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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, 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.

Following The Liturgy

We have Liturgy Books in the pew racks, take one and follow the pages illuminated on the wall. This way the Liturgy will become more meaningful to you.

COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU: "THE PROMISE": PREMIERE ON APRIL 21

The premiere weekend of the movie *The Promise* is this week. Make plans for family and friends to see the movie sometime during the weekend of April 21-23. Check with your local theatre chains regarding the schedule. We are planning to join with Holy Trinity, Worcester on April 21 for 7pm showing. Please see Der Hayr.

Ladies Guild

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be on May 6th, 9:00 am in the Church Hall.

Clothing Drive

Friends of Peace of Bread is holding a clothing drive during the UPCW yard sale on April 29th. 51 Cottage St, Whitinsville, MA We are looking for good, sellable clothing, accessories (belts, scarves hats etc.), shoes, linens, small household items and books. We will have pickup trucks parked alongside the church during the yard sale so all you have to do is place your items in the truck. If you can't make it to the yard sale please call the church office at 508-234-8220 to set up a drop-off time. You can go to <https://fundrive.savers.com/e/friendsofpeaceofbreadclothingdrive> to get more information or to make a pledge of bags.

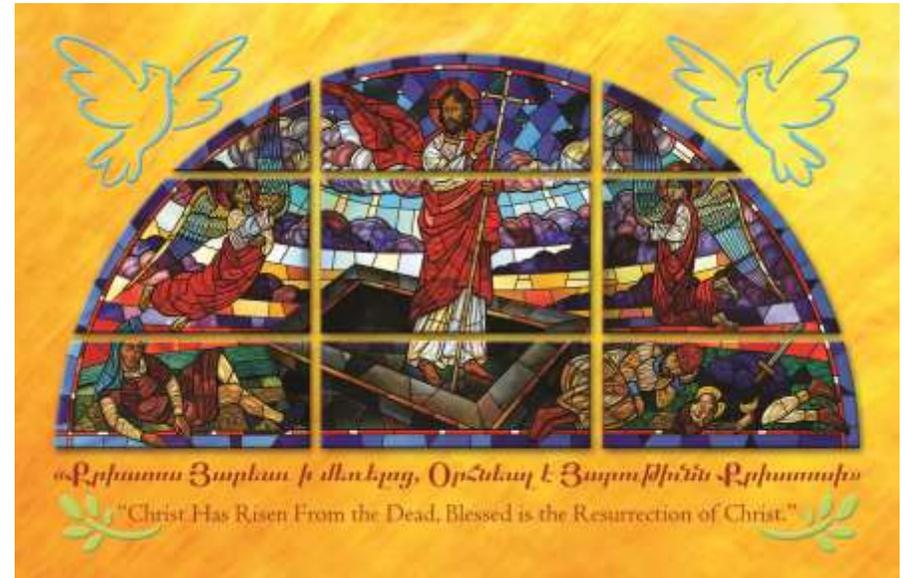
We are shooting for 600 bags so we can raise \$1500. We appreciate your help!

Do you want to have God pleasing faith? You cannot unless *you give time* to study 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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SUNDAY BULLETIN



EASTER SUNDAY

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April 16, 2017

Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian

EPISTLE: Acts 1:15-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms: “‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it, ‘and, “‘May another take his place of leadership.’ Therefore, it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ^{to} take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

- TODAY:** Acts 1:15-26; Mk 16:2-8; (pg. 1584)
- Monday:** Acts 2:22-41; Lk 24:1-12
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:42-3:21; Lk 24:13-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:22-4:12; Jas 1:1-12; Lk 24:36-40
- Thursday:** Acts 4:13-31; Jas 1:13-27; Mt 5:1-12
- Friday:** Acts 4:32-5:11; Jas 2:1-13; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 5:12-33; Jas 2:14-26; Jn 21:15-25

*Der Hayr and the Board of Trustees Wish You and Your Loved Ones
A Very Blessed Easter!*

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Blessing of Homes

After Easter, Der Hayr will resume the blessing of Home Service.

A Great Vision

Not too long ago I was asked this question, “What is your vision for this church, where are you going?”

I thought about it for a while and I must admit, the question cut a little deep. I took it personally and it was hard to let go, especially when I realized I was being compared to others. In the past, we’ve used the term “Mission with a Vision” so I started thinking about ways to create a vision, and thought it should be a great vision, perhaps something to attract lots of attention, get us on the map and keep us there. After all, we can’t have a great church without a great vision. And we can’t have a great vision unless the pastor (yours truly) casts an extraordinary vision for the church.

But my idea of a vision and what God has planned were two different things – as usual. God has already given us a great vision, He is waiting for us to bring it to life. We’ve had this vision for a long, long time. We have a commission and a commandment and they’re in the New Testament.

Our vision is to fulfill the Great Commandment (Jesus tells us, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*”) and the Great Commission (“*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*”). Without these, any other so called great vision we may have is superficial, it only looks good on the surface and sooner or later people will see through it and eventually will fade away!

The vision of our church should be to Love God, to love others and share the amazing story of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. To pray for one another, to be fathers and mothers to one another, being members of one another. Also, devotion and honor, not judging, being of the same mind, and receiving one another.

If we can accomplish this – then according to God, we would have fulfilled the great vision He has given us. Here we are again, Easter Sunday, the resurrection and our challenge is to believe it and live it. We can argue and deny and debate Jesus’ resurrection all day long and it still doesn’t change the truth - He Is Risen.

Ravi Zacharias, Founder and President of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries said "A man rejects God neither because of intellectual demands nor because of the scarcity of evidence. A man rejects God because of a moral resistance that refuses to admit his need for God."

Whatever is keeping us from coming to God now, is what will keep us out of heaven later. If we believe it we have to live it!

It is a life-changing, life-giving mission that Jesus tells us to take and that’s a great vision for our church!
