

### Collections

Third Thursday.....\$1,082  
Last Week's Collection .....\$1,583  
2017 Budget .....\$96,142  
Progress Towards Budget....\$52,924

### Word for 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 brothers were such strict ascetics that when their mother came to the monastery 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...

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...

He possessed such great humility that he often sighed and said, "I shall be cast down to that place where Satan was cast down!"

Once, a monk from another country came to the saint to receive his guidance. He began to speak about sublime matters difficult to grasp. The saint turned away from him and was silent. They explained to the bewildered monk that the saint did not like to speak of lofty matters. Then the monk began to ask him about the struggle with passions of soul. The saint turned to him with a joyful face, "Now you have spoken well, and I will answer." For a long while he provided instruction on how one ought to struggle with the passions and conquer them.

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.

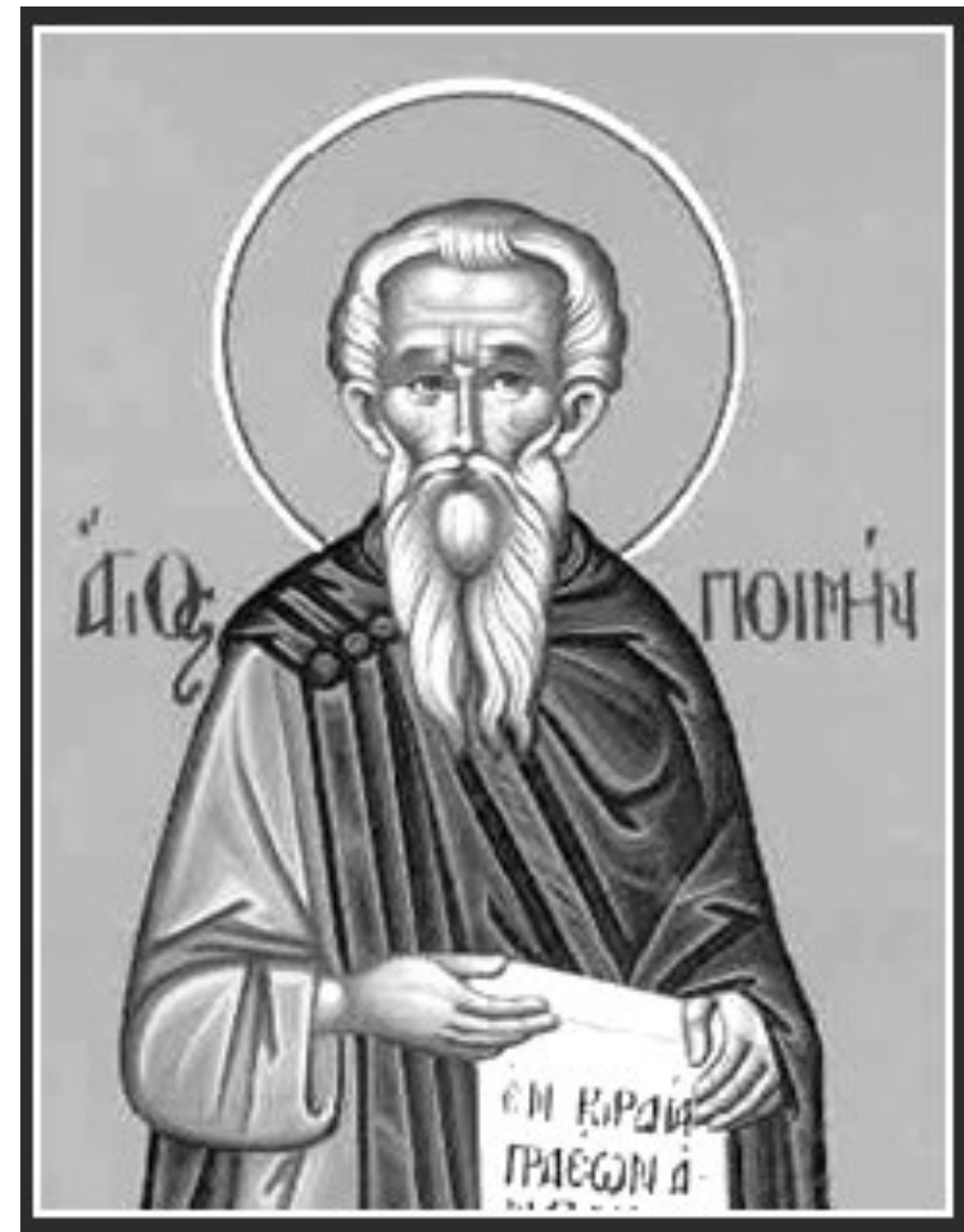
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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

