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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF WHITINSVILLE



E-Newsletter: Friday, March 28, 2025

Join Us for Prayer & Worship this Sunday

Morning Service: 9:00

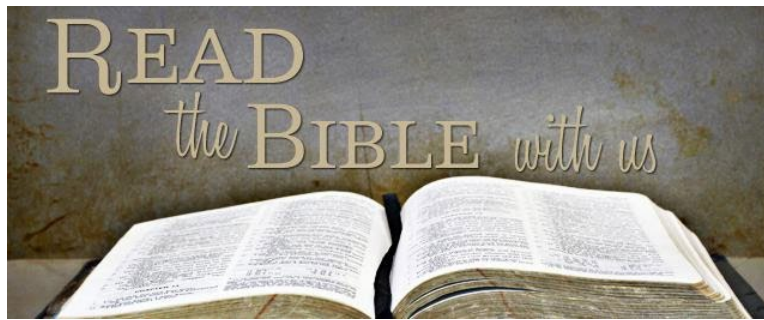
Badarak / Divine Liturgy 9:45

Sunrise Service 11:15

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. Lord, please keep watch over your faithful people, strengthen those fleeing persecution, 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. Amen.

Let's Read the Bible! Readings of the week



Monday, March 31:
Hebrews 1:1-14

Tuesday, April 1:
Isaiah 7:10 - 8:10

Wednesday, April 2:

Exodus 4:1-21; Joel 3:9-22

Thursday, April 3:

Isaiah 53:1 - 54:5; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Friday, April 4:

Deuteronomy 10:1-15; Job 19:1-29; Isaiah 45:1-13

Saturday, April 5:

St. Gregory the Enlightener (Commitment to the Pit)

Wisdom 1:15 - 2:22; Micah 7:7-10; Philippians 1:12-21; Matthew 16:24-28

SUNDAY BIBLE READING

Bible Readings for Sunday, March 30, 2025

Sunday of the Judge

PHILIPPIANS 3:1 - 4:9

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a source of steadfastness.

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— 4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. 16 Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with

Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

LUKE 17:20 - 18:4

The Coming of the Kingdom

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

Then he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, 'Look there!' or 'Look here!' Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were

eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed all of them — it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left." Then they asked him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell

you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NEWS FROM PRELACY CROSSROADS

NORTH AMERICAN PRELATES CONVENE IN LOS ANGELES TO PLAN THE YEAR AHEAD



North American Prelates gathered in Los Angeles for a two-day working session on March 25 and 26 to address key religious and community matters. Archbishop Kegham, Prelate of the Western Prelacy, hosted Archbishop Anoushavan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, and Archbishop Papken, Prelate of the Armenian Prelacy of Canada. The visiting

Prelates took the opportunity to warmly congratulate Archbishop Kegham on his recent election as Prelate.

In addition to ongoing matters, the Prelates focused on significant upcoming events, including the 30th anniversary celebrations of Catholicos Aram I's enthronement, which will be organized within North American Armenian communities. They also discussed preparations for His Holiness' pastoral visit to the Western Prelacy and coordinated plans for the official welcoming events. Further topics included the practical implementation of Catholicos Aram I's proclamation of 2025 as the "Year of the Revitalization of Traditions" and the fulfillment of its goals. The Prelates also addressed various social and moral concerns affecting the Armenian communities.

