

### PEACE OF BREAD

We will be hosting our last POB for this year this Wednesday, November 9th. 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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**The Ladies Guild** is helping the Department of Children & Family Services again after collecting and donating 50 backpacks and supplies for children! Since winter is right around the corner, the Ladies Guild will be collecting pajamas until Sunday November 27th. Pajamas are needed for boys and girls, sizes infant to middle school age. Any questions, please contact Susan Baghdasarian at susanbaghdasarian@yahoo.com or 508-409-8350.

### Bazaar Bake Session Schedule

November 7 & 10 Choreg at 10:00 A.M.

November 9 Tourshi

November 12 & 19 Khadayif at 9:00 A.M.

November 28 Bourma at 10:00 A.M. / Pakhlava at 4:00 P.M.

**We Need Your Help, Please volunteer and help to make this a successful event.**

### NAC Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. The speaker will be Rev. Tom Landry, pastor of St. Peter's Church. The public is invited. The eleven Northbridge churches will be providing refreshments and there will be time for fellowship. Please bring boxed or canned items for the NAC Food Pantry.

### THE NORTH POLE POST OFFICE

Will open for business again this year at the Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church Bazaar Sat. December 3rd... We have to be ready!!! From now until Sunday November 22nd. Donations will be collected from the congregation, the community, your families, friends and businesses (hairdressers, gift cards, etc.)

Items should be for women or house and home. The donated items should be a minimum value of \$5.00. One or more items of higher value would be fantastic. Do not wrap items, we will take care of that to hide the value of each item. If it would be easier for you to give a donation, cash/check, we will take care of the shopping. Please give all donations ASAP to Lori Porter or Priscilla Altoonian Thank You!

### Annual Church Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 10am-4:30 p.m. Pleasant Street Christian Reform Church Hall, 25 Cross Street, Whitinsville; dinners served at 11:30.

**The Silent Auction table needs donations & baskets, if you would like to donate, please see or call Rachael Gallant at 508-207-0733 by Sunday, Nov. 27.**

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

**November 6, 2016**

### FAITH IN ACTION

*Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian*

**EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

- TODAY:** Is 24:1-12; Eph 5:15-33; Lk 8:49-56
- Monday:** Wis 4:7-15; Is 12:1-6; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Lk 9:23-27
- Tuesday:** Prv 15:33-16:7; Hos 14:9-10; Ti 3:3-8; Mk 13:9-13
- Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9; Lk 9:10-17
- Thursday:** Prv 28:10-18; Bar 3:31-4:4; 2 Tim 1:6-12; Mt 19:27-29
- Friday:** Eph 6:13-24; Lk 9:37-44
- Saturday:** Wis 9:13-10:2; Jer 16:16-19; Acts 8:26-40; Jn 1:35-51

***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.

**HOW TO FOLLOW 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.

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

**Bible Study**

Every Monday from 6 – 7 p.m. “Sermon Discussion Session”. It’s a question and discussion oriented chat group based on Sundays sermon and beyond. Together we share and learn how to apply Christian principles to our everyday lives. If you have questions or would like to discuss the sermon or just sit in, please join us!

**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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**Faith in Action**

In today’s Gospel reading from Luke 8:40-56; the woman in this passage and Jarius had something in common other than Jesus, they also had faith. What is faith?

For salvation, faith is a personal trust that Jesus died and was raised for us. We use faith in prayer, faith is the confidence we have when we are approaching God: “*That if we ask anything, according to His will, He hears us*” 1 John 5. And Faith is believing in what is written in the Scriptures without having seen any of it.

The essence of Faith consists in believing and receiving what God has revealed. It is trusting in the God of the Scriptures and in Jesus Christ whom God sent and by receiving Him as Lord and Savior. John 1:12, “*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*”

Without faith, we cannot have a connection with God. Many people believe that God exists and that’s a step in the right direction but it’s not enough. Believing alone doesn’t bring us closer to God. Even Satan acknowledges God. Believing is only one part; then comes the hard part, receiving. By receiving Jesus, we are renewed. By allowing Him to dwell in us we are changed both in heart and mind.

That’s why Jesus came, so that by receiving Him our hearts would be renewed. That, instead of a heart of stone, insensitive and stubborn, and unable to receive any divine impressions, Jesus would give a heart of flesh, a soft and tender heart, that has spiritual senses exercised, aware of pains and pleasures, and being obedient to the word and will of God.

And the last part of this equation is to become. When we believe, and receive we become children of God. “*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*” ~ John 1:12

He gives us the authority to become children of God and by grace we inherit His gifts. “*Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father...*” James 1:17.

By receiving Jesus, we are allowing Him to change our hearts. Whether we realize it or not, we’ve all experienced the heart of stone, either within or in someone else. An unforgiving heart, a heart that does not love, a heart that refuses to see the good in others - only sees the bad, a heart that has no compassion, a heart that does has no faith. Without faith, we cannot have a connection to God, regardless of what we tell ourselves.

To believe in Jesus is to trust in Him, Part of having faith is learning how to receive from God and to continue our trust: to remain faithful. We need to Allow God’s goodness to grow our faith. We need to respond to God with an expanding trust. And when faith has grown, not only will we believe but we will receive and become what God expects of us as His children. Trust in God, allow Jesus to work in your heart and life and watch as the miraculous transformation starts to takes place.