

Venerable Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (Dec 11)

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 (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, Saint Simeon the Stylite (September 1) visited the monastery. He foretold to 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.

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December 11, 2022

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS
(ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST**

COMMEMORATIONS:

DANIEL THE STYLITE OF CONSTANTINOPLE
LUKE THE NEW STYLITE OF CHALCEDON
MARTYRS ACEPSIUS AND AEITHALAS
HOLY MARTYRS MIRACUS AND BARSABAS
LEONTIOS THE RIGHTEOUS OF MONEMVASIA
THE GLORIOUS KING NIKEPHOROS PHOKAS

Tone 1 - Eothinon 4

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS - Tone 2 - Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*

ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & Teens

Coffee Hour

SS Christmas Program 12:30 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:		Next Week (Dec 18):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin; Rachel C.		Sdn Justin G.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gohls — Kate's Birthday		Ken Hedrick — Mother's repose Bushelli — Fr. Noah's Name day
USHERS:	Bill H. & Dan M.		Tom A. & Steve K.
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Michael"		"Archangel Gabriel"
CLEANING TEAM:	Bill & Linda H; Chris H.		Phil K., Matthew C. & Dave N
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Calvin; Angie; Dale		Kendra; Keiko; Felicia

Mark Your Calendar:

Christmas Choir Concert

Sunday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.

Feast of Christmas/Nativity

Saturday, Dec 24—Sunday, Dec 25

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

Vespers 10:30 a.m.

Festal Orthros 10:30 p.m.

Festal Liturgy 12 Midnight

Vespers 12 p.m.

Feast of Circumcision & St. Basil —

New Years

Saturday, Dec 31

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan 1

Divine Liturgy & New Years Prayers

Theophany

Thursday, Jan 5

Royal Hours 10 a.m.

Vesperal Liturgy 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan 6

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

Great Blessing of Waters

HOME BLESSINGS:

Reach out to Fr. Noah or Fr. James directly to schedule.

Pray For:

Living

Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine
Kh. Joyce
Linda
Tadessa
Nicole
Raymond
Patrick
Doris
John
John
James
James
Lasha B
Otari B
Tatiana
Helen
Wadieh
Anesia
Mary
Mary

Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah & all Missionaries
New & Expectant Mothers & their children
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends — George, Bill, Jim, Jilil, Mark, Joel, Eric

Departed

(December Parish Diptychs)
+Joseph
+Richard
+Mary
+Demetrios (Jim)
+Katherine
+Nicholas
+Gabremariam
+Assaad
+Doris
+(Michael)
+Barbara
+Fred Andrew

Catechumens

Christian
Christina
Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa
Kate
Joseph & Alana
Ryan
Zachary, Brandy,
Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
Taylor & Bethany
Joanne
Denis
Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo
David, Helen, Elianna
Michael
Evan
Lucretia

DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

"You are the Light of the World"

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!
Theme: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"
--Please Submit Your 2023 Pledge!--

This Week:

Nativity Fast continues!! (Nov 15-Dec 24)

(**There are times for Confessions before and after most services.)

Mon, Dec 12: Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

Tues, Dec 13: Liturgy (St. Herman) 10am
Fasting Potluck to follow
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.

Wed, Dec 14: Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Dec 15: Jesus Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study (Genesis) 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec 16: Advent Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 17: Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Great **VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**
Confessions 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 18: **ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Christmas Choir Concert 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Dec 3: 61 Divine services on Dec 4: 229

St Nicholas Vespers: 106 St Nicholas Liturgy: 64

OFFERINGS 12/4: Candles, \$169. Collections, \$2,045.74. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$40. Building Fund, \$20. Classical School Fund, \$2,478. Crafty Kids Fund, \$224. Mission Chapel, \$2,439. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Ukraine Orphanage, \$2,929. Women's Fund, \$20. Stewardship, \$7,721.52. Total received: \$18,184.78.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)