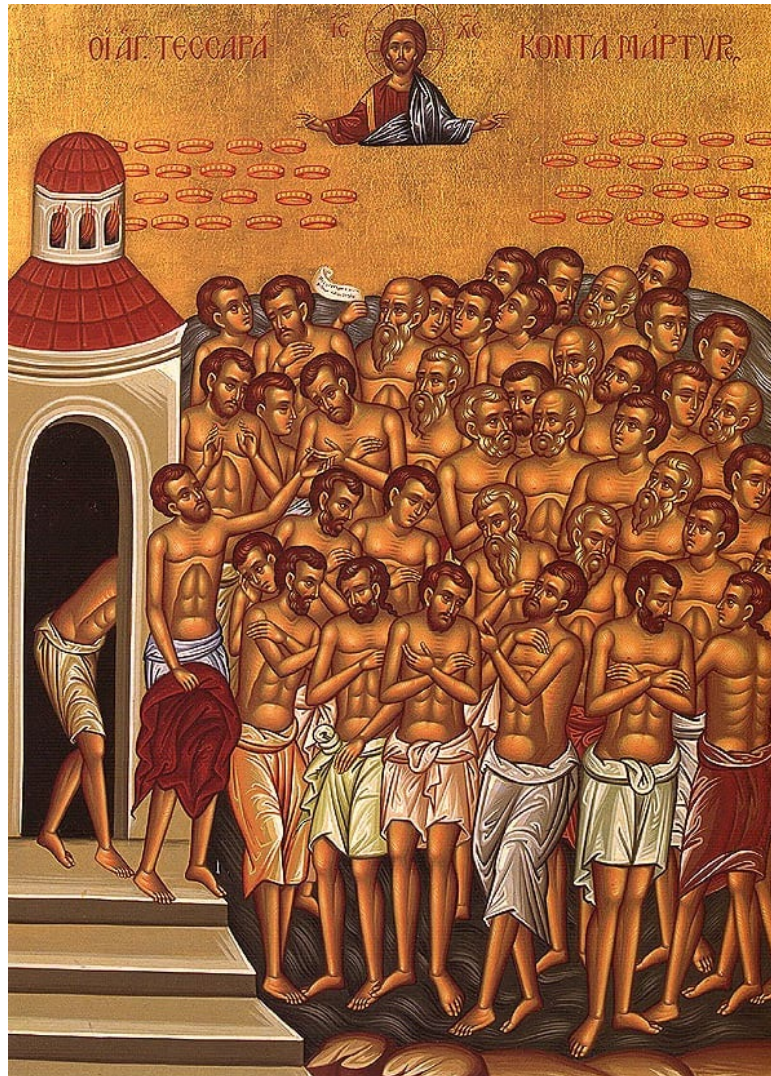
On Wednesday morning, the three Prelates officiated a Mid-Lenten sunrise service at St. Mary's Church in Glendale. Archbishop Papken delivered the spiritual message, reflecting on the significance of the season.

Later that day, Archbishop Kegham hosted a traditional Mid-Lenten luncheon attended by local clergy members. After a prayer of thanksgiving, the attendees shared traditional Lenten dishes and participated in a discussion on ecclesiastical and liturgical matters. Special emphasis was placed on the urgent need for modern, pedagogically sound religious textbooks for Armenian school students. Various proposals were presented and noted for further consideration.

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Forty Martyrs of Sebastia



This Saturday, March 29, the Armenian Church remembers the Forty Martyrs of Sebastia. Although the backgrounds and identities of the forty young soldiers are not known, it is believed they came from Lesser Armenia and served in the Roman army. According to St. Basil of Caesarea, forty Christian soldiers refused to worship the Roman emperor while stationed in Sebastia in Armenia in 320. They remained faithful to their Christian faith. The soldiers were tried and condemned to death by stoning. Miraculously, when the sentence was being carried out, the stones would not reach the condemned soldiers, but would instead bounce back striking those throwing the stones. The soldiers were then thrown into a frozen lake and forced to stay there unless they renounced their faith. Warm baths were prepared for anyone who would recant. Of the forty, only one gave up and came out of the lake. In the

meantime, forty aureoles came down from the sky: seeing that, one of the guards declared himself a Christian and took the apostate's place. All forty died.

Some of our great Church Fathers like Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Ephraim the Assyrian, and Sisian of Sebastia, wrote panegyrics about the forty martyrs, who are remembered each year during Lent on the Saturday following the median day of Lent. The Armenians have built and named churches in memory of the Forty Martyrs in various parts of the world.

MARCH 26, MEDIAN DAY OF LENT

Wednesday, March 26, was the median day of Lent (Michink). It is the 24th day of Lent and it falls on the Wednesday of the fourth week of Lent, ending the first half of our spiritual journey. Although it does not have any specific religious significance, this mid-point day has been traditionally marked as a special day and occasion for fellowship, friendship, and the sharing of a Lenten meal.

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE



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 Judge.

We are now more than halfway through Great Lent (Wednesday was Michink, the median day of Lent).

A common image runs through the Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday of Great Lent: the Sunday of the Judge. Two stories show Jesus talking about the coming of God's kingdom, and the way to pray to our Heavenly Father.