**August 27, 2017**

**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.** 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 Cordova (359). St. Liberius, Pope of Rome (366). Ven. Pœmen of Palestine (ca. 602). Martyr Anthusa. Ven. Sabbas of Benephali. St. Cæsarius, Bishop of Arles (543).



## Divine Services

Sunday, Sept 2.....Reader's Vespers ..... 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 3.....Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 a.m.  
(Hours Begin at 9:40 a.m.)

### Today's Readings

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 19:16-26

### Next Week's Readings

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

### For Next Week, Sept. 03

Hours and Thanksgiving Prayers .....Tanya Bogaevskaya

Epistle:.....Irene Vassos

Coffee Hour: .....Diana Fiscu

## Memory Eternal to Fr. William George

*Fr. William George of Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Rockaway NJ was killed in a car accident on Route 80 in NJ in May. He was invaluable to Paula Colbert when her brother John was so ill, had just been ordained in 2014, and was only 29 years old.*

**For the health and well-being** of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Nancy, Maria, Al, Michael, Ludmila, Nick (awaiting heart surgery), Koren, and Gregory.

## August Birthdays

Greg Beskalo (8/01), Steven Nikitas (8/01), Barbara Parhizgar (8/03), Ruthann Eagen (8/03), Corinne Keegan (8/06), Julianna Salinovici (8/22), Banchi Tafet (8/27), Theodore Metros (8/27), Nick Bobrovsky (8/28)

**Many Years today to: Banchi, Nick and Teddy!**

## Announcements

**ByLaws Update - Save the Date: Sunday, October 15**

Over the past year we have worked to update our bylaws, a requirement by the OCA and the Diocese. Nick, Irene, Pat and Fr. Joseph served on the local committee to up-

date the bylaws, which were then submitted to a committee appointed at the Diocese level to review and give suggestions. Our bylaws needed also to be in compliance with the OCA statutes. We are happy to announce that the updated bylaws were approved by the Diocese and now await a formal vote by our parish. On October 15 during coffee hour we will vote to officially approve them. The Parish Council will very soon make the new bylaws available to members of the parish. Please come on Oct. 15 to ratify them.

**September Charities will go to the the local Habitat for Humanity.** This wonderful local and national organization uses volunteers to build low income housing for folks who wouldn't be able to afford financing a home.

**Thanksgiving Prayers:** After the Divine Liturgy ends, one of our Readers begins to chant the Thanksgiving Prayers as people are venerating the cross. As part of the service ideally we should all participate by staying and listening. If you make your way out of the church, instead, it is very important that you hold your conversations to a quiet minimum. We love to greet each other, but lately the chatter has drowned out the prayers. Please respect this part of the service and if you don't stay for the prayers, wait until you have exited the church before beginning lively conversations. Thank you.

## Upcoming Events

**September 9 - Singing and Reader's Workshop:** St Vladimir's Seminary, in conjunction with the OCA Diocese of NYNJ, is holding a Choir/Readers workshop on Saturday, September 9. There is a fee of \$20 per person. If you are interested in attending please see Tanya so she can make reservations. This is a good opportunity to learn more about singing and reading, even if you don't think you can carry a tune!

**September 10: Baptism of Grace Makdisi** - at 12:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

**September 21: Third Thursday** in Pittsfield from 5:00 to 8:00. We can use help plus donations of food or funds to purchase foods. See Rick Goudey for how you can help out.

**Lenox Apple Squeeze: September 23-24:** The 38th annual Lenox Massachusetts Apple Squeeze is a long-standing tradition in Berkshire County, ushering in the Fall season. The parish will once again participate this year with a double tent area. We hope to add more baked goods. Please think about baking and helping. See Rick.

**Fall Sunday School:** We will start the year with a get together and movie night on Friday October 13. First day of Sunday School will be October 15. We will also begin our Fall Daily Vespers services in mid October with Study Group.