

Altar Flowers

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arakelian and family in memory of:
Manoog K. and Nevart Atamian

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.

Bring Out Your Baking Skills, Bake for the Bazaar Dessert Table:

Brownies, Cookies, Pies, Bars, And Armenian Pastries. Please bring to the dessert table by 10:00 on Saturday morning.

PAREGENTAN OF THE FAST OF ADVENT

This Sunday, November 20, is the Eve (Paregentan) of the Fast of Advent (Hisnag).

This is a week-long fast (Monday to Friday) leading up to the first Sunday of Advent, which is next Sunday.

Advent is the period that guides us to the birth and baptism of Christ. It begins fifty days before January 6. Advent is intended to be a solemn and quiet time for prayer, reflection, and meditation in preparation for the mystery of the incarnation.

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.

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!

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 20, 2016

Happy Thanksgiving

Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:8-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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

TODAY: Is 29:11-20; Phil 4:8-24; Lk 11:1-13 (pg. 1613)
Monday: Song 1:1-11; Prv 11:30-12:4; Is 52:7-10; Zech 2:10-13; Mal 3:1-2; 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 1:39-56; Col 1:1-11; Lk 11:14-23
Tuesday: Col 1:12-23; Lk 11:27-32
Wednesday: Col 1:24-2:7; Lk 11:33-42
Thursday: Col 3:15-4:4; Lk 11:49-54
Friday: Col 4:5-18; Lk 12:1-12
Saturday: Wisdom 10:9-12; Mal 2:5-7; 1 Pt 5:1-7; Jn 10:11-16

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!

NAC Thanksgiving Eve Service

This 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.

THANKSGIVING

In today’s Gospel reading, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. This Thursday, hopefully, many people will be praying and giving thanks for what they have been blessed with throughout the year, instead of just diving in to the feast before them.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, it was because they wanted to be in communion with God, and it was then that Jesus gave them and the world the Lord’s Prayer. *Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name.* Do we Hallow His name? Do we sanctify, do we revere, do we bless His name? Jesus gives us the privilege to call God our Father by the grace of adoption. John assures us in the opening chapter of his Gospel, *“To all who receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gives the right to become children of God”*. We don’t call Him Father because He created us but because of the relationship and communion we have with Him, because we worship Him.

Jesus taught us this prayer for a reason. It’s not your typical prayer like when someone is sick or when someone is in a bad place or for a successful job interview, successful picnics and bazaars and so on and so on. We rush into prayer with our list of things—we begin with what we want. But we are forgetting about God. We need to take some time to give God the love and praise that He deserves.

Again, hopefully many will be giving thanks this Thursday instead of presenting God with a list of wants and needs. But God is faithful to those who pray and ask, and that is why Jesus doesn’t stop with His teaching of the Lord’s Prayer. He continues to tell them a parable, which has one message: Ask and you will receive; Seek and you’ll find; Knock and the door will be opened. Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. Just remember who God is, remember the words and their meaning in the Lord’s Prayer. Then with faith petition God to answer your prayers.

God has answered many prayers and He has provided for those who Ask, Seek and Knock. But what’s amazing is that after He has done all these things for us He waits and watches to see if we go back and thank Him with the same intensity when we were praying for our needs and wants.

Jesus address this in Luke chapter 17. There were ten lepers who said to Jesus, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us”. Jesus healed them all; one of them, a Samaritan, went to Jesus, throwing himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. Jesus asked, *“Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”*

Ten were healed but only one person praised God. One out of ten gave thanks, two thousand years ago. Where do we stand today with our Thanksgiving?

*It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,
Proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.*

(Psalm 92:1-2)