In one parable, our Lord tells the story of a widow who would not cease calling on a judge for justice—and we are meant to think about our own

prayers to heaven. In a second parable, a Pharisee and a publican pray in the Temple, displaying very different attitudes towards God.

Christ leads us to see that as human beings, every day, we stand before God. Indeed, one day, at the coming of God's kingdom, we will stand before Him as our judge. And so we must ask ourselves: "How should we stand before God? How should we prepare to show ourselves to Him?"

This is how St. Paul answered that question:

"Study to show yourself to God as one approved: a workman who has no need to be ashamed, because he rightly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

St. Paul wrote these words to his pupil Timothy—and what a vivid image he presents of the Christian life!

It is not a game, the apostle warns us, this calling to the profession of Christianity. It requires effort. "Study to show yourself to God," is his advice. Be determined and diligent, so you can show yourself to God "as one approved."

But, what does it mean to be "approved" before God?

Becoming a "Master"

As he does so often, St. Paul answers that question with a very down-to-earth example. Think of a workman, he says: a carpenter or stone-carver. What would it mean to call such a workman "approved"? He would be a person who had learned his profession. A person confident in his abilities. One "who has no need to be ashamed," as St. Paul puts it.

And he would be a person who knew how to correctly handle the tools of his trade. That's important for two reasons. First, because the expert use of special tools is the mark of a master. But second, because the tools themselves can be dangerous. In the wrong hands—in poorly-trained hands—they are a hazard both to the user and to those around him.

What then are the Christian's tools?

Paul's answer is that the Christian is a workman who "rightly handles the word of truth."

And what is that word of truth? Surely it is the Good News of Jesus Christ: his incarnation, sacrifice, and resurrection; his promise of eternal life to all who follow him. "Rightly handling the word of truth" is not a job we can simply walk into, without any preparation. It's not what we call today "unskilled labor." It requires some study on our part.

And just as importantly, in the wrong hands even that precious word of truth can be a dangerous tool. We hardly need to elaborate on the point; but we are all aware that religious teachings can be placed in the service of foolish or destructive ends. And no religion, not even the Christian religion, is immune to this.

Prepared for God

Christians are called to be masters of their profession: experienced; confident in their ability; skilled in the proper handling of the tools they have been given.

Paul's point is not that this is the way to obtain God's approval, because such approval can never be "earned": it is the free gift of a loving God, the fruit of the sacrifice of His only begotten Son.

Rather, his point is that if you are to be a Christian, then this is the kind of Christian you must be. Christianity is not a religion of half-measures. You cannot be a Christian part of the time, or only in certain aspects of your life. In accepting Christ's "word of truth," you embrace a total way of life. You need to gain a master's competence in the profession of Christianity.

And just as every serious workman wants to stand before his employer and declare, "Yes, I am prepared to do everything you ask of me"—so with the same words should we, as Christians, present ourselves before our Lord and Creator. In the deepest sense, this is our gift to God.

It is an awesome thing to realize that we stand before our Creator—not just at the end of our lives, but at every point in life. At this very moment, in fact. Every day, our Lord is asking something of us—great things and small things. And it is the greatest blessing in mortal life to be able to

declare, *“Yes, Lord, I can do what you ask of me. I am prepared to perform your will.”*

—Christopher H. Zakian

“And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” (Luke 18:1)

A Stanza from this Sunday’s hymn:

“Christ, you had bequeathed a commandment of truth to your church; to pray to God indefinitely with all their hearts and with all their minds.

We implore to you Christ, grant us, like the heavenly hosts, to face you at all times with pure prayers.” (Hymn of the Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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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.

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

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PRELACY LENTEN LECTURE SERIES 2025

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**

LADIES GUILD NEWS



Ladies Guild will be meeting on Saturday, April 5 at 9:15 A.M.

Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church Ladies' Guild welcomes anyone over the age of 18 to become a vital part of our church and community.

The Guild meets on the first Saturday of each month in the church hall at 9:15 A.M. with refreshments and business discussions.

We welcome your presence and ideas. Please feel free to join us or just sit in at a meeting to see what we are all about.

Please feel free to reach out to Ladies Guild Chair, Carol Bedrosian at at 508-278-9178 or via email at carol.bedrosian@gmail.com or any member of the Ladies' Guild executive with any questions or concerns.

