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

DECEMBER 16, 2018

PROPHET HAGGAI
BL. EMPRESS THEOPHANO

HOLY PROPHET DANIEL

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, disdained 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 because 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 Chambyses.

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).

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16

Dec. 16 Col. 3:4-11
Luke 14:16-24

Dec. 17 Heb. 8:7-13
Mark 9:42-10:1

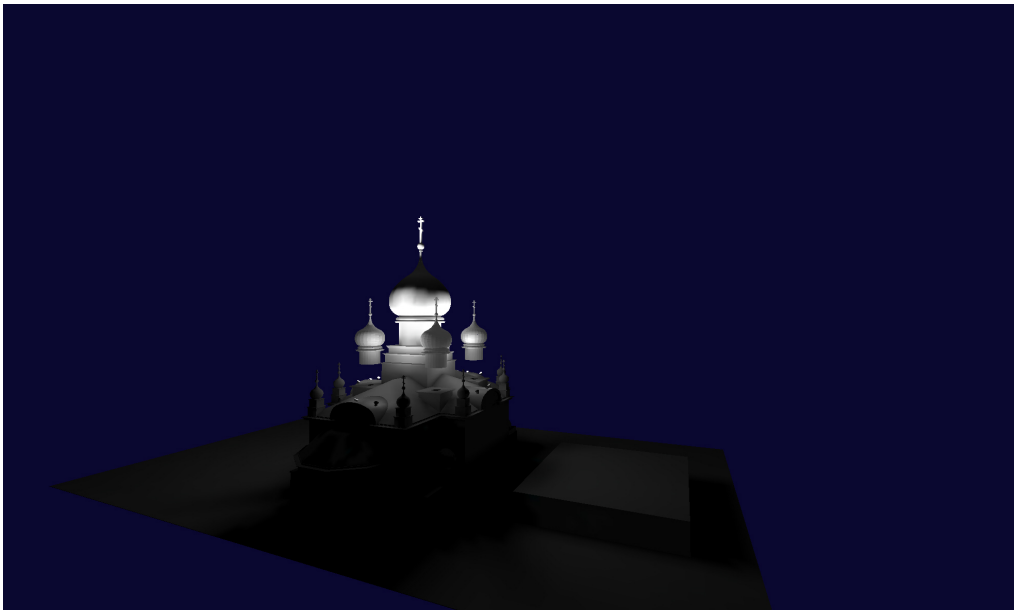
Dec. 18 Heb. 9:8-10,15-23
Mark 10:2-12

Dec. 19 Heb. 10:1-18
Mark 10:11-16

Dec. 20 Heb. 10:35-11:7
Mark 10:17-27

Dec. 21 Heb. 11:8,11-16
Mark 10:23-32

Dec. 22 Eph. 5:1-8
Luke 16:10-15



We are proposing to change the dome lighting on the Cathedral from standard fixtures to LED fixtures.

There are many advantages of LED fixtures over standard ones. LEDs are difficult to damage with external shock. LEDs have a significantly longer lifespan when compared to traditional lighting solutions. The average LED lasts 50,000 to 100,000 operating hours or more. Less frequent replacement means two big things: lower maintenance costs in terms of labor and lower costs for replacement parts. To change any existing lamp that has burnt out, we are required to rent a lift AND hire an operator adding additional cost to the life of the existing fixtures. LEDs generally consume very low amounts of power. Most LED lighting retrofit projects result in a 60-75% improvement in the overall energy efficiency of the facility's lighting.

We are working on getting pricing for installation. The cost for the 12 new fixtures is just under $18,000. This includes mounting the fixtures at the existing location (off of a single point mounting with a horizontal bracket on which will be mounted three fixtures per side of dome). PLEASE NOTE: lead-time for fixtures is 6 weeks from date order is placed. This cost, as stated above, does NOT include costs for installation.

We are looking for contributions to accomplish this LED project. One idea that has been suggested is to break the cost down into a per fixture cost to aid those considering making a donation. For example, each fixture will be approximately $1,500. Perhaps a family could go in together and further break it down into smaller portions. The possibilities are endless!

As always we consider donations as did the widow and her mite: Christ, in commenting on her unselfish contribution, was looking not at how much she gave, but on how much she had left over.

