

VENERABLE PIMEN THE GREAT

A certain monk asked, “If I see my brother sinning, should I conceal his fault?” Saint Pimen answered, “If we reproach the sins of brothers, then God will reproach our sins. If you see a brother sinning, do not believe your eyes. Know that your own sin is like a beam of wood, but the sin of your brother is like a splinter (Matthew 7:3-5), and then you will not enter into distress or temptation.”

Another monk said to the saint, “I have sinned grievously and I want to spend three years at repentance. Is that enough time?” The Elder replied, “That is a long time.” The monk continued to ask how long the saint wished him to repent. Perhaps only a year? St. Pimen said, “That is a long time.” The other brethren asked, “Should he repent for forty days?” The Elder answered, “I think that if a man repents from the depths of his heart and has a firm intention not to return to the sin, then God will accept three days of repentance.”

When asked how to get rid of persistent evil thoughts, the saint replied, “This is like a man who has fire on his left side, and a vessel full of water on his right side. If he starts burning from the fire, he takes water from the vessel and extinguishes the fire. The fire represents the evil thoughts placed in the heart of man by the Enemy of our salvation, which can rekindle sinful desires within man like a spark in a hut. The water is the force of prayer which impels a man toward God.”

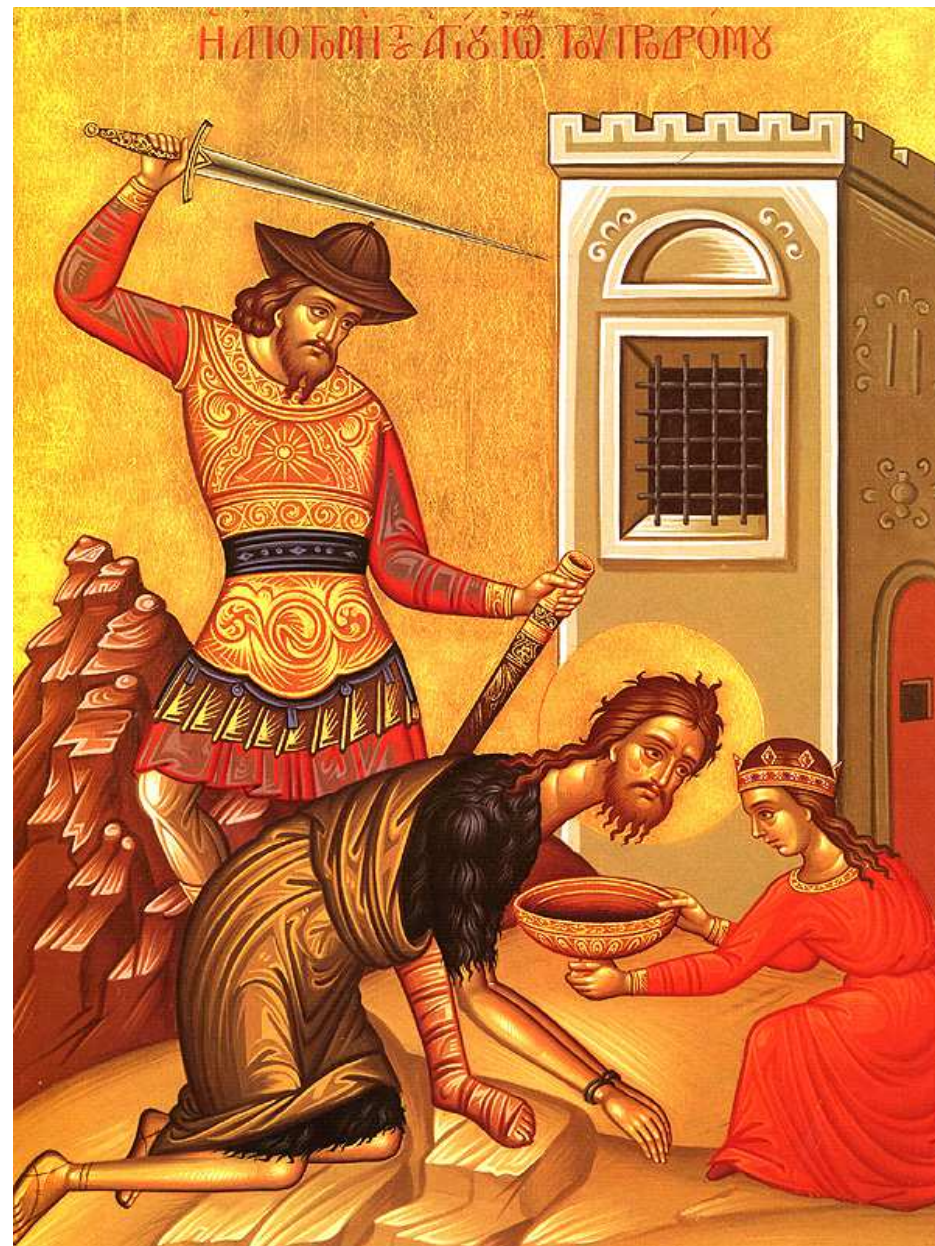
To the question of whether it is better to speak or be silent, the Elder said, “Whoever speaks on account of God, does well, and whoever is silent on account of God, that one also does well.”

