

E-Newsletter November 22, 2024

Sunday Services, November 24, 2024 Join Us for Prayer & Worship

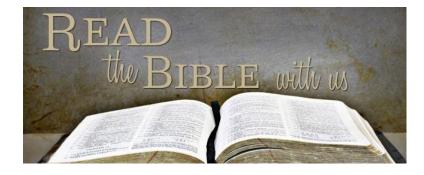
Morning Service: 9:00 Badarak / Divine Liturgy 10:00

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, please keep watch over your faithful people, strengthen those in captivity, and protect the holy soil of Armenia—now and always. Foil every aggressor against our homeland. Defend the innocent and voiceless, Lord. Preserve the name and spirit of Artsakh in our hearts, forever. Console all those who grieve, and remember those who sacrificed their very lives in your Name. Deliver your faithful children from conflict, and bestow your peace on all mankind.

O Lord, sanctify those who have greeted in love the beauty of your house. Glorify us with your divine power and forsake not those who put their trust in you. Grant peace to the whole world and to all your people. Amen.

> Let's Read the Bible! Readings of the week



Monday, November 25: Sts. Juliana, Basilla, Indus, Domna Virgins, Clericus the Priest Song of Songs 8:14[plus 6 verses in the Armenian version]; Hosea 14:6-8; 2 Corinthians 6:16-17:1; Luke 8:1-3 Tuesday, November 26: Lucian the Priest, Tarachus, Probus, Andronicus, Onesimus and other Desicples of St. Paul Wisdom 9:9-12: Issish 41:15-19: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17: Luko 6:13-20

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Wednesday, November 27:

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 12:41-48

Thursday, November 28: St. Clement of Rome

Proverbs 8:33-36; Isaiah 66:18-21; Philippians 4:1-7; Luke 9:1-6

Friday, November 29: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-19; Luke 12:49-59

Saturday, November 30: The Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew Wisdom 9:13-10:2; Jeremiah 16:16-19; 1 Corinthians 12:26-13:10; Matthew 9:35-10:7

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Bible Readings for Sunday, November 24, 2024 Paregentan of the Fast of Advent

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

LUKE 12:13-31

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more

than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NEWS FROM PRELACY CROSSROADS

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD": HONORING ARCHBISHOP ANOUSHAVAN'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE



This Sunday, November 24, the Eastern Prelacy community in the United States will come together to celebrate a significant milestone: the 40th anniversary of His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian's service in America. The event, themed "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1), underscores the Archbishop's steadfast leadership and guiding principle in nurturing the spiritual lives of his parishioners over four decades. Fittingly, this celebration coincides with the beginning of a week when Americans reflect on gratitude and unity during Thanksgiving.

The day will begin with a Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, New York, followed by a banquet at Terrace on the Park in Corona, New York. Both events will center on thanksgiving for Archbishop Anoushavan's enduring dedication to faith and the Armenian people.

A native of Beirut, Archbishop Anoushavan began his spiritual journey at the Armenian Seminary of the Holy See of Cilicia in Antelias. After being ordained a celibate priest in 1972, he was sent to the United States in 1984 to continue his service, where he has since played a pivotal role in strengthening the Armenian Apostolic Church across the diaspora. As Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy since 2018, he has emphasized unity, education, and cultural preservation, while his leadership and faith have earned him the respect of his flock. The banquet's theme, "The Lord is my shepherd," underscores Archbishop Anoushavan's pastoral care and unwavering guidance of the Armenian community through triumphs and challenges, particularly over the past four years, which have been marked by significant and, at times, dramatic events. Throughout his tenure, Archbishop Anoushavan has consistently turned to this scripture as a source of strength and inspiration, emphasizing faith as the foundation of resilience.

The Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis will provide a spiritual prelude to the day's celebrations, offering parishioners an opportunity for reflection and prayer. The banquet at Terrace on the Park will bring together clergy, community leaders, and parishioners to express their gratitude and honor a legacy of devotion.

In a time of global uncertainty, the celebration will highlight the enduring role of faith and leadership in preserving cultural identity as well as the spirit of gratitude, that most Christian of virtues. As His Eminence has expressed, "Jesus, as the Loving and Caring Son of God, as well as a true teacher, healer and our brother by human nature, brings us the greatest message that as the source of life, He is always ready to grant us the fullness of life, here and after."