Both Michael Tabeling and Fr. John are available to answer any questions you may have.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Protodeacon Dennis Lucak
11-10-18

Helen Lucak
11-10-18

Love Ward (Susan Lentz's mother)
12-06-18

Ill Afflicted &
Special Intentions:

Fr. Basil Stoyka
Matushka Susanne Senyo
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Child Katie Repasky (*friend of Fr. John*)
Child Mary Kate Zweidunger
Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)
Julia
Christopher Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Paula Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Debbie Bazelides (*Judy Schwind's cousin*)
Carol Bohurjak
Marie Borland
Sandra Brello
Gregory Cervo
Elsie Conrad
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother)*
Debra Ellis
Gregory Galan
Joseph Gammalo
Aleksei Green
Don Hinkle
Matthew Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)
Tom Jacobson
Joy Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Stephen Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)
Lacey Kihn (*friend of Michael Udell*)
Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)
John Kovalski *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Kathy Kuzmins
Janet Laganiak (*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
Bert Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's brother-in-law*)
Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)
Daniel O'Donnell
Pat O'Donnell
Patricia Owens
Debra Parhamovich *(Karen Felon's sister*)
Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother)*
Tala Pavicic
James Peter Petkac
Anastasia Pogorily
James Marshall Prock
Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)
Julia Sankovic *(Child)*
Andrew Sykaluk
Elaine Sudnick *(Joy Pfeiffer's mother)*
Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)
Janice Tkacz
Gregory Verbick (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)
Robert Walsh (*friend of The Felons*)
Colleen Walsh (*friend of the The Felons*)
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Malcolm Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Theodore Zolikoff (*Nick Zolikoff's father*)

Jeremy (Nisi Pozderac's son) and Yvonne Pozderac & Unborn Child

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.
You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

	Coffee Hour:	Greeters:
12/16/18	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio	Sonia Vorell & Virginia Medvec
12/23/18	Shawna Whitlock & Gayle Vidovich	Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
12/30/18	Dan & Lavinia Morris	Igor Gajewsky & Michael Tabeling
1/6/19	TBA	Igor Gajewsky & MIchael Tabeling
1/13/19	TBA	Paul Pangrace & Michael Tabeling
1/20/19	TBA	Sonia Vorell & Virginia Medvec
1/27/19	TBA	Karen Felon & Michael Tabeling

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, $10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris

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 2018 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey

St. Vladimir Campground & Retreat Center
2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale, OH 44417

Maple Syrup Fund Raiser

Leon is selling maple syrup harvested by a commercial processor;
a close neighbor of St. Vladimir Camp.

$15/two 8oz. Bottles
Keep one & give one for the holidays

Thank you for your consideration

Dear Brothers and Sisters: We are looking for Greeters to add to our Ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we greet those who are brought to us by Christ Himself! We will provide the training which is as simple as a smile and a warm welcome! If you are interested or have questions please see Michael Tabeling or any of the greeters you meet at the front door of the Cathedral.

DECEMBER 23, 2018

CLEVELAND LANDMARK CHRISTMAS CONCERT

42nd Annual Concert at 3:00 PM

Please join us for a special Christmas holiday program in the historic St. Theodosius Cathedral in the Tremont community on Cleveland's west side. Each year our program reflects the large repertoire of liturgical music from the Orthodox Christian Church. We sing a cappella, in English, and in concert format. Come experience the beauty of this national landmark and example of Eastern Orthodox Christianity in practice. Following the Cathedral Choir's program all are invited to participate in a sing-a-long of popular carols!

Tours: 1 PM
Concert: 3 PM

This year the Cathedral Choir is joined by the *Greater Cleveland Russian Male Chorus.*

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

Reception after the concert.

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Anyone willing to help out with the reception following the Christmas Concert, please see Susan Lentz. Thank you.

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY!

Holiday Buffet Includes: mixed greens salad, warm rolls and butter, two entrée(s), two side dishes, water, coffee, tea, soft drinks, house linen service and centerpieces.

