

VENERABLE DANIEL THE STYLITE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

St. Daniel the Stylite was born in the village of Bethara, near the city of Samosata in Mesopotamia. His mother Martha was childless for a long while, and in her prayers she vowed that if she had a child, she would dedicate him to the Lord. Her prayers were heard, and Martha soon gave birth to a son, who was without a name until he was five years of age.

The boy's parents desired that since he was born through the goodwill of God, he should also receive his name from God. They took their son to a monastery located nearby and approached the igumen. The igumen gave orders to take down one of the service books, and he unrolled it at random. He found the Prophet Daniel (December 17) mentioned in it. Thus did the boy receive his name. The parents asked that he might remain at the monastery, but the igumen would not accept him, since he was still only a small boy. At twelve years of age, saying nothing to anyone, the child left home for the monastery.

His parents were happy when they learned where their son was, and they went to the monastery. Seeing that he was still going about in his worldly clothes, they besought that the igumen should clothe him in the angelic garb. That Sunday the igumen fulfilled their request, but permitted them often to visit their son. The brethren of the monastery were astonished at the saint's ascetical efforts.

Once, St. Simeon the Stylite visited the monastery. He foretold to the young monk that he too would undertake the feat of pillar-dwelling. St. Daniel continued with his ascetic life in seclusion. When the place of a new exploit was revealed to him in a vision, he withdrew into the Thracian wilderness with two disciples. They set up a pillar, upon which St. Daniel dwelt for 33 years. People thronged to the pillar, the unfortunate and those who were sick, and all received help and healing from St. Daniel. Byzantine emperors also sought the prayers of the holy ascetic. The most notable of the saint's predictions was about a great fire in Constantinople. St. Daniel possessed the gift of gracious words. He guided many onto the path of correcting their lives.

The monk reposed in his eightieth year.

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SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

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Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 1

DECEMBER 11, 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS***

Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople; Martyrs Mirax, Aicepsius, and Aithalas, of Egypt;

Ven. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon; Ven Nikon the Dry of the Kiev Caves;

Synaxis of all the martyrs in Georgia;

New Hieromartyrs Seraphim, Metropolitan of Petrograd, Archpriests Peter and Aleksy, and Nikolai

“By faith You justified the Forefathers, when through them You betrothed Yourself beforehand to the Church of the Gentiles. The saints boast in glory, that from their seed there is a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone II

“You ascended your pillar like a brightly shining star, O blest one; you illumined the world with your venerable deeds, dispersing the darkness of error. Therefore we pray you, Father Daniel, now illumine the hearts of your servants with the never-setting light of wisdom.”

Kontakion, Tone VIII

TODAY’S EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:4-11

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 14:16-24

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 12	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Tuesday, December 13	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy AT ST. HERMAN HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY
Saturday, December 17	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession

WELCOME VISITORS!

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, December 12	I Timothy 5:1-10	Mark 8:11-21
Tuesday, December 13	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 6:17-23
Wednesday, December 14	I Timothy 5:11-21	Mark 8:22-26
	I Timothy 5:22-6:11	Mark 8:30-34
Thursday, December 15	I Timothy 6:17-21	Mark 9:10-16
Friday, December 16	II Timothy 1:1-2,8-18	Mark 9:33-41
Saturday, December 17	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 14:1-11

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

11, TODAY Second Sunday Food Sale
 Parish Council meeting
 5:00 p.m. Nativity Concert at St. Paul's Church
 18, Sunday 3:00 p.m. Concert at St. Theodosius Cathedral

