



# ST. GEORGE *Chronicle*

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 6**  
Transfiguration of Christ

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15**  
Dormition of the Theotokos

**SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, Fri. & Sat.**  
St. George Fall Garage Sale

June 3rd  
**ALL SAINTS  
SUNDAY**



## Our Beloved Icons

**The Holy Prophet Daniel**, whose Feast Day is Dec. 17th, 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. 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. 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,

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*Sponsorship of the Prophet Daniel icon at St. George Kearney, was offered by the Brailita Family*

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Saint Daniel was slandered 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.

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 Chambyses.

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).



Source: oca.org

You're Invited

WED. JUNE 6th

**Father Andrew Stephen Damick** – popular author, speaker, and contributor to Ancient Faith – will be visiting Saint George! He has graciously offered to spend time with us by speaking for approximately 45 minutes on how to share and effectively evangelize our faith in today's culture.



SCHEDULE, Wed. JUNE 6  
– 6:00 pm Daily Vespers  
– 6:30 pm Lenten Potluck Meal (please bring a lenten dish)  
– 7:15 pm Fr. Andrew talk



MAKING MEMORIES AT ST. GEORGE

BURN THE MORTGAGE

THE ST. NICHOLAS MATCH CHALLENGE 2018



PHASE II

Pay off the Parish House (St. Nicholas) Mortgage

Help us complete this phase so we can begin our fund-raising efforts for a **New Parish Hall**.

Our current debt on the St. Nicholas House is \$150,000. Due to generous sponsors, your donations will be "matched." We desire to raise \$37,500 in contributions by December 2018.

These funds will be **matched** making a total of \$75,000. This is **HALF** of what we owe. **With your "match" we can raise the same funds in the coming year, 2019, and burn the mortgage in 2020!**

Please take an envelope from our "St. Nicholas Match Challenge" board **TODAY!** Give what you can. Involve the whole family.

Use the summer months to set family goals and encourage them to participate.

Help us retire the debt and we can start saving for a New Parish Hall.

**Every dollar counts!**



# WE GET LETTERS ...



To the Chronicle,  
Thank you for such a nice church newsletter! I share copies of it with my family and friends in Alaska. They are learning so much about their faith, the quotes from the saints, and especially the information about the icons in our church. It's wonderful!  
*Amber Hartley*

Many thanks for the generous donations to St. George in honor of Nimir's birthday.

*with love,  
Margo and family*



**Congratulations James!**  
Graduated from CCC of Hastings with a degree in Automotive Technology

**Thank you** to my wonderful church family who is always there for me. God has blessed me.

**Thank you** Father Christopher for being there for Steve. What a rocky 4 years this has been for our family and you've always been there for us. God brought me home and I thank Him.

Many blessings to my Saint George family – love and peace to you all.

*Jeannie Hoff*



## Birthdays

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## Donations *Gratefully Received*

## *In Memory of*

### June 5

Josie Awtry

### June 6

Steve Wolf

### June 8

Subdeacon Michael

### June 11

Megan Shada

### June 13

Peter Bakas

### June 20

Josh Hartley

### June 25

Margaret Morris

### June 27

Mennen Suleiman

### June 4

Radu & Alexandra Neamu

### June 10

Daniel & Dora Brailita

### June 11

Gus & Christina Katrouzes

Josie & Greg Awtry

### June 12

Mike & Ronda Maloley

### June 16

Joe & Linda Maloley

### June 24

Mark & Joanie Klein

### June 25

Amanda & Ron Denny

### June 30

Ken & Theresa Weaver

Donations to **Fr. Nicola Pilgrimage fund** from *Norma Deeb and Charese Yanney.*

## *In Honor of*

Donations to **St. George** in honor *Nimir's Birthday* from Joe & Linda Maloley, Kim & Jeannie Leonard, Mark & Joanie Klein, Ann Maloley, Paul & Lori Maloley.

Donations to **St. George**, in memory of *Tony Shada and Millie Shada*, from Judy Yacio.

Donations to **St. George**, in memory of *Nick Patsios and James Patsios*, from Mark and Joanie Klein.



*Remember your church family in your daily prayers.*

## GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS

"Desire and effort must come from you. God will provide the power and the result."

*– St. Paisios the Athonite*

## AND THE WINNER IS:

Congratulations to Donald Nemer of Gregory, South Dakato. Don was the first person to respond with the correct answer to our **May Trivia question.** (Don's wife is Lorraine, a granddaughter of Father Nicola Yanney.)

**QUESTION:** What are the names of Fr. Nicola's children?  
**ANSWER:** Elias (E.K.), Anna, John, Moses, and Catherine

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Year-to-date for 2018

## FINANCIAL REPORT

As of **May 30** ... We have received  
\$39,205 of the \$91,410 we have  
budgeted for pledges.

As of **May 30** ... We have received  
\$8,742 of the \$20,000 we have  
budgeted for trays and candles.

*Thank you for your faithful  
stewardship*

**THE APOSTLES FAST** begins  
Monday, June 4th - and lasts  
through Thursday, June 28th, the  
eve of the commemoration of  
the Holy and Chief Apostles  
Peter and Paul. During this fast  
we observe the traditional  
fasting discipline (no meat,  
poultry, dairy, fish, wine, and  
olive oil) on Mondays,  
Wednesdays and Fridays with  
katalysis for fish, wine, and olive  
oil on Tuesdays, Thursdays,  
Saturdays and Sundays.



*Summer is  
Here!*

## GARAGE SALE

Plan now to support St. George with your  
DONATIONS for the Fall Garage Sale,  
scheduled for September 21 & 22.

Volunteers are appreciated:

- **Your leftover items to sell (no stickers or prices, this will be a "Free-will Offering")**
- Workers to help set-up Friday Morning
- Workers to help with Sale Friday afternoon 3:00 - 7:00 AND/OR Saturday morning 7:30 - 12:00
- Workers to clean-up **after sale** and distribute left over goodies to Good Will, Salvation Army, and Crossroads.

Any donations you have can be stored in  
the garage at the Saint  
Raphael House, before  
the sale. Please contact  
Mark Klein if you have  
questions or need  
assistance. **Thank You.**



*Fr. Nicola Yanney was the first  
priest ordained by St. Raphael  
of Brooklyn.*

*Fr. Nicola was assigned to  
be the pastor at St. George  
Orthodox Church in Kearney,  
Nebraska, and was  
simultaneously  
given a large missionary  
territory to administer,  
resulting in regular visits  
to over 100 communities in  
14 different states.*



*Pilgrimage for the 100th Anniversary  
of the Repose of  
Father Nicola Yanney*

**October 26 - 28, 2018**

St. George Orthodox Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

★ **ALL EVENTS ARE FREE BUT  
PLEASE R.S.V.P.**

★ Help us plan meals and  
adequate meeting space by  
registering today - Thank you!

★ INFO & REGISTRATION AT:  
[www.saintgeorgekearney.com](http://www.saintgeorgekearney.com)

## LODGING INFORMATION

A block of rooms  
has been reserved at:  
Holiday Inn Kearney  
110 South 2nd Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-5971  
MAKE YOUR  
ROOM  
RESERVATIONS  
TODAY  
\$104.95 nightly rate  
if booked by  
9/15/18 and  
mention  
St. George event.

*"And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26*