This special day is expected to draw attendees from across the region, united in their appreciation for Archbishop Anoushavan's 40 years of dedicated service. We look forward to breaking bread with you on this joyous occasion.

THE NICENE CREED: A 10-PART BIBLICAL, HISTORICAL, AND THEOLOGICAL STUDY

The Nicene Creed (Havadamk), recited during the Divine Liturgy by Christians worldwide as the church's official statement of faith, was ratified by the 318 Fathers of the first Ecumenical Council held in Nicaea in 325 AD. Next year, 2025, marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, making it a fitting time to spotlight the teachings and legacy of the Nicene Creed in our educational programs. We are pleased to announce that this fall, the Eastern Prelacy will offer a 10-part virtual study on the Nicene Creed, presented by Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Director

of Christian Education. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, starting on October 2. For registration information, please Click on the Link below.



The Nicene Creed (Havadamk)

A 10-part Biblical, Historical, and Theological Study Lununun



on Wednesday evenings October 2 to December 11, 2024 7:30-8:30 pm (EST)

Presented by

Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian Director of Christian Education Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church

Click Here To Register

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For information, contact the Prelacy office 212-689-7810, shant@armenianprelacy.org





Saturday, November 23: Sts. Gregory the Wonder-worker, St. Nicholas, and Myron.

Monday, November 25: The Holy Virgins Juliana and Basilla, Indus, Domna, Clericus the Elder and the 20,000 of the Church of Nicomedia who were burned by fire.

Tuesday, November 26: Sts. Lucian the Priest, Tarachus, Probus, Andronicus, and Onesimus and the other Disciples of Paul.

Thursday, November 28: St. Clement of Rome.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



This Sunday, November 24, is the first Sunday of Advent (from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming"). Advent is a season of penitence, anticipation, and preparation. Advent serves as a reminder of the original anticipation of the birth of Christ, as well as the anticipation for Christ's return. Ideally, Advent should be a time of quiet reflection and meditation. In modern times the period leading to Christmas is far from calm, and often is stressful and frenetic. It is a good time to remember to pause and reflect on the proper observation of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

In the true spirit of Christmas, remember that this time of the year, although filled with joy for most, can be lonely and sad for many people. Reach out to an elderly person living alone, someone who is ill, or someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one.

ADVENT IN ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Did you know that the season of Advent has been on our Church calendar for centuries? If you did not know much about this season, it is never late to learn.

It is a period consisting of fifty days preceding the feast of Nativity of our Lord. It prescribes a spiritual discipline. During this time the faithful are admonished to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate love of God, and make their souls fitting abodes for him.

There are six Sundays in this season and each Sunday has a specific message:

Advent Week 1 (November 24): "Fight Against Greed" (Luke 12:13-31) Advent Week 2 (December 1): "Repent" (Luke 13:1-9) Advent Week 3 (December 8): "Be Charitable" (Luke 14:12-24) Advent Week 4 (December 15): "Be Forgiving" (Luke 17:1-10) Advent Week 5 (December 22): "Be Humble" (Luke 18:9-14) Advent Week 6 (December 29): "Invest Your Talents." (Luke 22:24-30)

