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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.

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.

Scripture Readings: Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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VISITS: Sewickley: Diane Salaya At Home: Milanka Pavlovic **Friendship Ridge:** Richard Steinmiller, Cynthia Bratich, Sara Jerich, Helen and Ann Belich, Robin Lapcevich and Joe and Carol Kascur

Medical Center: Millie Yanuzzi

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FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord to thy departed servant **MILDRED (MUSLIN) MARSILIO** and make her memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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FROM FR. BRANISLAV... ADVENT Confessions will be heard preferably by appointment on Saturday night. If you want confessions on Sunday morning be in church **before 9 a.m.**

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Our Annual Assembly will be held NEXT Sunday, December 31, 2017

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS

VERY INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

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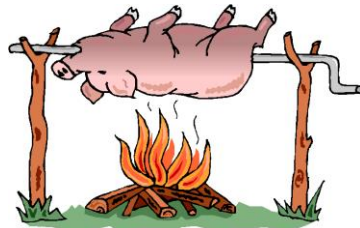
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POSNO SOUP - will be available today following Divine Liturgy. Today we will have Vegetable or frozen Beans/Barley/ and Potato Soup!

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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 January 1, 2018. Pick-up at the Picnic Grounds on January 6th no later than 12:00 NOON. Please call Dorothy Baron @ 724-378-7731. **PICK UP FLYER BY BULLETIN**



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HAPPY SERBIAN MOTHER’S DAY!

