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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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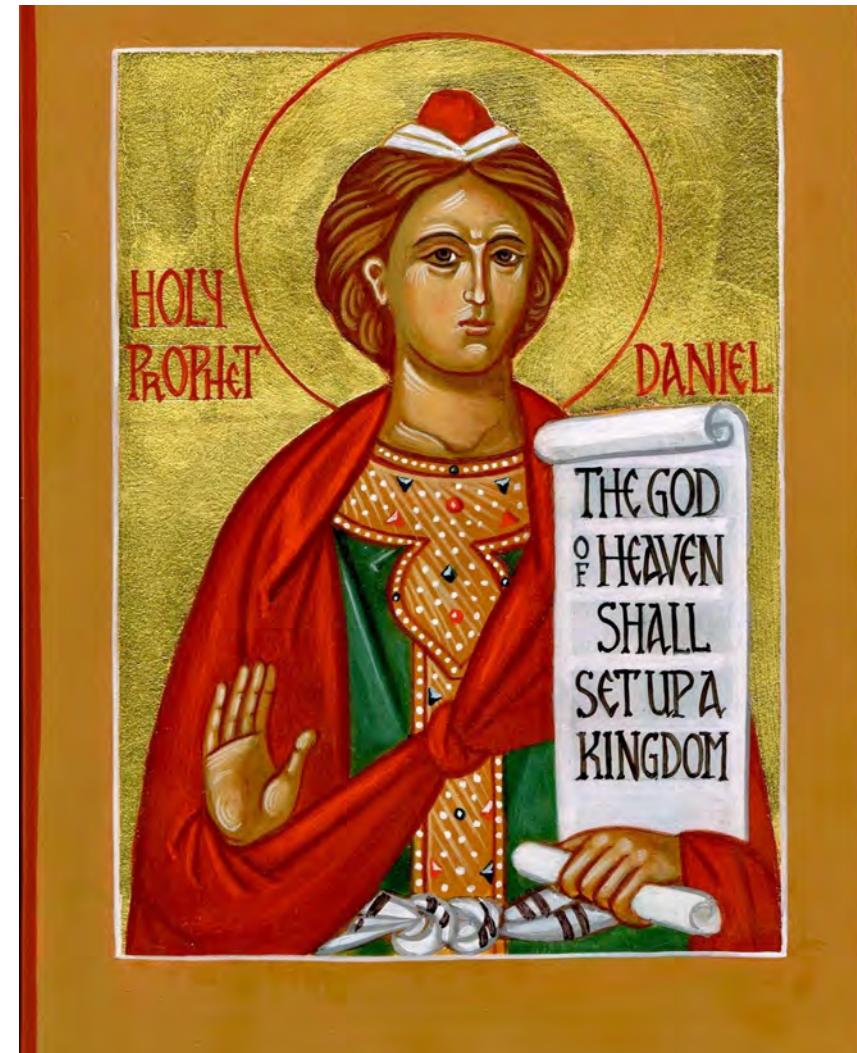
by Wednesday of each week

before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother,
Martyr Evanthia



The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael
(December 17)

The Holy Prophet Daniel is the fourth of the major prophets.

In the years following 600 B.C. Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonians, the Temple built by Solomon was destroyed, and many of the Israelite people were led away into the Babylonian Captivity. Among the captives were also the illustrious youths Daniel, Ananias, Azarias and Misael.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon ordered that they be instructed in the Chaldean language and wisdom, and dressed them in finery. Handsome children of princely lineage were often chosen to serve as pages in the palace. For three years, they would be fed from food from the king's table. After this they would be allowed to stand before his throne. Daniel was renamed Baltasar, Ananias was called Shadrach, Misael was called Mishach, and Azarias was known as Abednego. But they, cleaving to their faith, despised the extravagance of court, refusing to defile themselves by eating from the king's table and drinking his wine. Instead, they lived on vegetables and water.

The Lord granted them wisdom, and to Saint Daniel the gift of insight and the interpretation of dreams. The holy Prophet Daniel preserved his faith in the one God and trusted in His almighty help. He surpassed all the Chaldean astrologers and sorcerers in his wisdom, and was made a confidant to King Nebuchadnezzar.