Great Lent 2025



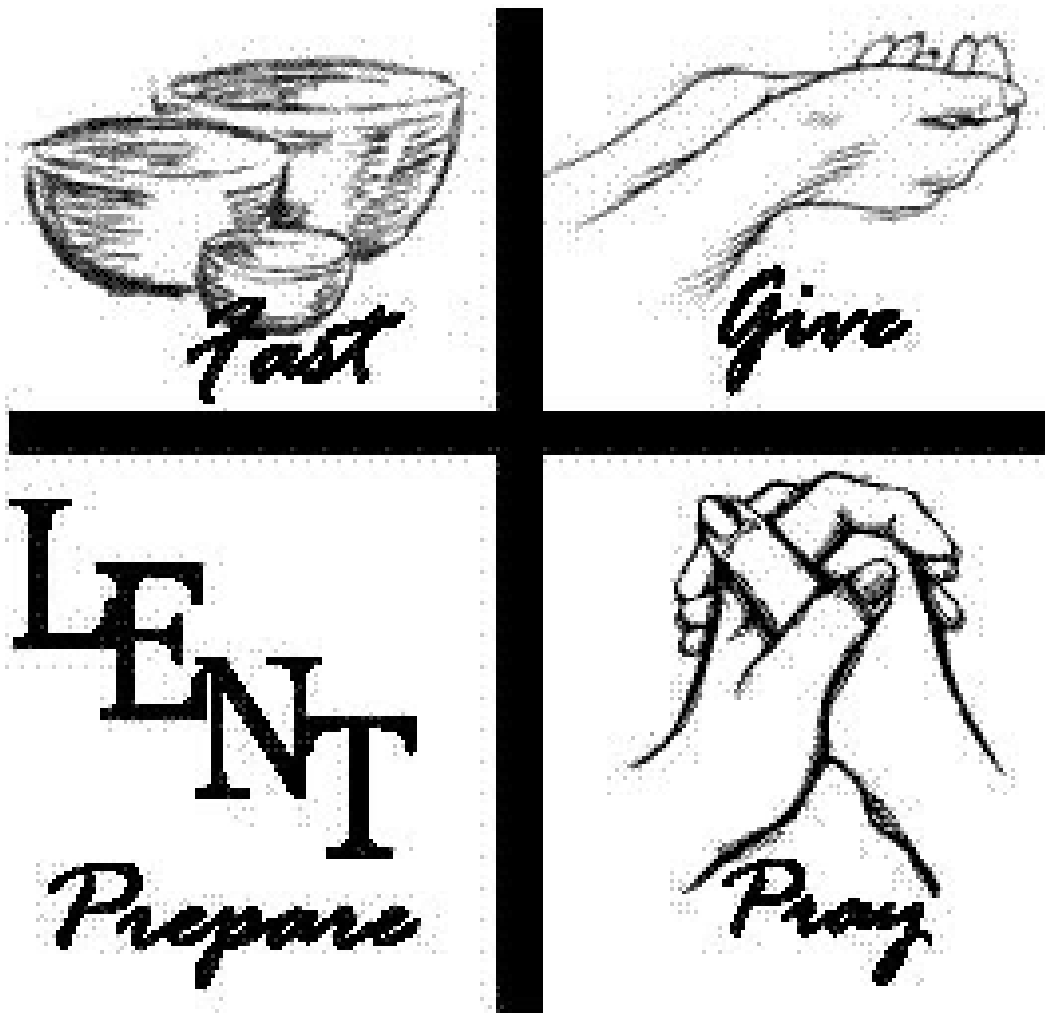
Join Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church during this season of Lent to step back and step down from all of the extras in life and to meditate, looking inward at the condition of our heart, mind and spirit.

*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 28
Friday, April 4
Friday, April 11*

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



FASTING DURING LENT

Great Lent (Medz Bahk) began on Monday, March 2. It is a time of prayer, penance, abstinence, and devotion, and a very personal spiritual journey that is based on the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness following his baptism. "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished." (Matthew 4:1-2)

Often the faithful wonder what can be eaten during Great Lent. The general guideline followed by the Armenian Church is that no meat or animal products (including dairy and eggs) are eaten during Lent.