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED ADVENT SEASON

TOGETHER WITH ARTSAKH ARMENIANS PRELACY'S STEADFAST SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES IN ARMENIA



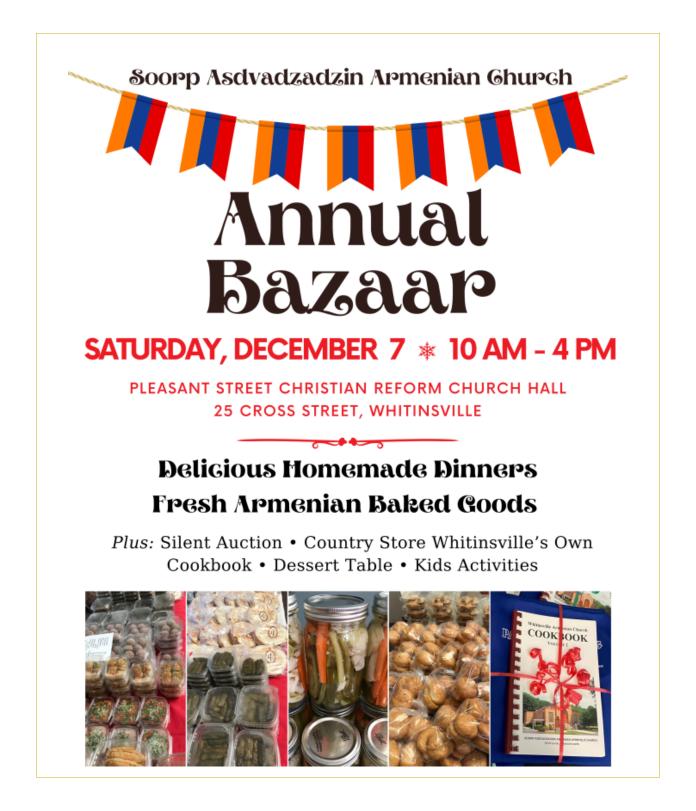
Tens of thousands of Armenians from Artsakh have been forcibly expelled from their ancestral territory following the criminal policies of the Azerbaijani state and relocated to Armenia proper. While they are trying to solve their primary needs of housing, food, and other urgent issues, they also rely on the continuous help of the Diaspora. The Eastern Prelacy is providing monthly assistance to 30-35 families from Artsakh through the Hope and Light NGO.

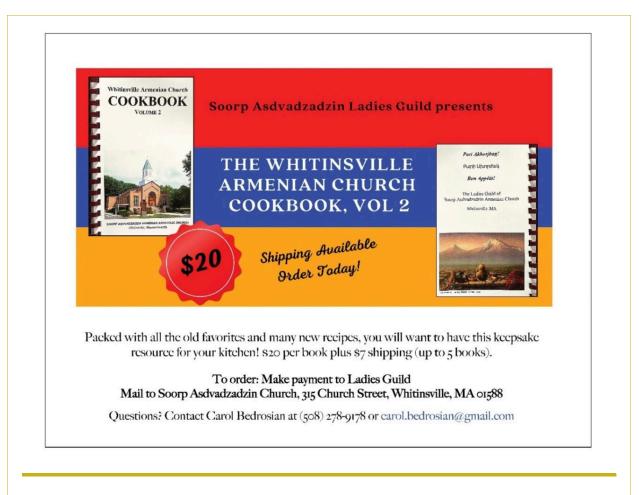
You can make your donations to the Eastern Prelacy fundraiser Together with Artsakh Armenians by clicking the kink bekow.

When donating online, please note that the company that handles the secure management of our website donations asks the donors to donate an extra amount for processing fees. This allows the Prelacy to receive the net amount of your gift without any charges. However, if the extra amount they suggest seems too high to you, please note that not only is the amount not a requirement, but there is a down arrow right next to the suggested amount. If you click on it, the drop-down menu will give you options for lesser amounts or even 0. You can always choose not to donate any extra amount.

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SOORP ASDVADZADZIN CHURCH NEWS





Bazaar Preparation Underway!

Members of the Ladies Guild have been working diligently to prepare for our annual Bazaar taking place on December 7th. Choreg, Yalanchi, Lahmajoun, and more. If you'd like to help, please reach out to Carol Bedrosian.

Bazaar Bake Schedule

Please see the list of dates and times below of the most current baking schedule. We need your help.

Please email Carol Bedrosian at <u>carolbedrosian@gmail.com</u> and let her know which sessions you can commit to. Thank you!

