

Prayer of the Week

Seer of all, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Erase the record of my transgressions, and write my name in the book of life. Have mercy upon your creatures, and upon me, great sinner that I am.

Fellowship Hour

Today is hosted by the Bedrosian, Brudner and Sagherian Families.

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.....

Lenten Lecture Series

The Lenten Lecture Program Series, "The Foundations of our Faith" 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 exciting experience. See Flyer or visit www.armenianchurchofwhit.org

Ladies Guild Lenten Bake Sale

Sunday, April 9th following church services. All your favorite items including choreg, peanut butter kofta, cheese, vospov kheyima, eech, yalanchi, bastekh and more! Come and pick up some yummy treats for your Easter celebration!

Altar Flowers

Those who would like to donate flowers for the altar on Palm Sunday, for the Tomb of Our Lord on Good Friday and Lillie's for the altar and window sills for Easter Sunday either in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, Please see or call Lusiya at 508-476-2920

Church Clean-Up Day

April 8th, we will start at 8:00 am (Please be prompt so we get all work completed). We should be done by 1 pm if we have enough people come out to help. Bring a rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow if you can. Lunch will be provided. Questions, call Mark-508-887-2847

AYF Meeting

Today at 1:00 pm, right here in our church hall.

Peace of Bread

We will be hosting our POB on Wednesday, April 12th. We will be serving our full meal of salad, pork loin with rice pilaf and green beans. We are looking for 4-5 people to help prep the salad and cut the desserts and we will need 10-12 people to help serve the meal. Please come to the Presbyterian Church to prep the salad and desserts for 3:30 and if you can help with the serving, please be there no later than 5:10 as we start serving promptly at 5:30. Please contact Celeste (774-218-0033) or Peter Bedigian (508) 269-1354 if you can assist. The time that we serve at Peace of Bread is always a fulfilling experience as we share fellowship with all the guests.

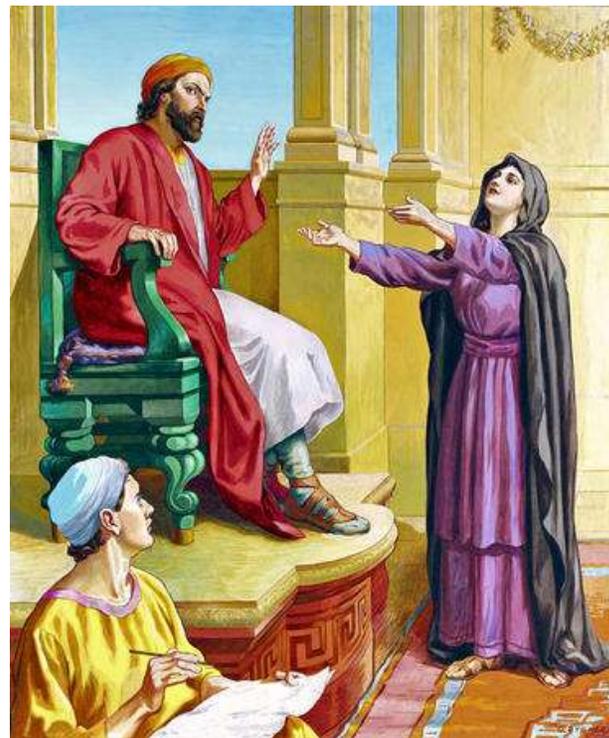
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SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 26, 2017

Sunday of the Judge

Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:15 - 4:9

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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

- TODAY:** **Is 65:8-25; Phil 3:1-4:9; Lk 17:20-18:14**
- Monday:** Heb 1:1-14
- Tuesday:** Is 7:10-8:10
- Wednesday:** Ex 4:1-21; Jl 3:9-22
- Thursday:** Is 53:1-54:5; 1 Cor 15:1-28
- Friday:** Dt 10:1-15; Jb 19:1-29; Is 45:1-13
- Saturday:** Wis 1:15-2:22; Mi 7:7-10; Phil 1:12-21; Mt 16:24-28

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, please let us know or fill in the welcome cards that are in the pew racks in front of you and leave in the office or foyer.

The Unjust Judge

Today is the Sunday of the Judge, or as Jesus refers to him “The unjust judge” as it is recorded in the Gospel of Luke 18. In this parable, there is a widow who is asking the judge for justice and it appears that this widow has no status and isn’t anyone special to the judge so he’s definitely less likely to listen to her than he would to someone of prominence in society.

Another point in this parable is that Jesus makes sure to let us know that the judge is unjust. According to verse 2, he doesn’t care about people or doing the right thing, because he *“neither feared God nor cared about man.”* In this parable, the widow gets an uncaring judge to meet her request, how did she manage to do this? She was persistent, she didn’t give up.

Today, Jesus is teaching us not to give up. If this widow can get an uncaring judge to answer her request by perseverance, then how much more can we expect the Righteous Judge, our God, our Creator, who does care, to respond to his special people’s persistent requests.

We must remember that the widow’s request in the parable was for what was right, and when we approach God the same applies to our requests, because God will not honor our prayers if they come from wrong motives, no matter how long we may pray.

James writes, *“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”* (James 4:3) Wrong motives mean just that, asking for things out of pride, greed, lust, or to satisfy our pleasures. God is not going to strike our enemy dead, in fact Jesus teach us to “Love our enemy”.

God wants to teach us to trust Him in all things and for all things, even when He delays His answers, He instructs us to keep on praying. Prayer is an act of faith because when we pray, we are essentially saying, “God, You know all things and I need Your wisdom, Your strength, Your ability, and Your peace. God will answer us when we call to Him.

He knows what is best for us and His answer depends on what we are asking for, if it is a part of His plan for our lives and how we will react to His response. Our reaction has a big part, what happens after our prayers are answered? What do we do?

Yes, be persistent and continue to pray often—but do so out of a humble, honest heart. Fancy prayers and big words aren’t going to help—use your own, be yourself. God wants to hear what you honestly pray, and He will answer.

When a prayer is answered, give God the glory, the praise and the thanks. Don’t think to yourself how lucky you were, luck had nothing to do with it. God has just shown you just how much you mean to Him. How much does God mean to you?