More generally, fasting during Great Lent varies from Church to Church and has changed over time. This applies to the Armenian Church also. While there are ambiguities about alcohol and certain foods, including oils and honey, we know that fasting was very strict in ancient times among the Armenians. One of the Armenian names for Lent, Aghoohats, means “salt and bread.” It literally describes the diet followed by Armenian monks, clergy and certainly many of the faithful in ancient times at least from Monday through Friday, when they would only have bread, salt, and water.



SOORP ASDVADZADZIN CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY
DINNER

April 13, 2025

Following Church Services
in the Church Hall

Sautéed Tenderloin Tips With Mushroom w/Pilav
Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast
with Sherry Gravy & Traditional Bread Stuffing,
Roasted Rosemary Red Bliss Potatoes,
Drinks, and Coffee & Dessert

RSVP By April 9 To:

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OR

See a Trustee for Tickets:

\$20/pp Children Under 12 Free

LADIES GUILD TEA PARTY



You are Invited to Join
the Ladies Guild for a

Tea Party



Saturday, May 10
12-2pm



Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Church
315 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA

Tickets: \$25

RSVP: Susana DerKosrofian
(781) 281-4445 or susanadk25@yahoo.com



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (AM & PM)



Tuesday

**Bible
Study**

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

AUTHOR EVENT



**GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH:
VICTORIA ATAMIAN WATERMAN,
AUTHOR OF “WHO SHE LEFT BEHIND”
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 | 6:30 PM @ CENTRAL**

Join us to commemorate April’s Holocaust and Genocide Awareness Month with Victoria Atamian Waterman, author of “Who She Left Behind,” in conversation with Pauline Getzoyan, chair of the Rhode Island Holocaust and Genocide Education Commission. “Who She Left Behind” is a generational story of survival, love, and motherhood in the aftermath of the Armenian Genocide.

This powerful conversation will shed light on the often-overlooked stories of the brave and resilient women who became the foundation of rebuilt communities after the Armenian Genocide.

Please register to receive an email reminder by visiting our event calendar at events.cranstonlibrary.org.



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Cranston, RI 02920

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.

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1672 Flat River Road
Coventry, R.I.

Free and open to the public. No registration required.

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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

Scan code or visit:

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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**



**Altar Flowers for the Month of March are also donated by
Gary & Nadine Premo and Linda Bagdasarian
in Memory of
Armenouhi Baghdasarian**



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



If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, Candles or Incense for any month in 2025, Please contact Yeva Der Kosrofian at 508-514-863 or via email yevaderk23@gmail.com or you may call the church office at 508-234-3677 or email us at soorpasdvadzadin@gmail.com

**Donations can also be mailed to:
Armenian Apostolic Church
315 Church St.
Whitinsville, MA 01588**

You may also donate using the UniBank link below:

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Monthly Donations for Altar Flowers \$125.00
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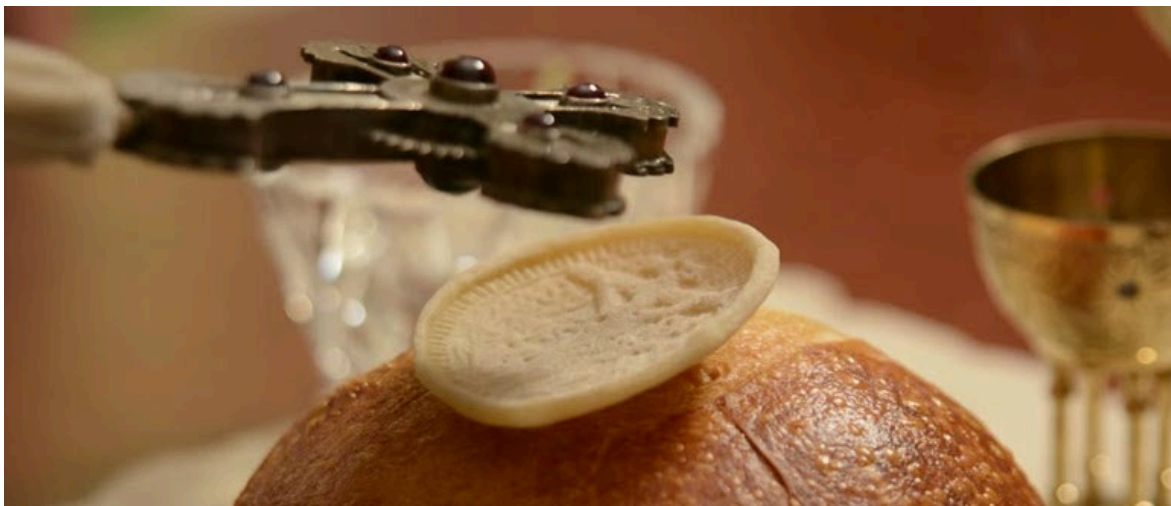
Lighting Candles and Prayer Requests

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

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the Church when parishioners are admitted.

