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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF WHITINSVILLE



E-Newsletter: Friday, March 21, 2025

Join Us for Prayer & Worship this Sunday

Morning Service: 9:00

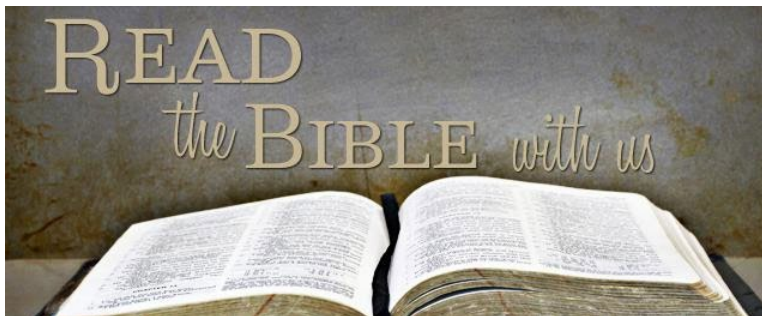
Badarak / Divine Liturgy 9:45

Sunrise Service 11:15

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Look with love, O merciful Father, on the created works of your hand, and grant the camps of the angels to be guardians of our feeble persons. Deliver us from temptation, from the wandering demons of night, that by day and by night we may give you glory incessantly. Keep watch, Lord, over your faithful people; strengthen those fleeing persecution, and protect the holy soil of Armenia. Preserve the spirit of Artsakh in our hearts; console those who grieve; deliver your faithful children from conflict, and bestow your peace on all mankind. Amen.

Let's Read the Bible! Readings of the week



Monday, March 24:
Jeremiah 32:19-44

Tuesday, March 25:
Job 38:1 - 39:36

Wednesday, March 26:
Median Day of Lent
Exodus 3:16-22; Joel 3:1-8

Thursday, March 27:
1 Corinthians 8:5 - 9:23

Friday, March 28:
Deuteronomy 9:11-23; Job 16:1 - 17:16; Isaiah 43:22 - 44:8

Saturday, March 29:
Forty Martyrs of Sebastia
Wisdom 3:1-8; Nahum 2:1-4; Is 43:1-3; Eph. 6:10-18; Matthew 13:43-52

SUNDAY BIBLE READING
Bible Readings for Sunday, March 23, 2025

Sunday of the Unjust Steward

EPHESIANS 4:7 - 5:14

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin;

do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

LUKE 16:1-31

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Law and the Kingdom of God

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.

“The law and the prophets were in effect until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.

“Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

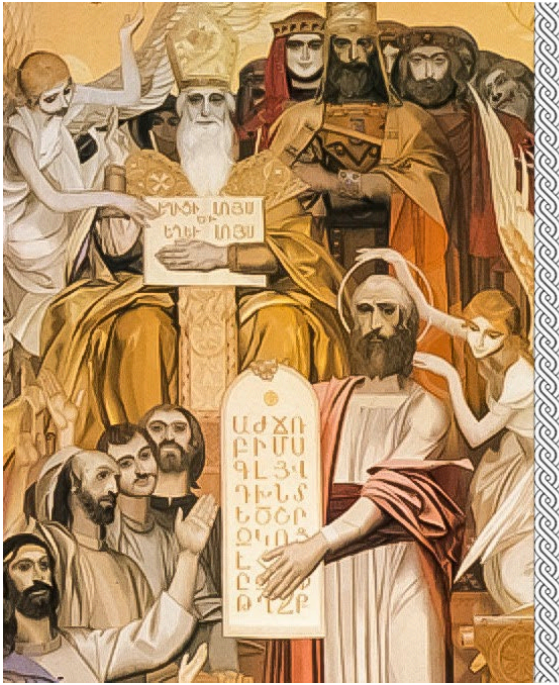
The Rich Man and Lazarus

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NEWS FROM
PRELACY CROSSROADS**

STS. SAHAG AND MESROB INSTITUTE

TO BEGIN NEXT SESSION



SAINTS SAHAG AND MESROB
INSTITUTE

Rev. Fr. Paul Tarazi has completed the first session of the Sts. Sahag-Mesrob Institute, an introduction to the Old and New Testament, on March 13. Starting Tuesday, March 18, the next session on Moral Theology will have Archpriest Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church (Douglaston, New York) and Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorkian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church (Dearborn, Michigan), as lecturers. Fr. Hrant will lecture on Tuesday evenings from March 18 - April 8 and Fr. Nareg will lecture on Thursdays evenings from March 20 - April 10.

