



SOORP ASDVADZADZIN

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF WHITINSVILLE



E-Newsletter: Friday, May 30, 2025

Join Us for Prayer & Worship this Sunday

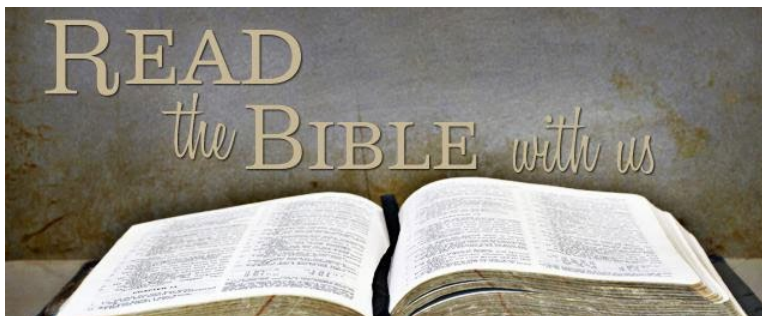
Morning Service: 9:00
Badarak / Divine Liturgy 10:00

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**I glorify you, God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and give thanks to him who has kept me in peace this night, to him who has led me from darkness to light, from death to life, from ignorance to the knowledge of his truth. Lord, please keep watch over your faithful people and the holy soil of Artsakh and Armenia, now and always. Foil every aggressor against our homeland. Defend the innocent and voiceless, Lord.
Deliver the world from every single conflict, and bestow your peace on all mankind. Amen.**

Let's Read the Bible!

Readings of the week



Monday, June 2:

Acts 24:1-26; 2 John 1:1-13; John 12:24-26

Tuesday, June 3:

Acts 24:27 - 25:12; 3 John 1:1-15; John 12:27-43

Wednesday, June 4:

Acts 25:13-22; Jude 1:1-7; John 12:44-50

Thursday, June 5:

Acts 25:23 - 26:30; Jude 1:8-15; John 13:1-15

Friday, June 6:

Acts 27:1 - 28:16; Jude 1:16; John 13:16-30

Saturday, June 7:

Acts 28:17-32; Jude 1:17-25; John 13:31 - 14:3

SUNDAY BIBLE READING
Bible Readings for Sunday, June 1, 2025
Second Palm Sunday

1 JOHN 5:13-21

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. If you see your brother or sister committing what is not a mortal sin, you will ask, and God will give life to such a one—to those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin that is mortal; I do not say that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not mortal.

We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them. We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

JOHN 12:12-23

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NEWS FROM PRELACY CROSSROADS

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY CONVENES IN WATERTOWN



St. Stephen's Church in Watertown, Massachusetts, is hosting the 2025 National Representative Assembly (NRA) of the Eastern Prelacy from May 29 to 31, presided by His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan, Prelate. Clergy and lay delegates from across the Eastern United States have gathered to participate in the annual deliberations that guide the spiritual and administrative direction of the Prelacy. The clergy conference, also presided by the Prelate, was held on Wednesday, May 28.

This year's Assembly opened with a message from His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, marking the Year of the Revitalization of Traditions. The message set the tone for the sessions to follow, as delegates prepared to address current priorities and challenges facing the church and its parishes.

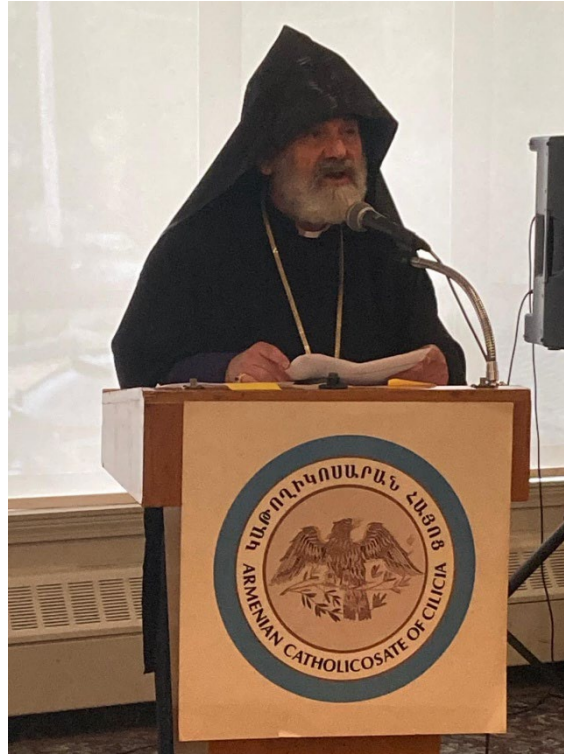
“What the Church does is a God-given and people-oriented mission,” His Holiness said. “A mission, which is expressed through education, social service, and pastoral care.”