He also said, “If man seems to be silent, but his heart condemns others, then he is always speaking. There may be a man who talks all day long, but he is actually silent, because he says nothing unprofitable.”

The saint said, “It is useful to observe three things: to fear God, to pray often, and to do good for one’s neighbor.”

“Wickedness never eradicates wickedness. If someone does evil to you, do good to them, and your goodness will conquer their wickedness.”

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*THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Tuesday, August 29*

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TONE 3

AUGUST 27, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ven. Pimen the Great;

*St. Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; Ven. Pimen of Palestine;
St. Caesarius, Bishop of Arles; Hieromartyr Kuksha and Ven. Pimen, of the Kiev Caves;
Newly revealed Greatmartyr Phanourios of Rhodes*

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 VIII

THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

Tuesday, August 29

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

Kontakion, Tone V

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 19:16-26

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 28	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Tuesday, August 29	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Saturday, September 2	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, August 28 (St. Job)	II Corinthians 8:7-15 Galatians 5:22-6:2	Mark 3:6-12 Luke 6:17-23
Tuesday, August 29	Acts 13:25-33	Mark 6:14-30
Wednesday, August 30	II Corinthians 8:16-9:5 II Corinthians 9:12-10:7	Mark 3:13-19 Mark 3:19-27
Thursday, August 31	II Corinthians 10:7-18 II Corinthians 11:5-21	Mark 3:28-35 Mark 4:1-9
Friday, September 1 (St. Simeon)	I Timothy 2:1-7 Colossians 3:12-16	Luke 4:16-22 Matthew 11:27-30
Saturday, September 2	I Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 22:15-22

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

27, TODAY	Parish Council meeting
28, Monday	Cooking for St. Herman's House
30, Wednesday	Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
31, Thursday	6:30 p.m. Children's Choir at St. Innocent Church

SEPTEMBER:

8, Friday	6:00 p.m. Visit of His Grace Archbishop Daniel
24, Sunday	First Day of Church School

ARCHBISHOP DANIEL:

We will host Archbishop Daniel at a Vespers service on Friday, Sept. 8, 6:00 p.m., The Nativity of the Theotokos. Both Protodeacon Anthony and Reader Michael Pilat will be honored by the Archbishop. Plan to attend and stay for a brief reception afterward in our Fellowship Hall.

2023-2024 FELLOWSHIP GROUPS:

If you have not already done so, please consider signing up in the parish hall by September 10 for a Fellowship Group. Groups of 4-ish single/couple/family units will be created from the sign-up list. By joining, you're committing to meeting with your group once a quarter for a year. Let's keep deepening our ties as a community and getting to know each other better! See Matushka Jen with any questions.

PAN-ORTHODOX CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

A Children's Choir is being formed to foster a love for Orthodox Liturgical singing; it is open to children of all ages and experience levels. No audition, fee, or ability to read music is required. The first rehearsal will be at St. Innocent Church on Thursday, August 31, 6:30 p.m. Parents must remain on the premises during rehearsals. A pencil and a bottle of water are all that is needed; no other food or drink, please. To register a child, email tulevski@gmail.com

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

Our covers today are offered by Diane Hastings in blessed memory of James and Claudia Whitney, and Mimi Whitney.

RIDES TO CHURCH:

We are initiating a ministry of providing rides to church for those who wish to come for services and other events but often find it difficult to travel on their own. If you have a need for rides or if you can provide transportation, contact Stephanie McNeely at: srmcneely@gmail.com or 216-225-3018.

CARE PACKAGES:

We are also initiating a ministry of supplying care packages to college students several times throughout the school year. Any parishioners who would like to donate to this project, please contact Valerie: valspoerl@gmail.com or 216-513-4199

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Please contact Valerie Spoerl (contact info above) with names and addresses of your college students.

