

### Altar Flowers

If you and your family would like to donate flowers for the altar either in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please see or call Lusiya at 508-476-2920

### Support Our Church

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### Chef of the Month

A Chef of the Month dinner will be held this Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M., in the Church hall. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner and fellowship!

Tickets are \$12.00 per person and children under 10 are Free.

Please see a **Bill DiLuca** for tickets or call church office 508-234-3677

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Save The Date: October 29<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.

Badarak will be celebrate by H.E. Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan followed by our Anniversary Banquet at Highfields Country Club. Details coming soon!

### SUPPORT THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM IN ARMENIA

The annual Summer Camp for children enrolled in the Prelacy's Orphan Sponsorship Program will take place for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive summer from July 8 to 15. As in past years, Archbishop Oshagan has directed Prelacy parishes to pass the plate collection on Sunday June 18 and Sunday June 25, to help defray the expenses of the camp.

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 7<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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!

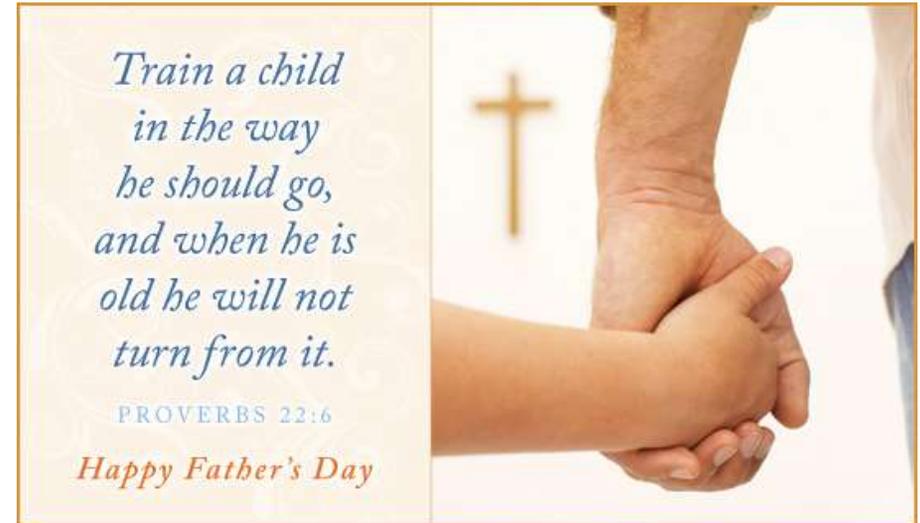
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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

“I and My Father Are One”

June 18, 2017

*Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosrofian*

### **EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:1-10**

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered Ark of the Covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

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

**TODAY:** Prv 9:1-6; Zec 3:7-4:9; Heb 9:1-10; Jn 10:22-30  
**Monday:** Prv 29:2-7; Is 18:7; Heb 2:14-18; Mt 2:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Song 5-8; Is 27:11-13; 1 Pt 5:8-11; Jn 12:24-26  
**Wednesday:** Rom 4:13-22; Mt 10:34-42  
**Thursday:** Prv 6:1-5; Is 33:5-8; Rom 8:18-27; Lk 21:12-19  
**Friday:** Rom 5:12-21; Mt 11:25-30  
**Saturday:** Wis 2:23-3:8; Is 57:15-16; Heb 13:7-9; Mt 10:16-22

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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.

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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

### **Blessing of Homes**

Der Hayr has resumed the blessing of Home Service, if you would like to have your home blessed, please see or contact Der Mikael at 774-462-8041 or via email.

### **"I and My Father Are One"**

From the day that Jesus was born, He was a target, a marked man but because Jesus came and was going to give His life voluntarily and according to His own Will, His accusers could not arrest Him until He was ready and when it was time – Jesus handed Himself over to them.

They asked Jesus to tell them plainly if He was the Christ. And He said, *"I did tell you but you do not believe"*. Do you believe? What is our response to Jesus today?

Jesus said, *"you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

If we deny Him then we are also guilty of trying to "kill" Him, to erase Him but of course we can't do that – no one can. All we accomplish by denying Jesus is turning down salvation and the eternal life that God is offering to us and sadly condemning ourselves.

We think that we are winners in this world and in this short lifetime, but in reality, we are the ones who lose everything including eternity.

Jesus demonstrated His divine sovereignty as Lord of all and through love and affection, He offered to lay down His life for His flock, for us. Trust and believe – that's all we need to do.

Jesus is our faithful shepherd. Put your trust in Him. He wants to give us life to the fullest! He said, *"I and the Father are one"*.

Jesus came to give us a life of joy, of peace, and of fulfillment. It's up to us to decide whether we accept or not. Some of us choose to stay busy and think we have fulfillment; others find comfort in alcohol. Some buy pets; others buy love, some travel all over the world and Others are still searching in all the wrong places. And only a few seek God, our Heavenly Father. Is God our Father, do we try and do His will, do we want to do His will?

Yes, today is Father's Day. And being a father isn't just about having children and making sure they're successful. Being a good father is about teaching our children, training them to think and discern between right and wrong according to the Word of God. (Proverbs 22:6) A good father, as defined by God, would teach their children to listen to the voice of the Shephard and to follow Him.

God's Law and Christian principles must be instilled in our children at a young age, so these teachings will become the way of life for them. Pleasing God in all that they do will become the desire of their hearts. God's word and Christian principles will become their foundation and when the foundation is strong, then the character of the person will be strong.

Happy Father's Day!

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