Saturday, November 23, 10am, Lahmajeune — Der Hayr

Monday, Dec 2, 10:30am, Bourma — Joyce, Claire, Ann, Margo Y

Monday, Dec 2, 1pm, Lahmajoun — Der Hayr

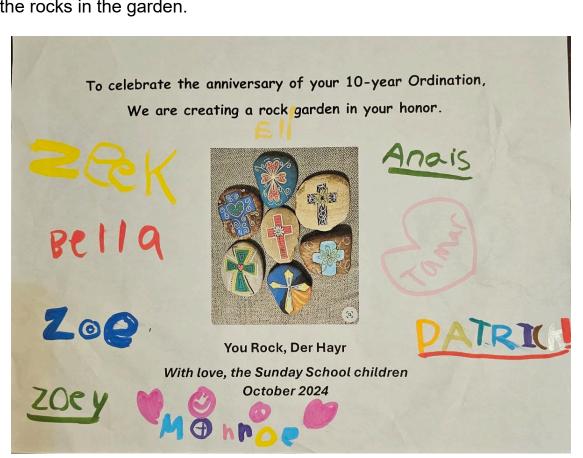
Thursday, Dec 5, 10am, Yalanchi Roll and Cook — Karen, Dale, Dona, Margo Y., Claire, Ann, Amy

Friday, December 6, 10am, Yalanchi, Baklava, and Bourma package — Margo Y, Linda St.F, Carol, Joyce, Claire, Ann

Friday, December 6, 5pm, Eech/Vospov Khema — Yn Susana and Karen



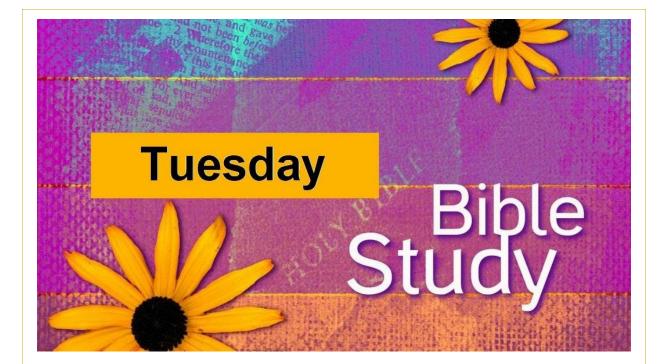
On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Der Mikael's ordination, the Sunday school created a Rock Garden by the entrance of the church.



Each stundent hand painted their rock with a picture or a message for Der Hayr and last Sunday some of the children with their teaches placed the rocks in the garden.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (AM & PM)



Bible Study Study of the Gospel of John.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Bible promotes INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT. When we study, we learn the greatest piece of literature known to man.

The Bible promotes GROWTH. Those who desire to grow in their character must learn first of God.

The Bible promotes FAITH. We learn of prayer in the Bible which counteracts unbelief. Bible study teaches us to fight against sin and the Word is a safeguard.

The Bible promotes WISDOM. Set a time for studying the Word. Be intentional. Study the Word prayerfully. Rely on the Bible's teachings and ask questions.



If you and your family would like to host a Sunday Fellowship following Church Services, please call the Church Office at 508-234-3677 or sign up on the board downstairs. Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church 635 Grove Street • Worcester, MA 01605

ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

Everyone is Welcome!!







Friday, November 22, 2024 • 4 PM to 9 PM (Dinner 5 PM to 8 PM) Saturday, November 23, 2024 • 10 AM to 4 PM (Dinner 12 Noon to 4 PM)

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NAC COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cookies AND Carols

The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville is hosting our annual "Cookies and Carols" event!

Come kick off the Advent season with us!

We will have festive Christmas cookies and will sing carols played by Eileen Straub on piano and special guest Will Cudmore on organ!

Where: 51 Cottage Street, Whitinsville, MA in the Sanctuary When: December 1st at 4pm





GET YOUR PREVIEW TICKETS NOW! www.BVFestival of Trees.org



Join the Magic at the 2024 Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees! All proceeds benefit Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter! Help someone homeless have hope today.

The Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter is hosting their 2nd annual Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees on December 6, 7 and 8. The primary objective of this festival is to raise vital funds for Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelters to support the homeless during the upcoming winter season.

This holiday season, the Blackstone Valley Festival of Trees is lighting up the community—and you're invited to be part of the magic! The Festival is a heartwarming fundraiser supporting the Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter (BVES), which provides essential assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Valley. Every ticket purchased and raffle entered helps BVES offer shelter, food, and support to those in need, making this event both festive and meaningful. This is being held at the Northbridge Town Hall, Great Hall, 7 Main St. Whitinsville.