Once, Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream which terrified him (Daniel 2:1-6). He summoned magicians, sorcerers, and Chaldeans before him to interpret the dream. When they asked him what he had dreamt, the king refused to tell them. He said, "If you do not

make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins." The Babylonian wise men protested that no magician or sorcerer could be expected to do this. Only the gods could reveal the dream and its meaning, they told him.

The king ordered all the wise men of Babylon to be executed. When they sought Daniel and his companions to put them to death, Daniel asked that the king's sentence not be carried out. He said that he could tell the king what he dreamt, for it had been revealed to him in a vision. Daniel was brought before the king and was able to reveal not only the content of the dream, but also its prophetic significance. After this, the king elevated Daniel to be ruler of the whole province of Babylon, and the chief of all the wise men.

During these times King Nebuchadnezzar ordered a huge statue to be made in his likeness. It was decreed that when people heard the sound of trumpets and other instruments, they should fall down and worship the golden idol. Because they refused to do this, the three holy youths Ananias, Azarias and Misael were cast into a fiery furnace. The flames shot out over the furnace forty-nine cubits, felling the Chaldeans standing about, but the holy youths walked in the midst of the flames, offering prayer and psalmody to the Lord (Daniel 3:26-90).

The Angel of the Lord appeared in the furnace and cooled the flames, and the young men remained unharmed. This "Angel of Great Counsel," as he is called in iconography, is identified with the Son of God (Daniel 3:25, Isaiah 9:6). In the first Canon for the Nativity of the Lord (Ode 5), the Church sings: "Thou hast sent us Thine Angel of Great Counsel." The

emperor, upon seeing this, commanded them to come out, and was converted to the true God.

Under King Baltasar, Saint Daniel interpreted a mysterious inscription ("Mane, Thekel, Phares"), which had appeared on the wall of the palace during a banquet (Daniel 5:1-31), foretelling the downfall of the Babylonian kingdom. Under the Persian emperor Darius, Saint Daniel was slandered by his enemies, and was thrown into a den with hungry lions, but they did not touch him, and he was not harmed. The emperor Darius then rejoiced over Daniel and ordered people throughout his realm to worship the God of Daniel, "since He is the living and eternal God, and His Kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion is forever" (Daniel 6:26).

The holy Prophet Daniel grieved deeply for his people, who then were undergoing righteous chastisement for a multitude of sins and offenses, for transgressing the laws of God, resulting in the grievous Babylonian Captivity and the destruction of Jerusalem: "My God, incline Thine ear and hearken; open Thine eyes and look upon our desolation and that of Thy city, in which Thy Name is spoken; for we do not make our supplication before Thee because of our own righteousness, but be-

cause of Thy great mercy" (Dan 9:18). Because of Daniel's righteous life and his prayers for the people's iniquity, the destiny of the nation of Israel and the fate of all the world was revealed to the holy prophet.

While interpreting the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, the holy, glorious Prophet Daniel spoke of a great and final kingdom, the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ (Dan 2:44). The prophetic vision about the seventy weeks (Dan 9:24-27) speaks about the signs of the First and the Second Comings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and is connected with those events (Daniel 12:1-12).

Saint Daniel interceded for his people before King Cyrus, who esteemed him highly, and who decreed freedom for the Israelite people. Daniel himself and his fellows Ananias, Azarias and Misael, all survived into old age, but died in captivity. According to the testimony of Saint Cyril of Alexandria (June 9), Saints Ananias, Azarias and Misael were beheaded on orders of the Persian emperor Cambyses.

Saint Daniel and the three holy youths are also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, and on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers (Sunday before the Nativity).

We are now serving lunch at St. Herman's on the SECOND Saturday of each month.

We are then making sandwiches for them the very NEXT DAY (Sunday) in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

Everyone is welcome to help, kids included.

Thank you to all who have been making these events successful - may God bless each of you.

See Dan Morris with any questions.

Donation Matching Campaign

We have been offered a *most generous*

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTION UP TO
\$25,000**

for any extraordinary donation in this Christmas Season.

Total contributions above our regular Sunday Contributions totaling up to \$25,000 *will be matched!*

This means that your special offering for St. Theodosius will be worth double your intended gift!

Please consider helping us take advantage of this generous gift offering when you consider your Nativity Gift to the Cathedral.