In his message to the Assembly, His Eminence highlighted the importance of tradition. “When we understand the true meaning of tradition, we may see that tradition is neither an ossified entity nor an anachronism, but rather we appreciate that tradition is the power of creativity, of continuity and constant innovation, of keeping the family, community and nation attached to their roots, and of mobilizing its present potentials for a better future.”

Over the next two days, representatives will engage in comprehensive discussions and hear reports on the Prelacy’s religious, educational, and financial activities. Hosted in the vibrant parish of Watertown—one of the Eastern Prelacy’s most active communities—the Assembly is expected to offer renewed perspectives on strengthening parish life and bolstering intergenerational involvement in church mission.

Crossroads will provide full coverage of the proceedings and decisions of the Assembly in its upcoming issues. Stay tuned for updates on key developments, reflections from participants, and highlights from this pivotal gathering in the life of the Prelacy.

TRADITION: POWER OF CONTINUITY AND INNOVATION



Dear spiritual brothers in Christ,

NRA delegates, and guests,

This year the entire Christendom is celebrating the 1700 anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council held in Nicaea, where our confession of Faith was composed, which we recite every Sunday during the Soorp Badarak. His Holiness has continued the tradition marking each year with a theme and has proclaimed 2025 as the year of revitalizing Tradition. The Catholicos' message was published and broadcasted at the new year. My intention today is to turn the essence of the message of revitalizing Tradition as the motive power of our activities throughout our Prelacy and across our communities. I would like to adopt a pragmatic approach in sharing my views here.

There is no doubt that for the AI generation the word “tradition” has no place as a remnant of antiquity. Yet, the true understanding and practices of sustaining tradition have an existential role in society in general, and in the life of our nation, in particular. Hence, I would like to quote a statement from the message of His Holiness, and make it the focus of my thoughts:

“We need to preserve tradition. Our traditions impacted by the environment in the course of history must be harmonized with the spirit and conditions of the present, as well as with our expectations and needs, without losing their essential elements and uniqueness. In other words, it is necessary to preserve the core and reform the shell.”

[Click Here to Read Srpazan's Message](#)

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 options for lesser amounts or even 0. You can always choose not to donate any extra amount.

[**Click Here to Donate**](#)

SAVE THE DATE



ST. GREGORY OF DATEV INSTITUTE



July 6-13, 2025

The Summer Program will take place at

Shiloh Bible Camp & Retreat Center

753 Burnt Meadow Road

Hewitt, NJ 07421

One of the most popular programs of the Armenian Prelacy is the St. Gregory of Datev Institute Summer Program for youth ages 13-18, affectionately called "Datev". Sponsored and organized by the Prelacy's Christian Education Department, the St. Gregory of Datev Institute offers

a unique faith-based program for our youth in a wholesome and nurturing environment with three-pronged objectives: Christian education and formation, prayer and worship, and fellowship and recreational activities.

The comprehensive Christian educational program is completed in four years, one week each summer. Those who complete the program are offered the option to return for post-graduate classes. Each year, the students receive about 20 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes the Bible, the sacraments of the Armenian Church with emphasis on the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak), Armenian Church feasts and saints, Armenian Church creeds and theology, prayer and worship, as well as discussions on contemporary moral and ethical issues.

The daily life of the students at Datev is framed by 20-30 minute morning and evening prayers. Every morning the students assemble at the chapel for the Aravodyan or the Arevakal service according to the tradition of the Armenian church, and at the close of the day, before retiring to their rooms, the students once again gather for the Compline (Husgoom) service.

The daily schedule of the Program is tempered by afternoon sports and recreational activities, as well as with special excursions, all aiming to foster positive and lasting friendships among the students.

For more information, please contact Deacon Shant Kazanjian, Director of Christian Education at the Eastern Prelacy:

Tel: (212) 689-7810

Email: shant@armenianprelacy.org.

