

Altar Flowers

Are donated in loving memory of Charles (Geno) and Sally Ovia from the Almasian Family, Arakel, Lillian and Sylvia (Soupie).

Ladies Guild

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be on Feb. 11th, at 9:00 in the Church Hall.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please mark your calendars, the annual Parish Meeting will be held on February 26th following Badarak. The agenda will be mailed out soon.

Bible Study

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Chef of the Month

A Chef of the Month dinner will be held on Saturday January 28th at 5:00 P.M. here in the Church hall. Come and enjoy a **delicious Chili dinner, fellowship and fun!**

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and children **under 10** are Free. ~ See Flyer.

Please see a board member for tickets or call church office at 508-234-3677

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

If you would like to have the name(s) of your loved one(s) engraved on a brass plaque to be displayed on our Memorial Board in the foyer,

Please call the Church office at 508-234-3677 or speak with a Board member.

Hokehankisd (Requiem Service)

The Armenian Church instructs the faithful not to forget their loved ones who are fallen asleep in Christ. The Scripture says,

“The memory of the righteous will be a blessing (Proverbs 10:7)

Hokehankisd takes place at the end of Badarak, during which special prayers are said on behalf of the souls who are fallen asleep in Christ Jesus. The church advises us to request Hokehankisd 7 & 40 days after a person is deceased and thereafter annually.

If you and your family would like to host the Sunday Fellowship following Church Services, please call the Church Office at [508-234-3677](tel:508-234-3677) or sign up on the board downstairs to reserve a specific Sunday in 2017, in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion or Just Because.....

SCREEN AGERS

Thursday, January 19th at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30pm), Pleasant Street Church (25 Cross St, Whitinsville MA) is thrilled to present SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time. SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids’ development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance. **Film trailer: screenagers.com** for more information.

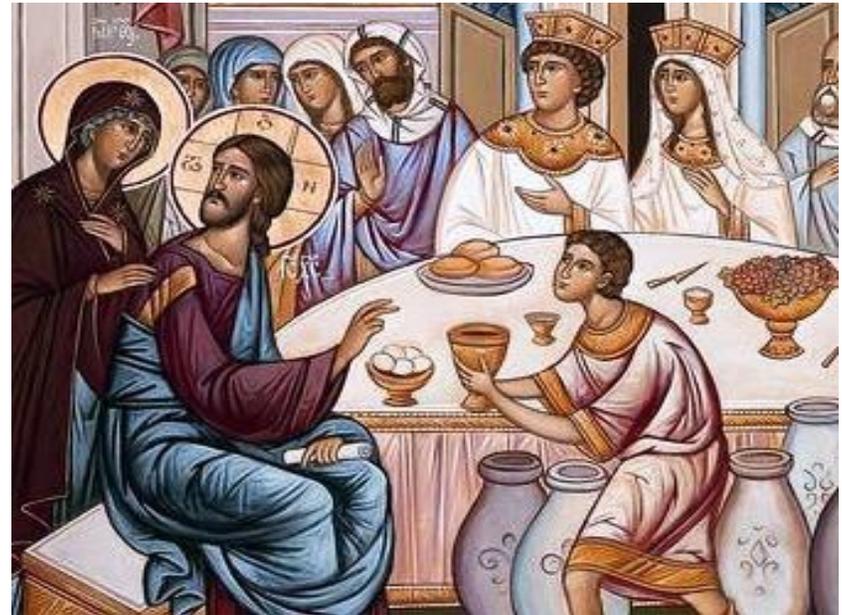
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SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 15, 2017

Jesus Turns Water into Wine

Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian

EPISTLE: Romans 8:28-39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The order of the Readings for this week is as follows:

- TODAY:** Lk 4:14-30; Is 54:1-13; 1 Tim 1:1-11; Jn 2:1-11
- Monday:** Wis 5:1-8; Bar 3:31-4:4; Rom 8:28-39; Jn 10:11-16
- Tuesday:** Prv 21:15-24; Is 19:19-21; Heb 11:32-40; Jn 9:39-10:10
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 2:8-3:13; Jn 2:12-22
- Thursday:** Wis 6:2-10; Is 45:1-2; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 7:1-10
- Friday:** 1 Tm 4:1-12; Jn 2:23-3:12
- Saturday:** Prv 11:2-11; Is 61:3-7; Heb 13:7-9; Jn 16:33-17:8

We Welcome Visitors and Hope You Enjoy Worshipping with Us. Please sign the *Guest Book* in the foyer. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know or fill in the welcome cards in the pew racks in front of you and leave in the office or foyer.

Do you want to have God pleasing faith? You cannot unless you give time to read the Bible, because “... **FAITH COMES FROM HEARING THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSAGE IS HEARD THROUGH THE WORD OF CHRIST.**” Romans 10:17

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Dismissal

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the faithful come forward towards the altar and kiss the Holy Gospel, saying:

“May the Lord be mindful of your sacrifices and accept your supplications.”

The Celebrant Responds:

“May the Lord grant to you according to your heart and fulfill all your wishes.”

Jesus Turns Water into Wine

This morning’s reading is from the Gospel of John 2:1-11, Jesus attends a wedding in Cana; the family runs out of wine and Mary intercedes for the family telling Jesus they have no more wine. He provides a nice wedding gift to the married couple, he “brought” wine, not just any wine but the best, about 180 gallons of it!

If Jesus is willing to perform a simple miracle like turning water into wine, imagine how He would respond to us if we were to approach Him in prayer with faith and love from the depths of our hearts?

Where do WE go when our “wine” runs out? (Speaking symbolically). What I’m asking is, where do we go when we have a need we can’t meet on our own—a problem we can’t face by ourselves? This story highlights the fact that it’s in times like these that we must turn to Jesus...and this morning I want to emphasize that truth by answering this question: **WHY?** Why should we turn to Jesus?

First, we should turn to Jesus because we know He CAN—do BIG things. When you and I face the impossible challenges of life we should turn to Jesus because He is able to help. Jesus can do the impossible, as His disciples learned, Jesus is the Miracle-worker.

John tells us the reason for writing his gospel, in chapter 20:30-31 he said, “*Jesus did many other MIRACULOUS SIGNS in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*”

The second reason why we should turn to Jesus is because He CARES about the LITTLE things of our lives. Remember, Jesus did this—His first miracle in a tiny Galilean village. He wasn’t surrounded by vast multitudes. No—His first miracle happened in a home. He first manifests His glory in a home with humble people. His first miracle wasn’t done to raise the dead or feed a multitude. It was done to save a family from hurt and humiliation. This shows us that God cares about every problem we face—BIG and small. We can go before Him, no matter what size our burden, knowing that God sympathizes with our weaknesses and in His mercy, will give us the grace to help us in our time of need.

We should turn to Jesus with our BIG problems because He has the power to handle them...but we should take comfort in knowing that we can go to Him with our little problems as well because He loves us, because He cares. If we didn’t know it before, we know now.

When we turn to God in prayer, He searches our heart and His response is based on what He finds there. Meaning, if we have a problem with someone, whether we dislike them or we’re holding a grudge or we have a heart that is as hard as a stone, a heart filled with negative emotions – God can’t do much – until we have a change of heart, mind and attitude (Read Matthew 5:23-24). It is with Faith and Love that we can conquer such things and God will pour His abundant mercy upon us!