And to our Anonymous Benefactor:

THANK YOU

AND

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.

F.O.C.A. News



The Cathedral Chapter of the FOCA is back in the maple syrup (selling) business! We are again offering Trumbull Countys finest syrup produced by a commercial supplier and neighbor of St. Vladimir Camp. He has been kind enough to keep our cost the same as last year, so we are able to offer it at \$7.50/bottle. Proceeds from this project will be directed to our ongoing project to build a new pool at St. Vladimir Camp.

Update: After months of dealing with the Ohio State Health Department and two EPA departments, our effort for the new pool has met all requirements and we have begun the building process. Our construction company assures us that we can have everything in place next spring (2020), in plenty of time for camping season! Thank you so much for your continuing support of this very important project.

See Leon Sheean for more information

2020 Tremont History Project Calendar for Sale

- Featuring historic images of Tremont including cover of July photo of the famous painting by Ora Coleman, designer of the Jefferson Library. The painting shows Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral, and is displayed in the library.
- April features a view of the Cathedral from the Valley View Homes (known and the projects) and now home of Tremont Pointe.
- Cost \$10.00
- See Virginia Medvec or Dorothy Winovich to make your purchase.
- The Tremont History Project is a non-profit organization

Notice: The address for submissions to the Ambo has changed! Please send all future submissions to:

ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com



PRAYER REQUESTS



Departed:

David Delarosa (*Former Parishoner*)

Mary Markovich (*Ann Litnar's Sister*)

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz
Nina (*friend of Michael Tabeling*)
Child Mary Kate Zweidunger

Child Vivian Sherer

Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

Lyndsey (*friend of Melissa McCutcheon*)

Elizabeth (Betty) Balasz

Marie Borland

Sandra Brello

Elsie Conrad

Horia Dascalescu

Debra Ellis

Gregory Galan

Aleksei Green

Don Hinkl

Matthew Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

Lacey Kihn (*friend of Michael Udell*)

Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)

Janet Laganianak (*cousin to Pogorily*)

family)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Melissa McCutcheon

Michael McCutcheon

Marguerite Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)

Paul Mihal

Natalya Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

Andrew Mytrohovich

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

Jim Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

James Peter Petkac

Anastasia Pogorily

Carol Rasimus (*Debbie Ellis's cousin*)

Susan Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Joseph Rusynik

Andrew Smotzer

David Smotzer

Andrew Sykaluk

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

Janice Tkacz

Joanne Theodore (*Pete Theodore's mother*)

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Robert Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Colleen Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Rolf Weber (*Cathy Weber's grandfather*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Domenic & Megan Theodore and unborn child

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 15

Dec 15 Luke 24:1-12

Col 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

Dec 18 1 Tim 5:22-6:11

Mark 10:11-16

Dec 21 Gal 3:8-12

Luke 13:18-29

Gal 5:22-6:2

Luke 16:10-15

Dec 16 1 Tim 5:1-10

Mark 9:42-10:1

Dec 19 1 Tim 6:17-21

Mark 10:17-27

Dec 17 1 Tim 5:11-21

Mark 10:2-12

Dec 20 2 Tim 1:1-2, 8-18

Mark 10 23-32

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

12/15/19 Paul & Deborah Finley

12/22/19 Mat Cindy Zdinak & Tammy Ponomarenko

12/29/19 Michael Tabeling & Michael Udell

Greeters:

Eppele

Gajewsky/Felon



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2019 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey



Sunday, Dec 15

Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria,
and his mother, Martyr Evanthia

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, Dec 16

Prophet Haggai

Tuesday, Dec 17

Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy
Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael

Wednesday, Dec 18

Martyr Sebastian at Rome and His
Companions

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2019

REMINDER:

Please be sure that cell
phones are turned off
before entering the
temple.

THANK YOU.



Thursday, Dec 19

Ven. Ilya (Elias) of Murom, Wonderworker
of the Kiev Caves

Friday, Dec 20

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Repose
of St. John of Kronstadt

Saturday, Dec 21

Repose of St. Peter, Metropolitan of
Moscow, Wonderworker of All Russia

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Dec 22

Sunday of the Forefathers

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

3:00 PM Landmark Christmas Concert



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