[Click Here to Read the Prelacy's E-Newsletter "Crossroads"](#)

**SOORP ASDVADZADZIN
CHURCH NEWS**

Memorial Day Requiem Service At The Armenian Heritage Monument



This Memorial Day was a special day for many in the Whitinsville community. The Armenian Heritage Monument has been completed with the final phase of the donor's plaque and landscaping at the monument.

The faithful gathered at the monument as Der Hayr and Deacons Raffi and Peter started the Requiem Service. It was a solemn moment as the names of loved ones were read and prayers for the repose of souls were said. The service was live streamed and is available for viewing on our Facebook page.

A new tradition has started in our community of coming together on this special day each year, Memorial Day, to remember, honor and pray for our loved ones. We thank everyone who supported the Armenian Heritage Monument project and helped make it a reality.





GRADUATE SUNDAY





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Honoring our Students

Sunday, June 8

Inviting all graduates!
Come for a special blessing and service
during the divine liturgy dedicated to
students in the Class of 2025!

If you, your child or grandchild is graduating from
high school, college, or an advanced degree
program, visit the link below
to submit your information for the Graduate
Sunday Bulletin.

Please make sure to submit all information by June 2.



Graduate Form

**SOORP ASDVADZADZIN ARMENIAN CHURCH OF
WHITINSVILLE'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE**



SATURDAY, JUNE 14 • 8AM TO 2PM
315 Church Street, Whitinsville

Dealer Spaces Available! It's like having your very own yard sale on church grounds!

- Dealer space donation is \$15 per spot.
- A limited number of tables are available to rent at \$5 each while supplies last.
- If you would rather donate items, the church will have its own yard sale table.
- Invite your friends and neighbors to set up too! All are welcome!

Save the Date: Admission to the buying public is free!

A few rules and requests for dealers:

1. Please bring home what you don't sell. There is no disposal for unsold items.
2. Your space will be clean, please return it in the same condition.
3. Please no chemicals, hazardous materials, anything illegal.
4. Dealer set up begins at 7am. Grounds must be cleared by 3pm.
5. \$15 space rental fee can be made on morning of yard sale in cash or check payable to "Armenian Church".

For more information and to reserve a dealer space contact Jeff at katama@gmail.com

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (AM & PM)



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.**

Men's Club to Host Kheyma Night!



Wednesday , June 18, 2025

at 6:00 PM

315 Church St., Whitinsville, MA

Menu

Kheyma

Salad

Dessert

Beverages

Alternate Meal: Chicken, Pilav & Salad

\$20.00/pp All Inclusive

Contact Peter Bedrosian for Meal Choice

774-462-8077 or via email at saaacmensclub@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME
Reservations Required - Thank You!

Click Link Below and selecte "Men's Club"

Click Here to Purchase Tickets

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 soorpasdvdzadzin@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.

INVESTING IN OUR ARMENIAN YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE
HYELIGHTS TALENT
JUNE 7, 2025

Saturday, June 7th, 2025 @ 6 pm
First Baptist Church ~ Gordon Hall,
111 Park Ave Worcester, MA

Enjoy a delicious buffet!

CALLING ALL TALENTED PERFORMERS AGES 4-99!

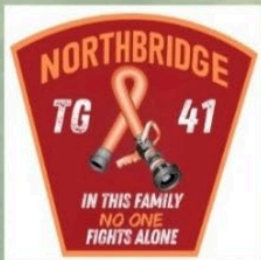
****Individual and group acts welcome**
OR join the Armenian Youth Chorus **

Talent Coordinator: Linda Bullock (508) 353-9257 lindajbullock@charter.net
Other Questions: Linda Bogosian (508) 826-8660 lindajbogolian@gmail.com

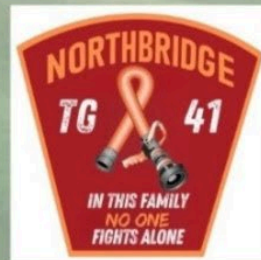
**David Muradian Charitable Foundation
Golf Tournament to Benefit
Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Genga**

THE DAVID MURADIAN CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE

*David Muradian
Charity Classic*



SHINING ROCK GOLF COURSE
91 CLUBHOUSE LN
NORTHBRIDGE, MA



JUNE 27, 2025
7:00 AM REGISTRATION
8:00 AM SHOTGUN



\$200 per golfer, \$800 per foursome

additional information contact
david.muradian.jr@gmail.com or 508-335-6225
Registration on included sheet

**Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church
Presents the 14th Annual**



Dave Papazian
Memorial Golf Tournament

**Monday, August 4, 2024 at Highfields Golf & Country
Club**

**Save the Date and join us for a great day of golf and
fellowship!**



**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



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



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



**If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, Candles or Incense
for any month in 2025,
Please contact Yeva Der Kosroffian at 508-514-8613 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:

<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/CustomerInfo.aspx?Customerid=1798>

Monthly Donations for Altar Flowers \$125.00

Monthly Donation for Altar Candles \$75.00
Monthly Donation for Incense \$25.00

HOKEHANKIST / REQUIEM SERVICE



In Memory of:

Rosa Marashian

Requested by:

**George and Peggy Marashian
Helene Marashian**

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

Home Blessings



Throughout history, Armenian Christians have considered the home to be a sacred place: the tranquil sanctuary of the family, where habits of virtue, pious traditions, and life-affirming customs are passed from one generation to another. Under one roof, members of a household achieve a unity of spirit and assume responsibility for the larger life of the community. They break bread and share life's joys and sorrows. Above all, the home is where one's faith in God is first kindled, and where that faith finds some of the most profound occasions for action. God's presence makes every family home a "Little Church" (in Greek, *ecclesia*), where His love and blessings permeate every corner. Through a special ceremony, we ask God to bless our homes on occasions like the Nativity and Resurrection of Christ, as well as on the joyous occasion of moving into a new home. It's called the Dounohrnek, or Home Blessing service.

During a Home Blessing, the priest takes with him wafer and incense. He blesses bread, water, and salt: three fundamental elements essential for human life. The priest asks God not to lessen these three gifts, without which life becomes impossible or imperfect. The bread, water, and salt are symbols of God's infinite goodness and care.

Bread, which symbolically represents the Word of God, grants life to all those who taste it.

Salt seasons our food, making it delicious and edible. Metaphorically, salt represents man in this world with his words and deeds; Christ said, *"You are the salt of the earth."* Man's life should be seasoned with wisdom, moderation, or a sense of sufficiency.

Finally, **Water**, the essential element of life, represents cleanliness. Through the water of baptism, we are cleansed, renewed in Christ, and united with our God.

Alongside the bread, salt, and water offered on a tray by the home-dwellers, the priest places the wafer stamped with a crucifix and designs of grapes and wheat. The wafer signifies the presence of Christ in the home. The members of the family can either distribute the wafer among themselves or keep it in a jar along with flour, salt, or rice.

During a Home Blessing, it is customary to burn incense, symbolizing the burning of our souls with our Lord's love. In his prayer the Psalmist said: "Let my prayer be counted as incense before Thee."

In the prayer of the Home Blessing the priest first asks for purity and abundance of the three gifts. Then he blesses the home and all its inhabitants, asks God to keep them away from visible and invisible enemies, and prays that God will protect them and grant them health of soul and body.

If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Der Hayr at der.mikaeldk@gmail.com or 774-462-8041.



+ 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 soorpasdvadzadzin@gmail.com
Mobile: 774-462-8041

FROM OUR ARCHIVES...



Siroun Dancers at 60th Anniversary Celebration - 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.**

A Little Humor to Start Your Weekend.....



**For wisdom is
better than rubies;
and all the things
that may be
desired are not
to be compared
to it.**

-Proverbs 8:11

Online Donations

For your convenience, St. Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church is now accepting online ACH/Electronic Check and Credit Card donations and payments. This is an easy and secure way to make your donations for Events, or for Stewardship, Membership and Requiem Services.

Electronic Check:

You will need to provide your bank's routing number and your bank account number to pay by this method. A helpful image is available during the payment process to assist in locating this information.

Credit Card:

We accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover.



To make a payment or a donation, please visit:

<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/CustomerInfo.aspx?Customerid=1798>

OR Scan the QR Codes Below:

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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28 - 31 — National Representative Assembly.

June 1 — Last day of Sunday school.

June 3 — Bible Study.

June 8 — Graduates Prayer Service and Fellowship.

June 8 — Annual picnic of Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence.

June 10 — Bible Study Dinner.

June 14 — Church Yard Sale.

June 18 — Kheyima Night - Kheyima or Chicken Dinner.

August 4 — Annual Dave Papazian Memorial Golf Tournament.

August 17 — Annual Church Picnic.

ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR E-NEWS LETTER?

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