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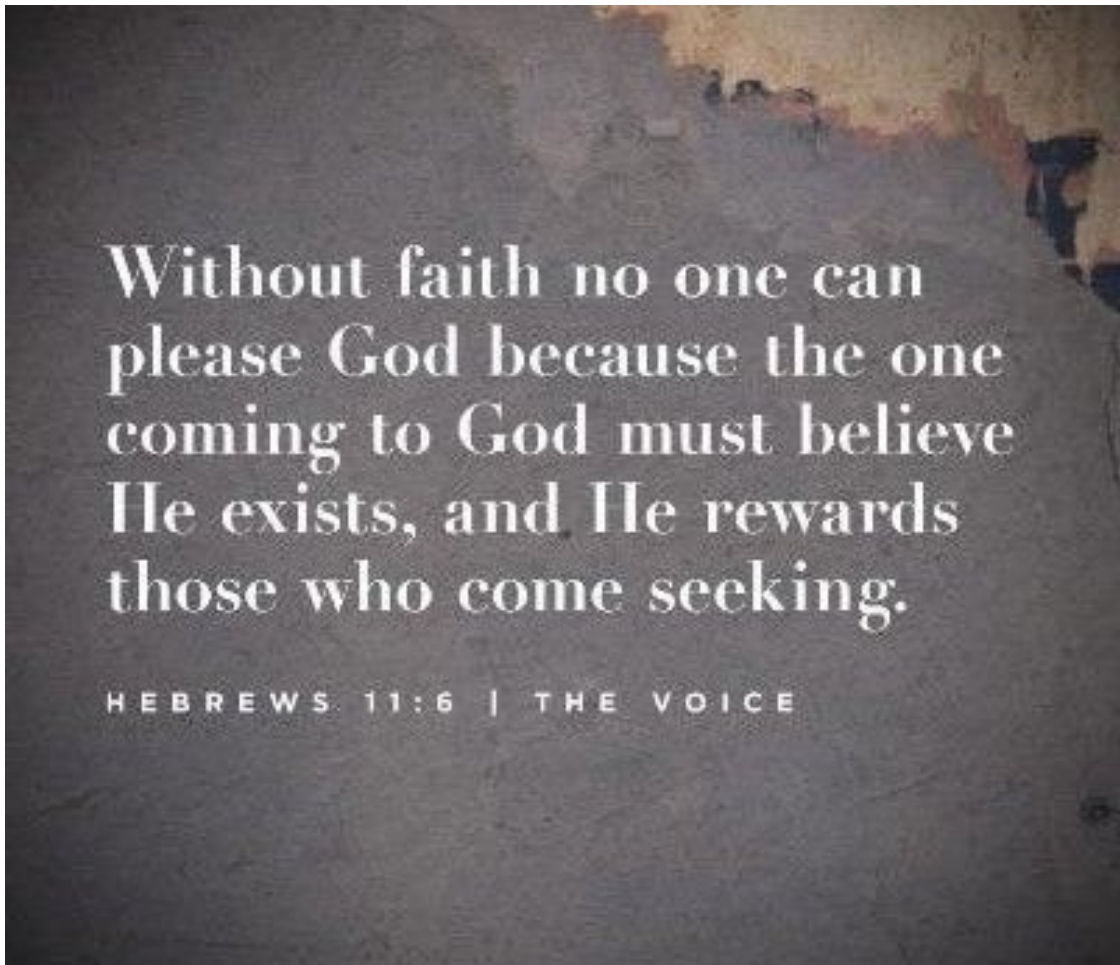
FROM OUR ARCHIVES...



Holy Week Great Tuesday Service at Holy Trinity Church - 2017

**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 Asdvadzadzin 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 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 & Dinner.

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?**

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

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