

**A Warm Welcome**

To Pastor Val from the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church. She is joining us today for worship and will be delivering the sermon.

**Ladies Guild**

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

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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

**Chef of the Month**

A Chef of the Month dinner will be held on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. here in the Church hall. Come and enjoy a delicious Chili dinner, prepared by Susan and Peter Baghdasarian; fellowship and fun! Donation of \$10.00 per person and children **under 10** are Free. ~ See Flyer for more information.

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

**Thank You**

To Daniel Merian for once again cleaning all the carpeting in the foyer/stairs and in the sanctuary. God bless you!

**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 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.....

**Church Email**

If you would like to be kept up to date on Church news, current affairs and events please provide your email address so that we can add you to the Church email list. Please rest assured that your email will only be used for Church communication.

**NAC Food Pantry**

Please bring non-perishable, unexpired food items, your donations will help serve our neighbors in need within our community. Thank you--God Bless you!

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**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**January 22, 2017**

**Bigger is Better?**

*Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian*

**EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 4:12 – 5:10**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. 16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

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

**TODAY:** Is 58:13-59:7; 1 Tim 4:12-5:10; Jn 3:13-21  
**Monday:** Prv 14:1-6; Zec 8:4-5; Is 60:8-9; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 9:44-48  
**Tuesday:** Prv 7:1-7; Ez 12:17-19; Rom 8:12-27; Lk 9:23-27  
**Wednesday:** 1 Tim 5:17-6:5; Jn 3:22-36  
**Thursday:** Zep 3:19-20; 2 Cor 10:3-6; Mt 10:23-33  
**Friday:** 2 Tim 2:3-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Saturday:** Prv 8:33-36; Hos 10:12; Am 5:10-14; Acts 20:25-32; Jn 10:11-16

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*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.

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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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**Bigger is Better?**

We live in a world that supersedes everything, from houses to cars to meals! We even have Super Heroes!

And yet I have so often experienced God speaking and working through the little things in our lives. So today I would like to explore some of those little things that God uses to remind us of His presence.

**Isaiah 11:6**

"In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all."

**Matthew 17:20**

"Jesus said, 'For if you had faith even as small as a tiny mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move!' and it would go far away. Nothing would be impossible.'"

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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."**

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**LENTEN LECTURE SERIES**

The Lenten Lecture Program Series will begin on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and continue for five consecutive Fridays. The program is presented by our Christian Education Committee (CEC). Lenten Services will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a light dinner then the lecture. Please join us and be a part of this new and exciting experience.

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**All announcements and Hokehankisd requests must be received by Thursday each week to be included in Sunday's Bulletin. Please email your announcements and requests to [der.mikaeldk@gmail.com](mailto:der.mikaeldk@gmail.com) or call the church office at 508-234-3677.**  
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