

A New Birth!

Welcome to Zoe Rose Brudner, born Sunday, May 28th.
Congratulations to the proud parents Stephen & Michella, big sister Bella, grandparents
Carol Bedrosian and Kevin Curtis and their Families.

Intercessory Prayer

O Lord, remember your ministers, our parents, teachers, brothers, friends, those who
feed us, the pilgrims, the travelers, those who provide us rest, the weary, the
confessors, the penitents, the captives, the sick, the afflicted, our leaders, the
malefactors, the benefactors, our enemies, those who hate us, and those who have
asked us with faith to pray for them.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates & Their Families

Cassidy Der Kosrofian, Anoush Gigarjian, Jacob Hazerjian and Sophie Shenian.
May God bless each of you and be with you on your new journey.

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 Ecumenical **Vacation Bible School** will be held from July 17-21 at the Village
Congregational Church from 9:00 am to 12 noon. We welcome all children who are
age 4 through grade 6. Swimming at the Whitin Community Center will follow.
For information, call Carolyn Mitchell at 508-234-3544. Registration forms are
available in the foyer and at all Northbridge churches.

Is There a Hole-In-One in Your Future?

Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church presents the 6th Annual
Dave Papazian Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held on Monday,
August 7th at the Highfields Golf & Country Club in Grafton, MA.
Golfers get your carts and clubs ready...please sign up and start contacting sponsors!
Email Hagop for more information hjantranigian@gmail.com.

Peace of Bread Food Pantry

The need of donations is great, especially during the summer months. Please bring
non-perishable, unexpired food items and toiletries. Our box is in the foyer.
All donations will help serve our neighbors in need within our community.
Thank you--God Bless you!

60th Anniversary Super Cash Raffle

2017 Raffle tickets have arrived! Don't wait until the last minute to get in on the
fun and a chance to win one of 5 prizes. See Raffi or Bill for your ticket(s).

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FEAST OF PENTECOST: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosrofian

EPISTLE: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

TODAY: Acts 2:1-21; Jn 14:25-31
Monday: Rom 1:1-17; Mt 7:28-8:4
Tuesday: Rom 1:18-25; Mt 8:5-13
Wednesday: Rom 2:2-11; Mt 8:18-27
Thursday: Rom 2:12-24; Mt 8:28-34
Friday: Rom 2:25-3:9; Mt 9:1-8
Saturday: Jer 1:1-10; Jer 38:1-13; 2 Pt 2:9-22; Mt 2:16-18

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

FEAST OF PENTECOST: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Before His ascension into heaven Jesus said, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled...I will ask the Father, and He will give you the Counselor (the Holy Spirit) to be with you forever.*"

It was difficult for the apostles to be without their Teacher, Jesus, which is why it was important for them to have the third Person of God hood, the Holy Spirit.

That is what happened the day of Pentecost. The promised Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the Church was born that day.

Every Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed, the Creed of the Universal Church: "*We believe also in the Holy Spirit, the uncreated and the perfect; who spoke through the law and through the prophets and through the gospels; who came down upon the Jordan, preached through the apostles and dwelled in the saints.*"

Before His departure, Jesus told His disciples "*it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the counselor (the Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go I will send him to you.*" (John 16:7) And later Jesus told His disciples "*not to leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised.*" (Acts 1:4)

What happened at Pentecost? The Scripture says, the disciples were all together, united in prayer when "*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.*" (Acts 2:1, 4)

The reason we see the early Church vibrant, effective and in action was because they waited and received the Holy Spirit, they listened. This day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles marked the beginning of the mission of the Church to spread the Good News throughout the world. If we believe and confess that God so loved us and sent His Only Son to be crucified on our behalf, (John 3:16) and that Jesus loved us and "*Laid down His life for us,*" (I John 3:16) and if we believe in the Trinity, as we should, then the Holy Spirit will dwell in us!

God gave the disciples the ability to speak other languages in order to spread the Good News. Today we have the ability to understand God's Word and it's just a matter of wanting it, being hungry for it and then telling others about it. Most of us are announcing every move we make on Facebook, Twitter and other social media. That's the same kind of excitement that God is expecting from us as Christians! **Our mission statement is "To know Christ and make Him known" That is the mission of the universal Church to spread the good news, to communicate the love of God to the lost. Amen.**
