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Martyr Boniface at Tarsus, in Cilicia

Troparion — Tone 4 You fervently followed the way of the martyrs Confessing Christ before unbelievers, O Boniface. You gave your body to modest Aglae as an imperishable treasure. Healing and mercy flow from it for the world.

Kontakion — Tone 4 Willingly you offered yourself as a blameless sacrifice to the One about to be born of the Virgin for our sake, holy crown-bearer, all-wise Boniface.

The Scripture Readings: Epistle Hebrews: 11 9-10,17-23,32-40 Gospel Matthew 1:1-25

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FATHER’S DAY- In celebrating FATHER’S DAY we remember with esteem all the holy fathers from both the old and new Church. We also remember all the Serbian fathers who gave their lives for “the Holy Cross and golden freedom.” Psychology and Religion agree that a child receives its first idea about God from its parents. And the role of the father is vital in developing that idea. Traditionally, one of the first things we teach our children is to cross themselves and pray, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Consequently, the word “Father” is tied to God from the very beginning. Also, the first prayer we teach our children is the Lord’s Prayer which begins with “Our Father...” Again, here is a tremendous responsibility imposed upon the father since the word “Father” is tied directly to God. He must be an example of everything good, moral, and charitable. HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

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VISITS Thursday, Dec. 29th **Beaver Meadows:** Mary Cookie Loverich, Mike Kozlina, Jennie Zakovich Saturday, Dec. 31st **West Hills:** Joseph Mrkonja

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Saint Elijah Cornerstone Men’s Club Annual “Barbecued Christmas Pigs” Whole Pigs (average weight~ 35# @ \$8.00 per pound or you may purchase a minimum of 3 lbs or above @ \$12.00 per pound. Deadline to order is **TODAY**. Pick-up at the Picnic Grounds on January 6th **no later than 12:00 NOON.** Please call Dorothy Baron @ 724-378-7731.

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FROM FR. BRANISLAV... ADVENT - began on Monday, November 28th . Confessions will be heard preferably by appointment on Saturday night. If you want confessions on Sunday morning be in church **BEFORE 9 a.m.** Confessions will not be heard after 9:30a.m.

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POSNO SOUP - will be available today following Divine Liturgy.

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POINSETTIAS- Once again we will decorate our church with poinsettias for the Christmas holiday. We are asking our parishioners to help defray the cost of this by donating towards this wonderful project. You may notate a donation in memory of a loved one(s) or in honor of loved one(s). Donation \$20.00. Melissa Hennessy~ IMO Loving Parents John/Sara Musolin and Sparcie/Sergeant Family- IMO Patty Sergeant



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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE wishes to announce the following... We will host an “Italian Night “ **WHEN:** Saturday, February 11th 2017 6:30-7:30 Cocktail hour 7:30-10:30 Presentation, Dinner, Dance **WHERE:** St. Elijah Church Center **MUSIC:** Aliquippa’s own “Ballabe Band”, of San Rocco fame & Joe Lege Accordionist **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Mr. Gino Piroli **COST:** \$30.00 (Complimentary bottle of wine at each table, Cash Bar thereafter) **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY:** Please see Eileen Mrkal following Divine Liturgy, or call 412-860-7797

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Jan. 6th Friday- Badnji Dan



Confession	9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	9:30 a.m.
Cutting of Yule Log	4:00 p.m.
Children’s Program	4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service	10:00 p.m.
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Jan. 7th Saturday - Bozic – Nativity of Christ

Jan. 8th Sunday - 2nd Day Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God

Jan. 9th Monday- St. Stephen, Archdeacon Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen

Jan. 14th Saturday-Circumcision, St. Basil, New Year