So, Grab your family or your friends and come kick off the Christmas season viewing the most beautiful and creatively decorated trees. Take a chance on winning your favorite one! We believe that together, as a community, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

SOORP ASDVADZADZIN CHURCH MINISTRY



What Can We Do?

Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church of Whitinsville is committed to helping in any way we can. We have undertaken a new humanitarian effort to provide fresh food, groceries, and toiletries to the families who have either lost a soldier to the Artsakh war, or families who have a wounded hero who cannot work to support their family.

The program is simple. We order Groceries online from the supermarket in Armenia, which are paid for here in the United States. The groceries are delivered the next day to the families. We have "adopted" 15 families and God willing we will be adding more families as our ministry grows. Response to our AGM (Armenian Grocery Ministry) has been extremely positive and we hope to continue this work for as long as it is needed.

Der Mikael and The Board of Trustees urge you to donate generously to the following organizations.

For those who would like to mail a contribution via check, please make the check payable to Armenian Apostolic

Church with "Armenian Grocery Ministry" or "AGM" in the memo.

Mail to: 315 Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588 or via the UniBank link at the bottom of page.

Your secure donation will help to continue our humanitarian assistance in Armenia.

St. Nerses the Great Charitable Fund

On the ground in Armenia, the Eastern Prelacy sees small moments and individual stories as more than just numbers and words but knows that for each person they represent an entire world. Supporting the hope of this world are the individual sponsors who through their donation change the lives of Armenia and Artsakh's children in a dramatic and positive way.

Click Here: Orphan's Fund - Armenian Prelacy to Donate



SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH WITH WEEKLY OFFERINGS

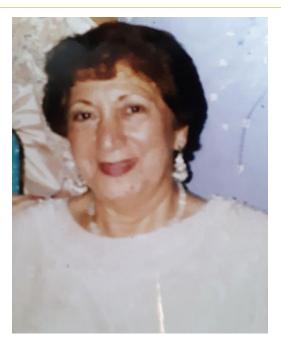
These are challenging times for all of us. The church is committed to supporting you in your spiritual and material needs, but it is a group effort. If you are able, please consider continuing to contribute to the church so that she can continue in her mission. Your Sunday offerings and Stewardship can be done online by using the UniBank link at the bottom of this page, via our Facebook page or by mailing a check to the church - or the best way - In Person on Sundays. Thank you!

Celebrating a special occasion? Honoring a loved one?

Say it with Altar Flowers and/or Candles



Altar Flowers for the month of November are donated by Melanie Craig in Loving Memory of Elizabeth Altoonian.



Donation for the Incense has been made by Harry and Pamela Ohannesian In Loving Memory of:

Paul and Nora Ohannesian



If you would like to donate Flowers or Candles for our Altar in 2024, Please call the church office at 508-234-3677 or email us at <u>soorpasdvadzadin@gmail.com</u> Donations can also be mailed to: Armenian Apostolic Church 315 Church St. Whitinsville, MA 01588

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Rita Wallen

Requested by:

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O Christ God, grant rest and mercy to the souls of those who are at rest.

Lighting Candles and Prayer Requests

Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

If you cannot attend church but would like for Der Hayr to light a candle and offer silent



prayers for you or a loved one, please email your requests to der.mikaeldk@gmail.com

Visitation & Holy Communion



If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to have a visit and receive Holy Communion, we ask that you PLEASE notify Der Hayr personally, at 774-462-8041 or through the Church Office: Email: soorpasdvadzadzin@gmail.com or Office: 508-234-3677



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS Please save these dates and support our church.

November 26 — Bible Study.

November 28 — Thanksgiving Holiday - Give Thanks and Enjoy!!!

December 7 — Annual Church Bazaar.

December 14 — Christmas Concert Church of the Martyrs - Worcester, MA.

December 20 — Christmas Service Church of Our Savior - Worcester, MA.

December 24 — Christmas Eve Candle Light Service and Singing of Carols.

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January 5 — Morning Service.

January 5 — Armenian Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy.

January 6 — Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy and Luncheon.

January 11 — Ladies Guild Christmas Party.

ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR E-NEWS LETTER?

Please send your inquiries and comments to soorpasdvadzadzin@gmail.com

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