The sessions will explore the principles of moral theology and how they shape our daily lives. Through Scripture, Church teaching, and real-world application, they will examine key ethical issues, from conscience formation to contemporary moral dilemmas. The course will equip the participants, whether they are seeking deeper spiritual insight or practical guidance in making moral decisions, with the tools to live a Christ-centered life.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SAINTS HONORED THIS SATURDAY



Hovhan Odznetsi



*Hovhan Vorodnetsi (Left)
Krikor Datevatsi (Right)*



Krikor Datevatsi

This Saturday, March 22, the Armenian Church commemorates the following four saints:

St. John

Patriarch of Jerusalem, succeeded St. Cyril as Patriarch of Jerusalem (386-417). He grew up with the monks at the monastery of Nitria (Egypt) where he learned about Christianity. He was noted for his keen intellect and is said to have delivered inspiring and eloquent sermons.

Hovhan Odznetsi

(St. John of Otzoon) was catholicos from 717 to 728, which was a period when Armenia was under Arab rule. He defended Armenians from forced conversion and was successful in securing the right of worship for Armenian Christians. He was also successful in securing tax-exempt status for the church. He was highly admired and respected.

Hovhan Vorodnetsi

(St. John of Orotni) was born in 1317. Following his ordination, he served at the monasteries of Klatzor and Datev. He dedicated most of his efforts toward the preservation of the orthodox faith, and against the attempt to merge the Armenian Church with the Latin Church. He wrote commentaries on the Gospel of John and the epistles of St. Paul.

Krikor Datevatzi

(St. Gregory of Datev), born in 1346 in the province of Vayotz Tzor, is perhaps the best known of the four. He was a student of John of Orotni and a great defender of the character of the Armenian Church. He was a brilliant scholar; he knew Latin fluently and had studied the Greek philosophers extensively. He is regarded to be the greatest teacher of the Armenian Church. His most famous work is the Book of Questions (Kirk Hartsnants), which examines questions of faith. He is also credited with setting a high standard for preaching. He is often referred to as “the second Gregory the Illuminator.” Datevatzi, who died in 1409, had the distinction of being the last person to be canonized in the Armenian Church until the Martyrs of April were canonized on the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

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SUNDAY OF THE UNJUST STEWARD



Our Church Fathers gave special names to the Sundays of Lent to focus our attention to a specific message helping us to navigate through the Great Lent smoothly and meaningfully. This Sunday is called Sunday of The Steward.

Our journey through Great Lent continues. This Sunday, March 23, the fourth Sunday of Great Lent, is the Sunday of the Steward (Dndesi Giragi). The parable of the Unrighteous Steward is in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 16 (see reading above). This parable is about a rich man and his steward. The steward was one who looked out for his own personal benefit and through his cunning arrangements he made deals with those who were in debt to his master. Jesus used this parable not to condone the behavior of the steward but rather as an illustration of qualities that have a necessary place in the life of true disciples. Since we are stewards of the world, we are accountable to our Lord for the talents we have and the things that have been entrusted to our care.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus used parables as a teaching tool. His parables were common stories, usually short and always interesting. Generally, the stories were used to convey important moral and ethical

lessons. Some of the parables are simple and easy to comprehend. Others are more complex and challenging.

Steward or Swindler? A Matter of Trust

The steward is a figure who comes up in many of Jesus' parables—a “stock character,” we might say, who would have been very recognizable to Christ's listeners.

What did stewards do, in the time of Jesus? What made them so interesting to our Lord?

They were, first of all, servants. But a special kind of servant: They were caretakers, or business managers, as we might say today. They were not owners; but the true owner, the master, had given the steward responsibility and authority. And to be given such things meant that the steward was in a position of trust.

Clearly, Jesus saw this special relationship of “stewardship” as symbolic of the greater dynamic between God and man. In the deepest sense, we are not the owners of the good things in our lives: our families, our healthy bodies, our heritage, our church. To be sure, we are indeed responsible for all these things, and we cannot neglect our responsibility. But our highest responsibility is not really to satisfy ourselves, but to please God.

Jesus's parable about an unjust steward who was accused of cheating his master (Luke 16:1-17—the reading for the third Sunday of Lent) is famous for being difficult to understand. But it gives us some very concrete clues about what it means to be a “good steward.”

Jesus tells us: “He that is faithful in a little, is faithful also in much” (Lk 16:10). He asks: “If you have been dishonest with another man's belongings, who will give you something of your own?” (Lk 16:12). And he concludes with the famous saying: “No servant can serve two masters” (Lk 16:13).

These words of wisdom should be “food for thought” for us, during our journey through Lent.

But the most important words in the parable come at the very beginning, when the Master asks the Steward: “What is this I hear about you? Give me an account of your stewardship!” (Lk 16:2).

