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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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DECEMBER 13, 2020

REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF
ALASKA, WONDERWORKER
OF ALL AMERICA



Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths (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.

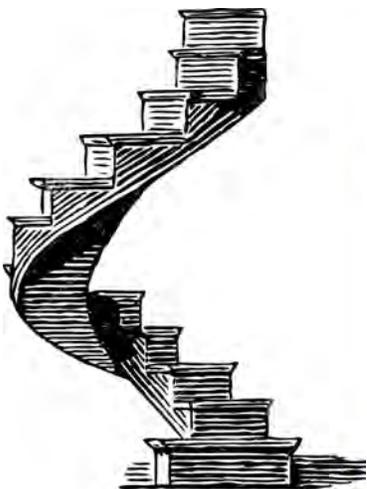
Under King Baltasar, Saint Daniel interpreted a mysterious inscription ("Mane, Thekel, Phares"), which had appeared on the wall of the palace during a banquet (Daniel 5:1-31), foretelling the downfall of the Babylonian kingdom. Under the Persian emperor Darius, Saint Daniel was slan-

dered 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.

Tree Removal

The trees in need of removal behind the garage have been cleared. The work was done for \$3800, and we are accepting donations to cover this cost. As of this writing, \$2000 of that cost has been covered. If you wish to donate please mark the donation as "Tree Removal," and send it to Eric at the church office. Direct any questions to Paul Z or Deacon Daniel.



Cathedral Steps

Donations are also being accepted for the \$3500 repair of all the steps, rails, and ramps surrounding the cathedral. If you would like to donate, please mark your donation for Cathedral steps repair, or send it to Eric in the office. Any questions can be directed to Subdeacon Michael Tabeling.

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 Chambyzes.

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).



FAITH ENRICHMENT ON HOLD UNTIL 1/14/2021

Faith Enrichment is on hold until January 14th, 2021. Please contact Subdeacon Leon Felon at (440) 666-7601 if you have any questions.

Time for The Cleaning & Decorating of The Cathedral

On **Saturday, December 19th, at 4pm**, we will be decorating and cleaning the church for the approaching Nativity of our Lord God and Savior. We will also try to clean the house if time and numbers allow for it. Please let Deacon Daniel or Subdeacon Michael Tabeling know if you will be able to assist.

From the Desk of Fr. Adamcio...

CHRISTIAN LIVING

It appears the adage is true: The more things change, the more they stay the same! This is evident from the Scripture readings today, as we have been dealing with these topics for at least two millennia.

In today's Epistle readings, we are given a paradigm of Christian living. Gleaning from both these readings from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians 5:22-6:2 [the reading for St. Herman of Alaska], and Colossians 3:4-11 [the reading for the 27th Sunday after Pentecost], we have marvelous instructions to live a Christian life!

St. Paul probably wrote this Epistle to the Christians living in Colossae, about 100 miles from Ephesus, between 50 and 60 AD, most likely while he was imprisoned in Rome. He exhorts the Christians to "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry." (Col. 3:5) These are elements of life in the fallen world. A new life in Christ has us setting this way of life aside.

He explains further that we must "put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another." (Col. 3:9) What a wonderful way of life this would be if we are to distance ourselves from the fallen, secular world which is not only filled with all the things mentioned above, but now actually promotes these thoughts, feelings, and actions as being a modern way of life!

St. Paul exhorts us to change our life and embrace a new life in the love and freedom which is in Jesus Christ. He

tells us to leave our former way of living and thinking to dedicate ourselves to and follow Christ. This not only requires a firm intention to change ourselves, but to accept a new way of life.

St. Paul wrote his Epistle to the Christians living in the Roman province of Galatia probably between 40 and 50 AD. In this Epistle, he describes the sins that can keep us away from Christ: "Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Gal. 5:19-22)

Wow! These are some serious indictments of modern life!

However, St. Paul now gives them (and us) an example of the new life in Christ, filled with fruits of the Spirit: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Gal. 5:22-23) This is the fruit born of the Holy Spirit in which we were Chrismated at our baptism.

Let us take these admonitions to heart, especially during this pandemic, and this Lenten season, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are words which by which we can live and change our lives.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Departed:

Archbishop David

Patriarch Irinej

Marguerite Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)

Joseph Rusynyk

Special Intentions:

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

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Arlene Czajkowski

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

Virginia Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

Don Hinkl

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

Diane Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)

Annamarie Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Melissa McCutcheon

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

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

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Andrew Sykaluk

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

Janice Tkacz

Joanne Theodore (*Lisa Theodore's mother-in-law*)

Gayle Vidovitch

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Robert Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Colleen Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Kristin Robinson

Janet Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

Laurie Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

Alex Ponomarenko

Mary Kay Weber

Mirta Szweczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Roger Pinta Jr.

Kelly Buehner

Anna Sykaluk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Edward Zewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Patrick Gallagher

Nathan Pozderac

Elliott Udell (*grandson of Michael Udell*)

Constance Zimmerman (*Cindy's cousin*)

Denny Kovach

Karen Felon

William Nasi (*brother-in-law of Kenneth Kovach*)

Jonathan Maas (*friend of Eric Seddon*)

Michelle Frampton (*cousin of Fr. Zdinak*)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 13

Dec 13

Wis 3:1-9
Wis 5:15-6:3
Wis 4:7-15
Luke 24:12-35
Gal 5:22-6:2
Luke 6:17-23
Col 3:4-11
Luke 14:16-24

Dec 14

2 Tim 2:20-26
Mark 8:11-21

Dec 15

2 Tim 3:16-4:4
Mark 8:22-26

Dec 16

2 Tim 4:9-22
Mark 8:30-34

Dec 17

Titus 1:5-2:1
Mark 9:10-16

Dec 18

Titus 1:15-2:10
Mark 9:33-41

Dec 19

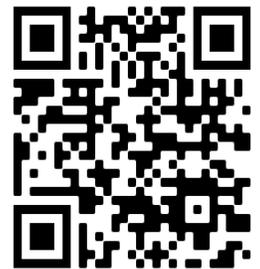
Gal 3:8-12
Luke 13:18-29
Eph 1:16-23
Luke 14:1-11

Dec 20

Gen 14:14-20
Deut 1:8-11, 15-17
Deut 10:14-21
Luke 24:36-53
Heb 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
Matt 1:1-25

ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate> Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our new Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



Sunday, Dec 13

Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska,
Wonderworker of All America
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

Monday, Dec 14

Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and
Callinicus of Apollonia

Tuesday, Dec 15

Hieromartyr Eleutherius Bishop
of Illyria and his Mother, Martyr
Evanthia

Wednesday, Dec 16

Prophet Haggai

Thursday, Dec 17

Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy
Youths
No Faith Enrichment this week

Friday, Dec 18

Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his
Companions

Saturday, Dec 19

Saturday Before the Nativity
Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia and
Righteous Aglaë (Agláida) of Rome
Decoration of the Cathedral 4:00 PM
Confessions 5:15 PM
Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 20

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ
Repose of St. John of Kronstadt
3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM
Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM
After Liturgy, colors to be changed

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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