ENTREES

- Sausage and Peppers Marinara
- Beer Battered Cod
- Keilbasa and Sauerkraut
- Hand Breaded Fried Cod
- Chicken Caprese
- Breaded Chicken Breast Cutlet
- Chicken Parmesan
- Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef
- Pot Roast with Gravy
- Chicken Marsala
- Roast Pork and Pan Gravy
- Stuffed Cabbage Rolls
- Honey Baked Ham
- Chicken Paprikash
- Lemon Cod Amandine

SIDE DISHES

- Green Beans
- Honey Glazed Carrots
- Broccoli and Cauliflower Au Gratin
- Seasonal Vegetable Medley
- Herb Roasted Vegetables
- Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Wild and White Rice Pilaf
- Penne Marinara

DESSERTS

- Display of assorted Holiday Cookies

Copper Stone

216 -749-5509

$ 18.95 per person

Plus 20% Service Chg

8% Tax

Thank You! We thank all who supported our recent Soup Sale. Proceeds have been sent to the St. Nicholas Project of the FOCA which provides Christmas gifts for seminarian children from all three seminaries. And thanks to all the soup makers. We appreciate all your efforts. - Cathedral Chapter

Saintly in Secret

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ORTHODOX CHURCH in AMERICA

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at http://dce.oca.org.

The Church gives the title of Greatmartyr to Anastasia of Rome.

Her father, a prominent member of the Roman Senate from an old and established family, was a pagan. Her mother, Fausta, was a Christian whose faith was very important to her, but in order to preserve her marriage she practiced that faith quietly. She did make sure that Anastasia was baptized, and saw to it that the little girl learned about Jesus Christ and the Gospel teachings.

Fausta also gave her daughter the example of charity to people in need, and taught her to be steadfast in her beliefs even though there were many, like her pagan father, who would never share her faith.

Anastasia's father arranged a marriage for his daughter that she did not welcome, but as an obedient child of her times she married the rich landowner named Publius who had been chosen for her. There was really no love in the marriage, and Anastasia knew that her pagan husband was indifferent to any questions of belief, so that she probably could never bring him to the faith.

She also knew that he would never approve of her actions as a Christian. It was a time of persecution for believers; Christians were tortured and imprisoned for the flimsiest reasons. Anastasia would dress in rags, so as not to be identified and anger her husband, and would go to the jails to encourage those who were suffering for the faith, washing their wounds and praying with them. She also gave food, clothing, and large amounts of money to the poor. Though it was her own money, part of her large inheritance, Publius would have considered it wasteful and unnecessary.

Publius discovered her secret work, and punished her harshly for mixing with undesirables in the Roman prisons. He ordered her to be locked up and denied food. It was only when he was sent by the Roman Emperor on a mission and drowned at sea that her terrible ordeal ended.

Some time after her husband's death, Anastasia went to Macedonia and ministered to Christians there. She stayed for a while with a young widow named Theodota, who joined her in caring for prisoners. Theodota and her children were burned to death for fearlessly confessing their faith in Christ, and Anastasia herself was imprisoned once again.

During the dark days in prison, Anastasia had visions of her friend Theodota. The younger woman always encouraged and comforted her, but the visions were a secret between them. It was not until Anastasia was condemned to death that Theodota showed herself to other people in an amazing way.

Anastasia and other Christians were put on a small boat. The plan was that soldiers would capsize it and drown the believers. But Theodota suddenly was seen walking on the water, and pulled the leaky little craft safely to shore.

Troparion - Tone 4

Your lamb Anastasia, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice:
"I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering.
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You.
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
for I have offered myself in love."
Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

Anastasia was eventually martyred. The Church to this day honors her and Theodota openly, not in secret, as true saints.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2018

Sunday, Dec. 16
PROPHET HAGGAI
BL. EMPRESS THEOPHANO
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, Dec. 17
HOLY PROPHET DANIEL
3 HOLY YOUTHS: ANANIAS, AZARIAS & MISAEL

Tuesday, Dec. 18
MARTYR SEBASTIAN
AND HIS COMPANIONS AT ROME

Wednesday, Dec. 19
MARTYR BONIFACE
AND RIGHTEOUS AGLAIDA
6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Nativity Fast
Nov. 15th - Dec. 24th

REMINDER:

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

DECEMBER
Special Collection
THE DEANERY

Thursday, Dec. 20
HIEROMARTYR IGNATIUS
THE GOD-BEARER
REP. ST. JOHN KRONSTADT
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @ Copper Stone
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Daily Vespers & 1st Royal Hour

Friday, Dec. 21
VIRGIN MARTYR JULIANA
AND HER COMPANIONS
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Daily Vespers & 3rd Royal Hour

Saturday, Dec. 22
GREATMARTYR ANASTASIA
AND HER COMPANIONS
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Daily Vespers & 6th Royal Hour

Sunday, Dec. 23
HOLY TEN MARTYRS
OF CRETE
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
3:00 PM Cleveland Landmark Christmas Concert
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Daily Vespers & 9th Royal Hour

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