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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

DECEMBER 11, 2022

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Forefathers
Ven. Daniel the Stylite
Ven. Nikon the Dry of the Kiev Caves

VENERABLE DANIEL THE STYLITE

Saint 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 good-will 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 unrolled it at random. He found the Prophet Daniel 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, Saint Simeon the Stylite visited the monastery. He foretold the young monk that he too would undertake the feat of pillar-dwelling. Saint 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 together with two disciples. They set up a pillar, upon which Saint Daniel dwelt for 33 years. People thronged to the pillar, the unfortunate and those who were sick, and all received help and healing from Saint 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. Saint Daniel possessed also the gift of gracious words. He guided many onto the path of correcting their lives. The monk reposed in his eightieth year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Fr. David, Barbara, Bobbi, Yuri, David

BIRTHDAYS: Anita Childs, James Class

NAMEDAYS: Ruth Sysak

DEPARTED: John

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: Fr. Alessandro is available after Vespers and Small Compline to hear confessions. If you would like to schedule another time during the week, please email him.

CHRISTMAS CARE KITS: On Sunday, Dec 18, during coffee hour, we will assemble Christmas Care Kits -- gallon Ziploc bags containing soft foods, \$5 cash in a Christmas card, socks, gloves, and additional small items. We all will be able to take these bags to distribute to people who are in need. Our goal is to assemble 75 Christmas Care Kits this year. Please sign up to bring items for the kits using the link provided via email by Fr. Alessandro.

ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR CONCERT: Join us for an evening of Christmas carols, singing alongside the Archdiocesan Choir! We will begin with vespers at 6pm and then will share both Orthodox and Western carols, including many familiar favorites, and a few newer songs. This is a ticketed event. Your ticket covers a packet of caroling music, desserts, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. This event is a wonderful way to connect both with the larger Orthodox community, and with non-Orthodox family and friends who may be curious. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit our website: archdiocesanchoir.org/carol-sing-along

BOOK STUDY: Join Fr. Alessandro and fellow parishioners for a book study on the new book by Fr. Evan Armatas titled "[Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Roadmap to Parish Health](#)." This book study meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Dec 10, Sat
4:00 PM Adult Education (1 Thess 5)
5:00 PM Great Vespers

Dec 11, Sun
8:45 AM Church School
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

Dec 13, Tue
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM Small Compline

Dec 14, Wed
7:00 PM Book Study

Dec 17, Sat
4:00 PM Adult Education (1 Thess 5)
5:00 PM Great Vespers

Dec 18, Sun
8:45 AM Church School
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Class

Reader - Lory & Catherine Easton

Assisting the Treasurer - Smith & Childs

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