Surely, this is the larger point Jesus was making throughout his teaching on stewardship. God has entrusted us with many serious responsibilities. He has given us many beautiful gifts and blessings. But we are called to make an account.

When our Master calls us to do so, will we show ourselves to have been good stewards? Or neglectful ones?

Why is he called an “unjust” steward?

But let’s return for some final thoughts on the parable of the Unjust Steward. As mentioned, it’s difficult to understand. Some interpreters strive mightily to make the desperate, swindling steward into an exemplar of moral conduct. But these attempts might be unpersuasive, given Jesus’ larger themes about what constitutes being a “good steward.”

Perhaps a key to its meaning can be found in an overlooked point in Luke’s account. We learn (Lk 14:14) that Jesus was addressing the Pharisees: the religious teaching authorities of Jesus’ time, entrusted with the job of telling the people what God wanted from them. But in order to make themselves popular, they had “watered down” the message: like the unjust steward, they had “discounted the debt” that man should rightfully owe to God.

Through the parable of the Unjust Steward, Jesus seems to have been warning the Pharisees—and all authorities in positions of trust—that while this might make them welcome in the homes of men, eventually there would be an accounting—and did they think that God would congratulate them on their shrewdness?

In this reading, Jesus is being ironic when he says (Lk 16:8), “The lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely.” But that mood certainly fits better with the stern lessons about honesty, integrity, and the impossibility of serving two masters, which immediately follow the parable.

by Christopher H. Zakian
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FOR BREAD AND HOPE TOGETHER WITH ARTSAKH ARMENIANS



A hundred thousand 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.

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

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ST. ILLUMINATOR'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL
221 EAST 27TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

CHURCH SERVICE AT 6:00 PM
LECTURE & Q/A AT 6:30 PM
TABLE FELLOWSHIP AT 7:00 PM

- MARCH 5** **THE YEAR OF THE REVITALIZATION OF TRADITIONS**
PROCLAMATION BY HIS HOLINESS ARAM I
His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Prelate
- MARCH 12** **THE BAPTISMAL CREED OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH**
Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorkian
- MARCH 19** **THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT TO THE NICENE CREED**
Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Khosroffian
- MARCH 26** **THE NICENE CREED**
A SYLLABUS FOR INSTRUCTION IN THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH
Dn. Shant Kazanjian
- APRIL 2** **THE CREED TODAY AND OUR MODERN HERESIES**
Prof. Michael Papazian
- APRIL 7** **THE THIRD CREED OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH**
THE CONFESSION OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH
Rev. Fr. Samuel Ajemian

The Prelacy Lenten Program is a hybrid program
The Lecture will be livestreamed at 7pm on the Eastern Prelacy Facebook Page

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July 6-13, 2025

The Summer Program will take place at

Shiloh Bible Camp & Retreat Center

753 Burnt Meadow Road

Hewitt, NJ 07421

**SOORP ASDVADZADZIN
CHURCH NEWS**

Great Lent 2025



Join Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church during this season of Lent to step back and step down from all of the extras in life and to meditate, looking inward at the condition of our heart, mind and spirit.

Lent isn't just a time to give up things, it is also a time to do things: Increase your prayer life, increase your mercy (be forgiving), increase your giving and increase your time with God.

*Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church
Lenten Services*

Friday, March 21

Friday, March 28

Friday, April 4

Friday, April 11

*Service at 6:30 pm
Dinner & Fellowship at 7:00 pm*

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Spring Bake Sale & Dinner's To-Go

Our Spring Bake Sale & Dinner's to-go will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2025 featuring many of your favorites, and dinners too.

**This is a Pre-order/Pre-paid event.
Sunday, March 23 is the Last Day to Place Your Orders!**

Please click the link below for order form, thank you for your support!



Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church
Spring Bake Sale ~ Drive Through Order Form
April 12, 2025
11AM – 1PM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Tel./Email _____

Please return this form by March 23, 2025

Quantity	Prepackaged Dinners/Pastries/Foods		Price	Total
	Shish Kebab Dinner w/Pilav, Fasoulya, Bread	x	\$24.00	
	Losh Kebab Dinner w/Pilav, Fasoulya, Bread	x	\$24.00	
	Chicken Kebab Dinner w/Pilav, Fasoulya, Bread	x	\$22.00	
	Kheyma Sandwich	x	\$12.00	
	Side Pilav _____ Side Fasoulya _____	x	\$5.00/each	
	Choreg:	x	\$15.00/dozen	
	Lahmejoun: Mild _____ Spicy _____	x	\$24.00/dozen	
	Lenten Peanut Butter Kufta	x	\$15.00/half doz.	
	Yalanchi	x	\$15.00/lb	
	Vospov Kheyma (Lentil Kheyma)	x	\$5.00	
	Eech (Mock Kheyma)	x	\$5.00	
	Khadayif: Nut _____ Cream _____	x	\$20.00/tray	
	Traditional Pakhlava (Baklava)	x	\$9.00/half doz..	
	Cheese Boreg	x	\$9.00/half doz.	
	String Cheese	x	\$8.00/each	
	Donations Greatly Appreciated			

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

All orders must be prepaid
 We will not be able to accept orders the day of the event.