125th ANNIVERSARY:

Holy Assumption Church in Marblehead will celebrate their 125th Anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 23, with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Daniel.

SAVE THE DATE:

The IOCC will hold their Winetasting on Monday, October 16, 2023.

COFFEE HOUR:

The refreshments today are offered in celebration of Betty Scherry's 99th birthday by her daughter Jane Archacki.

*What is nobler than to rule the minds or to mould the character of the young? I consider that he who knows how to form the youthful mind is truly greater than all the painters, sculptors, and all others of that sort.
Saint John Chrysostom*

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 8/20/23	\$ 3980.00
CANDLES	134.00
BOOKSHELF DONATION	500.00
KITCHEN FUND	50.00
COFFEE HOUR, 8/13	147.00

PRAYER AS A FAMILY

Life is busy. I heard a recent news report that decades ago while the governments of many other Western countries chose to limit the standard number of hours people work, Americans chose to work more. In fact, it was mentioned that today Americans consistently choose not to take vacation that is available to them. While there are certainly countries in which people on average work many more hours per week,¹ we are a busy people. And with the growing layers of connectivity, the previously more-defined hours of work time and personal time are much more blurred. And work is just one aspect of our busy lives. Often our connectivity through the internet and phones can make us less connected to the real people we are physically with.

As Christian families, we strive for finding balance and being intentional about prayer and church attendance.

Prayer is a part of the daily rhythm of an Orthodox family. Where to begin? Start by saying the Lord's Prayer together as a family at some point every day. Talk to your kids about what we mean when we say each line of the prayer and when we use complicated words like "hallowed," "transgressions," and "temptation." Talk about how this model prayer from the Lord is a guide to how to pray and live our whole life and not just something we say by rote. From here, there are many ways to expand, depending on your home rhythms: praying before each meal together,² saying the Trisagion prayers in the morning before we shove off to work or school, and in the evening before bed. Starting simply and being consistent is key.

Along with the home rhythms of the "Little Church", Christians don't sacrifice church attendance. It's non-negotiable when planning and scheduling. Why? Because we realize that our family is vital to the life of the Church, and the Church is vital to our family. The Church is the place our children learn how to be followers of Christ. No doubt this is not easy: waking our kids up, getting them ready, getting them all in the car, trying not to be more frustrated and less at peace having gone to church than if we chose to stay home.

And when we get to church with young children we're nervous if our child is going to act up or make a bunch of noise. But, your brothers and sisters want you and your family in worship: your family is vital to the continued life of our Church. So bring your children even from the earliest months so they can know that the Church is a place of warmth and their true home. Yes, of course, sometimes the kids get loud and act up. We all realize that and expect that, and when it happens, we're all reminded how blessed we are to have a new generation of Christians among us. So as parents when that happens, we can come prepared with tools and ideas to help redirect children; and sometimes we take them out of the service for a bit to reset and refocus before entering the church again. The stresses exist, but the value of worshipping our Lord as a community and being in each other's presence grows each of us into the full and unique person God has planned for us to be and gives us true belonging and alleviates our loneliness.

As we approach this great call to become families of faith, I was encouraged by this quote from "Blueprints for the Little Church": "Know also that your family will have its own seasons. There will be seasons of wonderful growth and seasons of rest. There will be seasons when you backslide and regress, and seasons when you wish you could do more but simply cannot. Be patient and pray. Remind yourself that if we were to do everything well, nothing would be a struggle, and we'd be overcome with pride at our accomplishments. There will be hurdles and there will be hardship, and we will grow in humility as we accept and work through them. Always remember that we fall down and we get back up, and we fall down and we get back up. This is the true rhythm of the Orthodox life."

Fr. Chris

¹ When we lived in Ulsan, South Korea, the average number of work hours per week was well over 50.

² It is vital for family health and unity to share a meal together each day. Children learn who they are not by defining themselves but by being with others and understanding their person, role, and character. Shared meals are a point of unity, of grounding, and a great time to check in with each other.

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Church New Year	2 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
3 13th Sunday after Pentecost Hieromartyr Anthimus	4	5	6	7 6:00 p.m. Vigil	8 Nativity of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Vespers and Reception with Archbishop Daniel	9 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
10 14th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross	11	12	13 6:00 p.m. Vigil	14 Exaltation of the Life- Giving Cross 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	15	16 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
17 15th Sunday after Pentecost Martyr Sophia and daughters Faith, Hope and Love	18	19	20	21	22	23 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
24 16th Sunday after Pentecost Protomartyr Thecla First Day of Church School	25	26	27	28	29	30 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers