve that question. If I am just a teacher – and that means just a man, and not God and Lord – then I am not in a position to solve your question...No one is sufficiently good to be able to give the greatest good: eternal life. Only the Perfect Good – and this is God, the God-man – knows and has the Perfect Life, Eternal Life, and can give it – and solve in every way the problem of eternal life on earth.” (St. Justine Popovic, *Commentary on St. Matthew*)

Saint Pimen

The Venerable St. Pimen the Much-ailing (+1100), the Russian spiritual struggler, achieved the Heavenly Kingdom by way of great illness from his very birth. Upon bringing their son to the renowned Kiev Caves monastery, his parents began to pray for his recovery. Recognizing the great value of suffering, the sufferer asked that he be tonsured a monk. St. Pimen spent many years in great sickness, so that his care-givers found him to be an oppressive burden, and often left him without bread or water. However, he joyously endured everything. St. Pimen took pity on the brethren and healed a certain brother who like him suffered from paralysis, after first receiving his word that he would devote the rest of his life to serving the sick. Once the brother became lazy in that service, his former illness returned. St. Pimen again healed him, and instructed him that the sick and the one who serves the sick receive the same reward.

+PARISH LIFE+

Upcoming Feasts & Services

August 29th: Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Strict Fast)

September 1: Church New Year, & Day of Prayer for Creation

September 7: Festal Vigil for Nativity of the Theotokos - 6:30pm

September 8: Festal Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos - 9:30am

Bible Study Home Groups, to begin September - Sign up!

This September, Bible study home groups will be starting. Please sign up if you are interested in participating in this time of spiritual study & fellowship! The sign-up sheet is available on the table by the door.