



**Sunday 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).

**This Week's Schedule**

**Saturday 9/02** *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

**Sunday 9/03** *Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*  
*followed by Coffee Hour*

**Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Aug 27	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
Sep 03	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Sep 8	NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Sep 10	SOUDER	LEWISCAREY	
Sep 14	ELEVATION OF THE CROSS		

## **Hymns and Prayers**

### **Tone 3 Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

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.

### **Tone 8 Troparion**      *(Ven Pimen)*

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 illuminated the whole universe!  
Our Father Pimen, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

### **Tone 3 Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose 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 Your power.

### **Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Ven Pimen)*

The memorial of your illustrious struggles  
delights the souls of the devout today,//  
Pimen, our venerable father, wise in God.

### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing  
praises! (*Ps 46/47:6*)

*v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps  
46/47:1)*

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

*Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.*

*For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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 by Cephas, then by the twelve.*

*After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.*

*After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.*

*Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.*

*For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy 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 toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

*Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.*

### **Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)*

*v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps 30/31:2)*

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

*Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”*

*So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”*

*He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’*

*‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “*

*The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”*

*Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."*

*But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

*Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*

*When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"*

*But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **This Week's Announcement**

***Church School Survey*** We are asking all parents to participate in our Church School Survey. All parents should have received an email with a link to the survey. Any parent who did not receive the link please see Catalina Finck. The survey will help us in our efforts to effectively educate our youth in the Orthodox faith. *Please remember that the Church serves as a support on the road to eternal life and teaches that it is the primary responsibility of the parents for the spiritual formation of their children.* If anyone is interested in serving as teacher please see Fr. Barnabas or Catalina Finck.

***Nativity of the Theotokos*** We will celebrate the first major feast of the new church year with the Nativity of the Theotokos September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The feast honors the birth of the Mother of God and the salvation that comes through her Son. We will celebrate with both Vespers on the eve of the feast Thurs. Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Fri. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

***Diocesan Women's Retreat*** A Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese of Philadelphia and

Eastern PA, will be held on Saturday, September 9, in the St. Tikhon's Monastery Dining Hall.

The topic for this year's retreat is: "Sisters on a Journey: Saints' Lives and Our Lives," presented by Mat. Valerie Zahirsky, chairman Orthodox Department of Christian Education, OCEC Representative, author of: "Encountering Women of Faith." The cost for the retreat is \$10 which includes lunch. It is open to all women 13 years and older.

***FP School Supplies Collection*** Family Promise is collecting money for homeless children's "back to school" supplies. Will you please donate cash or check (to St. Michaels for family promise) in the basket after liturgy or during coffee hour? We'll use this to buy Walmart / Target gift cards to give to Family Promise children. Thank you for your kindness. see Ellen Gundersen with questions.

***Upcoming Parish Picnic*** Please mark your calendars, we are planning on having our parish picnic on Sunday September 17th. We hope that having the picnic after Labor Day the weather (God willing) will be a bit cooler and that more will be able to attend. Hope to see you there!

***Study Group Begins Sept. 14th*** Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. The study group is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

### ***Simeon the Stylite***

*Some years ago, the Chilean writer Isabel Allende included, in one of her books, a reference to the pillar-dwelling saints known as stylites. She described them as squandering their lives, never speaking, and sitting always in the same position, unbathed and covered with sores. She added that credulous believers admired this "spectacle" which "supposedly" pleased God.*

*It's hard to know why a person would criticize something she clearly doesn't understand. But she is not alone. There are many who would dismiss the stylites as strange, and wonder why the Church honors them. It is for us to learn more about what they did and what they can teach us. A good person to start with is the first and best-known stylite, Simeon, who is remembered this week, the first day of the Church's new liturgical year. We know more about this Syrian monk from his disciples than from the man himself, for he left no writings. He never disclosed his reasons or intentions in climbing the pillar. But according*

*to the book "The Lives of the Stylites", translated and edited by Robert Doran, he did a great deal for others.*

*It's unlikely that Simeon set out to attract other people. He only wanted to live a life of prayerful worship in closeness to God. But because he lived that life so well and so authentically, others were drawn to him. It is similar to the way people were drawn to saints like Anthony and Synclitica, who left the crowded world in order to live in quiet prayer. They did not seek followers, but God sent them anyway.*

*People came to Simeon's pillar for counseling and spiritual guidance, which he willingly gave. But he also healed ailments, settled disputes and dispensed justice. The book tells us that "when a poor cucumber farmer, the widowed father of children, found his field sabotaged by village bullies he came to Simeon, seeking not only help for his livelihood but justice for what he had suffered." Simeon freed slaves, tore up bonds of indebtedness, and helped orphans and widows. The word of his abilities and integrity spread far: "...they say that he became so well-known in the great city of Rome that small portraits of him were set up on columns at the entrance of every shop..."*

*Yet Simeon always retained the essential Christian quality of humility. For example, when he heard of the holy work of Saint Genevieve in Paris he entreated her to pray for him, acknowledging her spiritual eminence. And when his monastic superiors commanded him to leave the pillar, he did so at once, never questioning their judgment or arguing for the importance of continuing his ministry.*

*As this new year of the Church begins, Simeon and his pillar stand as a reminder that there are many kinds of saints who did many kinds of service to God. Some in the world may not "get" them, but He embraces them all.*

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## *Wisdom from the Holy Fathers*

*We who are disciples of Christ  
claim that our purpose on earth is  
to lay up Treasures in Heaven.  
But our actions often belie our words.  
Many Christians build for themselves fine houses,  
lay out splendid gardens,  
construct bathhouses and buy fields.  
It is small wonder, then, that many heathens  
refuse to believe what we say.  
'If their eyes are set on mansions in Heaven', they ask,  
'why are they building mansions on earth?  
If they put their words into practice,  
they would give away riches and live in simple homes'.  
So these heathens conclude  
that we do not sincerely believe in the religion we profess;  
and as a result they refuse to take this religion seriously.  
You may say that the words of Christ  
on these matters are too hard for you to follow; and  
that while your spirit is willing, your flesh is weak.  
My answer is that the judgement of the heathens about you  
is more accurate than your judgement of yourself.  
When heathens accuse us of hypocrisy,  
many of us should plead guilty.*

*St John Chrysostom*

*Draw nigh to the righteous, and through them you will draw nigh to  
God. Communicate with those who possess humility, and you will learn  
morals from them. A man who follows one who loves God becomes rich  
in the mysteries of God; but he who follows an unrighteous and proud  
man gets far away from God, and will be hated by his friends.*

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Anwor Kawaja, William Hulik, Nabil, George Coyle, Grace

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Beverly (Elizabeth) Hulik

**Prayers for Women and the Child to be born:** Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski, Laura Cristina Najemy

**Prayers for Catechumens:** Stephanie Smiertka Riley

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Clean</u></b>	<b><u>Library</u></b>
<b>27-Aug</b>	Souder /Riley	Riley	Bunitsky	Gundersen
<b>03-Sept</b>	Pot Luck	Sulpizi/Finck	Farrell	Farrell
<b>10-Sept</b>	Peck / Wales	Hojnicki/Souder	Gerassimakis	Skomorucha
<b>17-Sep</b>	<b>Parish Picnic</b>	Sheeler/Baldychev	Clause/Whalen	Maloney
<b>24-Sep</b>	Hamwi /Morjana	Bunitsky/Lewis	Finck	Lewis

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Aug-27	Nicholas
Sep-03	Rafael
Sep-08	Roel (Nativity/Theotokos)
Sep-10	Roel
Sep-14	Andrew (Exalt/Cross)
Sep-17	Andrew
Sep-24	Luke