<p><u>SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:</u> Please visit the food tables in the Fellowship Hall after Divine Liturgy today!</p> <p><u>LA COUPOLE OPEN HOUSE:</u> Come in and browse the selection of unique gifts, Christmas cards and ornaments. All children's books are 20% off.</p> <p><u>NATIVITY CONCERT:</u> The annual Nativity Concert with combined choirs of area Orthodox churches will be today, December 11, at 5:00 p.m. Please join us at St. Paul's Church, 4548 Wallings Rd. in North Royalton for this enjoyable evening. Admission is free and open to all! Free will donations will benefit local Orthodox ministries. Refreshments will be served in the Hellenic Center following the concert.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by MaryAnn Bobulsky. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to offer covers in 2023. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian. Cost is \$10, or \$20 for Pascha and Christmas covers.</p>	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL:</u> The Parish Council will meet today after the Divine Liturgy.</p> <p><u>CONCERT AT ST. THEODOSIUS:</u> On Sunday, December 18, St. Theodosius Cathedral will be open to all for tours - at 1:00 p.m.; and for a concert - at 3:00 p.m. The choir will present selections of liturgical music for the Nativity as well as from the yearly worship cycle. There will also be a sing-along of popular carols.</p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:</u> Please remember to donate for flowers that will adorn our church during the Nativity season. There is an envelope in your box that you can use during the upcoming weeks.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by Pauline Smolarchuk.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> The Coffee Hour refreshments today are sponsored by Pat George. There are many dates in the new year awaiting donors! Please sign up in the kitchen.</p>
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O Sun of righteousness
 by which the righteous beheld their own selves and became a mirror for their generations,
 open up within me the gate to awareness of You;
 grant me a joyful mind, one which sails above the rocks of error,
 so that I may reach that serene haven,
 as did our fathers of old who pleased You with their discerning lives.
 St. Isaac of Nineveh

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	11/27	12/4
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 1463.00	\$ 4912.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT		360.00
BUILDING FUND	545.00	2020.00
CANDLES	100.00	125.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	25.00	245.00
ROOF REPAIRS	100.00	
LOCAL CHARITIES		75.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	215.00	
COFFEE HOUR, 11/20	99.00	

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ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN: HYMNS ON THE NATIVITY – HYMN 21 (EXCERPTS)

Refrain: Blessed is He Who became small without limit to make us great without limit.

3 Today the angels and even the archangels
came down to sing a new song of praise on earth.
by this mystery they come down and rejoice with vigils.
At that time when they sang praise, blasphemy filled [the earth].
Blessed is the birth on which a generation thundered
with hallelujahs of praise.

4 For [this] is the night that mingles heavenly Watchers with vigilants.
The Watcher came to make watchers in creation.
Behold vigilants have been made partakers with the Watchers.
Praisegivers have been made companions with the Seraphim.
Blessed is he who became a lyre for Your praise,
and whose wage was Your mercy.

...

6 The Power that governs all dwelt in a small womb.
While dwelling there, He was holding the reins of the universe.
His Parent was ready for His will to be fulfilled.
The heavens and all the creation were filled by Him.
The Sun entered the womb, and in the height and depth
His rays were dwelling.

7 He dwelt in the vast wombs of all creation.
They were too small to contain the greatness of the First-born.
How indeed did that small womb of Mary suffice for Him?
It is a wonder if ... sufficed for Him.
Of all the wombs that contained Him, one womb sufficed:
[the womb] of the Great One Who begot Him.

...

9 Reconciling Peace, sent to the peoples,
Gladdening Flash, Who came to the gloomy,
Powerful Leaven, conquering all in silence
Patient One, Who has captured the creation little by little.
Blessed is he who makes Your joys dwell in [h]is heart
and forgets his griefs in You.

10 The mouth[s] of the Watchers and vigilants shouted a joyful “peace.”
The good news brought by the Watchers met the vigilants.
Who will go to sleep on that night that awakened creation?
For they brought a “peace” where enmity had been
Blessed is the Babe who rules with His silence the Majesty
That the speech-endowed had angered.

11 The Watchers mingled with watchers; they rejoiced that the world revived.
Put to shame was the Evil One who became king and plaited a diadem of deceit.
Like God, he set his throne on the inhabited earth.
The Babe in a manger cast him from his power.
The sun returned worship; by his Magi he honored Him.
In his worshippers he worshipped Him.