

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

Our Ladies have been working hard preparing for our Bazaar on December 3rd. Please come and lend a helping hand on any of these days or evenings that you are available. Everyone can't make every session but everyone can make it to at least one. Come fellowship, share your talents, share your time.

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.

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.

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!

NAC Food Pantry - Non-perishable items GREATLY NEEDED!

"Food for thought", put a few items alongside your church envelope, when you are heading to church on Sunday, every little bit will be a big HELP!!

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 memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion or Just Because.....

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 13, 2016

WHO WILL BE THE GREATEST?

Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosrofian

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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

TODAY: Is 24:1-12; Eph 5:15-33; Lk 8:49-56 (pg. 1610)
Monday: Prv 4:10-27; Is 48:17-21; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Matthew 10:37-42
Tuesday: Lamentations 3:22-56; Romans 8:18-27; John 16:1-4
Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 1:12-22; Mark 5:35-43
Thursday: Wis 5:16-18; Lam 3:22-56; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 12:32-40
Friday: 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11; Mark 6:1-6
Saturday: Wisdom 3:1-8; Isaiah 33:5-8; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; Luke 12:4-9

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.

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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Who Will Be the Greatest?

In today's Gospel reading from Luke 9:44-50 the lesson is obviously about humility. There's also a lesson in failure, in case some of us forget, that even those who are followers of Christ fall short.

The Disciples were far from perfect and in certain instances they failed. At the beginning of chapter 9 Luke writes, *“Then Jesus called His Twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”*

Later in this same chapter from verse 37 through 40 there's a man who approaches Jesus and begs Him to heal his only son. The boy is possessed by a demon and the man says to Jesus, “I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

Then, beginning in verse 44, Jesus tells them that He is going to be betrayed but they didn't understand, it was hidden from them. Where they fail here is in the fact that in not “getting it”, they didn't ask; they didn't try to understand; they were afraid to ask. Fear causes failure. Instead they argued *“who's the greatest among us?”*

Jesus responds by taking a little child, because the child is of the least rank with virtually no achievement whatsoever. And He sets that little child before them to illustrate this lesson on humility. Jesus knew the problem; it was the condition of their heart. And it doesn't end there, the failure of status come in to play. *“Master,”* said John, *“we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.”*

“Not one of us?” What are you talking about John? Jesus rebukes them, *“Do not stop him for whoever is not against you is for you.”*

The disciples, whom Jesus himself had hand-picked were failing, even though they walked with the Master, they fell. That means many will fall today, it doesn't matter how strong of a Christian we consider ourselves to be because of that one word, Pride. Being self-centered, having self-love, self-satisfaction, self-promotion, self-exaltation, self-fulfillment, those are the passions of a fallen heart.

Pride, it is so very hard to overcome. Why is that? Because pride dies hard, so very hard. Humility is difficult. We can have lesson after lesson after lesson on humility, from sermons or from reading the Bible but that's not enough. We have to act on it.

We know that Pride is one of the deadly sins and we know what our inner most desires are, so does God. Let's examine ourselves, our heart, mind and soul. The first two verses of Psalm 51, which by the way are recited during the Veraperoom, right before the deacon brings the Chalice, would be a great place for us to start. *“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”* Amen.