Please make Checks Payable to **“Armenian Apostolic Church” Mail** to 315 Church St. Whitinsville, MA 01588
 For **Visa & M/C** Orders, Please Provide Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 CCV (3 digits on back of card) _____ ~ Thank you for your support!

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Men's Club Family Night



The Men's Club held its first Family Night on Thursday March 20 with dinner at Wrights Farm in RI. Their spouses, children and grandchildren joined them for an evening of fun, fellowship and food.

This was the first of many more Family Night themed outings, if you missed this one, you won't want to miss the next!



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (AM & PM)



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us as we learn from the life of Paul the Apostle

**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.

Genocide Commemoration Events

The Coventry Public Library presents

A Journey from Despair to Hope



The Armenian Genocide & the Story of Armenian Americans of RI
Presented by Pauline Getzoyan

During WW I, the Armenians of the Ottoman Empire became victims of the first modern genocide. To this day, the perpetrators continue to deny it.

Join us for a 75-minute presentation, including the film "A Journey from Despair to Hope" on the story of the Armenian Genocide and Armenian Americans in R.I.

The film follows Margaret DerManuelian, a survivor, and her journey to Rhode Island. It also explores the history of the Armenian Genocide, the effects of genocide denial, and the lasting impact on identity and culture.

Monday, April 21st
6 - 7:15 p.m.

Coventry Public Library
1672 Flat River Road
Coventry, R.I.

Free and open to the public. No registration required.

For more information contact
822-9104 or email
JCoppa@CoventryLibrary.org



Armenian Genocide Studies Presentation

3 APRIL 2025 | 5:30PM

Higgins Lounge | Dana Commons

Excavating Women's Testimony of the Armenian Genocide



SPEAKER

ELYSE SEMERDJIAN

Robert Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian and Stephen and Marian Mugar Chair of Armenian Genocide Studies; Professor, Department of History

Semerdjian will share her translations of some of the earliest Armenian women's accounts of the weaponizing of sexual violence during the Armenian Genocide, 1915-1919. She will discuss the challenges in locating everyday Armenian women's genocide experience within traditional archival sources. Introducing her concept of "embodied archives," Semerdjian will highlight how wounds and tattoo inscriptions are yet another form of genocide testimony.

REGISTRATION

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Church Membership

We wish to welcome you to join our Church family by becoming a dues-paying member. Anyone reaching the age of eighteen (18) is eligible to become a member entitling them to participate in the governing process of our Church allowing its members to vote and hold office.

The vitality of our church rests in your hands. Being part of our Church community offers another home - a home of worship, love, and togetherness. Therefore your active participation in the life of our Church will keep our community vibrant.

Your time, treasures, and talents are greatly appreciated as we strengthen our faith and dedication to the Armenian Church and its traditions. For more information on how to become a dues-paying member, please call the church office, see a member of the Board of Trustees or email soorpasdvadzadin@gmail.com

Your financial support through Annual Membership Dues and Stewardship helps to provide the resources needed to maintain our facilities and grow our outreach. It is through your support that our Church is able to fulfill its mission.

With joy let us participate in caring for our spiritual home that is always here for us.



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.

SOORP ASDVADZADZIN CHURCH MINISTRY

The war in Artsakh may be over...



...But the work has just begun.

Donate Today!

Help relief efforts in Artsakh & Armenia

Regroup. Rebuild. Reclaim.



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 and the families from Artsakh who have recently been forced to relocated by Azerbaijan to Armenia.

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. In addition to the families we have "adopted", we have started to help several families from Artsakh who are now living in villages in Armenia.

