

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2017 - Sunday of the Holy Forefathers / Daniel the Stylite

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24 – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs (2nd Sunday before The Nativity) / Daniel the Stylite

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tropar Tone 4 (Blue Pew Book p. 90) / Special Hymns – p. 128

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 **Gospel:** Luke 14:16-24

Panachida for Mary Kneiss given by Steven Weissberger and Family.

Sunday, December 31 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers (Sunday before The Nativity) / Martyr Sebastian

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tropar Tone 5 (Blue Pew Book p. 93) / Special Hymns – p. 129

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

Panachida for Steve and Julie Roberts given by Andrew Barnett.

Confessions: (30 minutes) **Prior to** as well as **following scheduled services.** When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Floyd Swingle Sr. given by Jim and Evelyn Reese.

Parish Life

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

December 17, 2017

\$386.00	General Collection
\$103.00	7 Day Light
\$2,951.00	Pirohi
\$32.00	Holy Days
\$95.00	Church Dues
\$73.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$10.00	Heat Offering
\$100.00	Christmas Donation
\$32.00	Flowers
<u>\$760.00</u>	<u>Saint Nicholas Dinner</u>
\$4,542.00	Total Collection

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food...'"

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who helped with our Saint Nicholas Dinner last Sunday and made it such a successful and joyous occasion for our Patronal Feast!

Please note that the Church envelopes for 2018 are in. If you have not yet done so, please pick yours up in the Church Hall.

Also, **if you have not yet paid your Dues for 2017, please do so by December 31, 2017.** The final payment for all our members must be sent in to the Diocese before December 31, 2017.

On **Sunday, January 14th, 2018** we will have the **induction of** all Parish Board, Men's Club, and Altar Society **officers** immediately following the Gospel reading. **Please note that any new officers** are required to come to the Sacraments (Confession and Communion) prior to that date. Thank you!

Nativity Fast Prayer Challenge! Please continue to pray in your household the *Prayer for Peace* each and every evening during this Advent Season! With all the turmoil, anger, and hatred throughout not only this country but the world as a whole, we need to ask, together, the Almighty God to grant us His mercy and peace!

Saint Daniel the Stylite

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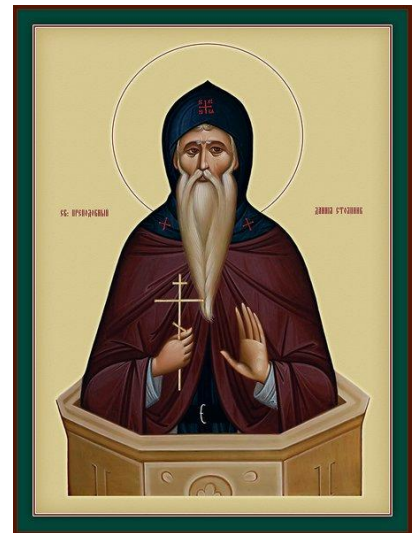
“ Daniel was born in the village of Bethara near the city of Samosata in Mesopotamia of Christian parents, Elias and Martha. Through her tearful prayers, his barren mother received him from God, and as an only son he was dedicated to God from early childhood. Daniel embraced the monastic rank at the age of twelve, visited Simeon the Stylite, and was blessed by him.

Desirous of solitude, Daniel left the monastery and withdrew to an abandoned pagan temple on the shore of the Black Sea. There he endured countless assaults from demons, but he conquered them all by perseverance, prayer and the sign of the Cross. Afterward he climbed up on a pillar. There he remained until his death, enduring both heat and cold, and attacks from both men and demons.

Many disciples gathered around his pillar, and he directed them to eternal life by his example and his words. God rewarded His faithful servant with abundant grace while in this life, and he performed many miracles beneficial to men and prophesied future events.

People from all parts crowded beneath his pillar, seeking help and counsel from this saint of God. Emperors and patriarchs as well as ordinary people came to him. Emperor Leo the Great brought his foreign guests, princes and nobles, and showed Saint Daniel on the pillar, saying to them: “Behold, the wonder of my kingdom!”

Daniel foretold the day of his own death, instructed his disciples as a father to his sons, and took leave of them. At the time of his death, his disciples beheld angels, prophets, apostles and martyrs above his pillar. Having lived for eighty years, this holy angelic man entered into rest and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of Christ in the year 489. ”



Troparion (Tone 1)

You became a column of endurance and rivaled the forefathers, O holy one, * becoming like Job in your sufferings and like Joseph in your trials, * and like the bodiless angels though you lived in the flesh. * O Daniel, our holy father, * intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

You ascended your pillar like a star in the sky, * and you gave the light of good works to the world. * You dispersed the darkness of lies, O father, * and thus we now have recourse to you. * Make the unwaning Light of understanding dawn in our hearts, O blessed saint.