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](#)



faithful steward

with little • with much • with all

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
- 1 Corinthians 4:2 -

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, 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 March are Donated by
Jim & Priscilla Altoonian in Memory of
Betty Altoonian**



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Armenouhi Baghdasarian**



**Incense for the Month of March is donated by
Jeffery Kalousdian
in Memory of
Margaret Kalousdian**



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Armenian Apostolic Church
315 Church St.
Whitinsville, MA 01588**

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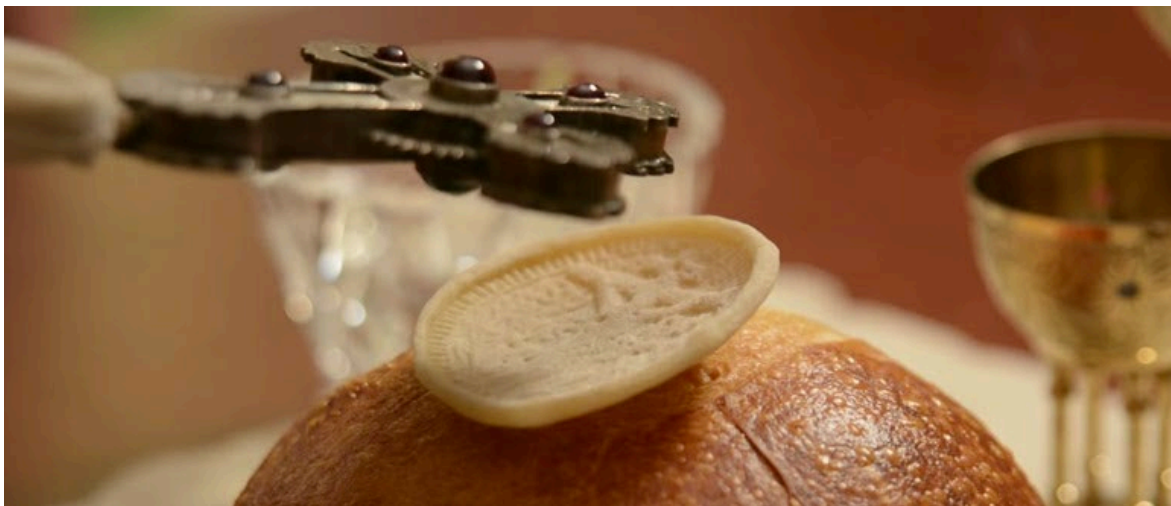
Lighting Candles and Prayer Requests

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: soorpasdvadzadin@gmail.com or Office: 508-234-3677



+ Hospital + Visitations

If someone
you know is hospitalized, in a Nursing
Home or at home, we ask that you
PLEASE notify the Church Office.

All calls are kept confidential

Hospitals and Nursing Homes do not notify
the Church when parishioners are admitted.

Email: der.mikaeldk@gmail.com or soorpasvdzadzain@gmail.com
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FROM OUR ARCHIVES...



**The First Choir Group with Fr. Oshagan Minasian (in wheelchair)
1958**

Recognize Anyone?

Back Row l-r: George Avakian, Harry Ampagoomian, Not Known,
Sebough Kalousdian, Charles Garabedian, Paul Arakelian.

Middle Row: 2nd from left, Sylvia Bedrosian

Seated: Pauline "Mello" Hagopian, Aram Sissoian, Fr. Oshagan
Minasian

**Do YOU sing or play the organ? Do you know someone who does?
Then why not contribute your talents to beautify our Sunday
worship experience at Soorp Asdvadzadin Church?
Please contact Der Mikael for more information.**

Words of Wisdom to Start Your Weekend.....



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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please save these dates and support our church.

March 21 — Lenten Service & Dinner.

March 25 — Bible Study.

March 28 — Lenten Service & Dinner.

April 1 — Bible Study.

April 3 — Men's Club Meeting & Dinner.

April 4 — Lenten Service & Dinner.

April 5 — Ladies Guild Meeting.

April 11— Lenten Service & Dinner.

April 12 — Spring Bake Sale.

April 13 — Palm Sunday & Luncheon.

April 15 — Holy Tuesday Remembrance of the Ten Virgins.

April 17 — Holy Thursday.

April 18 — Holy Friday (Good Friday).

April 19 — Holy Saturday Communion Breakfast and Easter Eve Badarak.

April 20 — Easter Sunday.

April 29 — Bible Study.

May 2-3 — Deacon's Seminar.

May 3 — Ladies Guild Meeting.

May 6 — Bible Study.

May 13 — Bible Study.
May 14 — Peace of Bread.
May 15 — Men's Club Meeting & Dinner.
May 20 — Bible Study.
May 26 — Memorial Day Service at Pine Grove Cemetary.
May 28-31 — National Representative Assembly.

June 3 — Bible Study.
June 10 — Bible Study.
June 14 — Church Yard Sale.
June 17 — Bible Study & Dinner.
June 19 — Men's Club Meeting & Dinner.

**ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR
OUR E-NEWS LETTER?**

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