



SOORP ASDVADZADZIN

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF WHITINSVILLE



E-Newsletter: Friday, June 6, 2025

**Join Us for Prayer & Worship this Sunday
as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost**

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



*The Dove came down with great sound from on high,
Like the flashing of light. It armed the disciples with fire
While they were sitting in the holy Upper Room....
Today, O new people, rejoice for the coming of the Holy Spirit!*

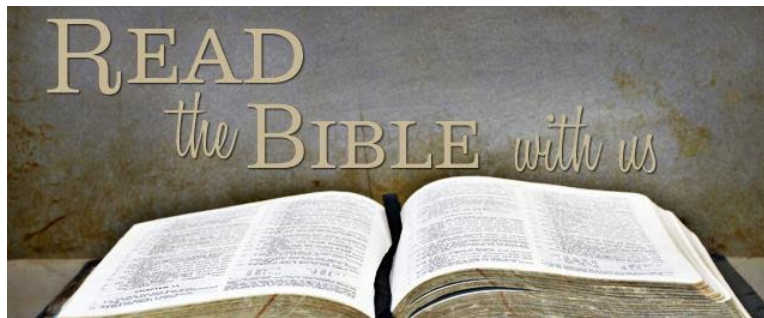
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May you pour on us, O Lord, the grace of your spirit—the spirit of wisdom, knowledge, power; the spirit of understanding and of the mystery of worship in God—which you received in the River Jordan. Fill us with the spirit of fear towards you. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy.

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 9:

Romans 1:1-17; Matthew 7:28 - 8:4

Tuesday, June 10:

Romans 1:18-25; Matthew 8:5-13

Wednesday, June 11:

Romans 2:2-11; Matthew 8:18-27

Thursday, June 12:

Romans 2:12-24; Matthew 8:28-34

Friday, June 13:

Romans 2:25 - 3:9; Matthew 9:1-8

Saturday, June 14:

Jeremiah 1:1-10; Jeremiah 38:1-13; 2 Peter 2:9-22; Matthew 2:16-18

SUNDAY BIBLE READING
Bible Readings for Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

JOHN 14:25-31

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way."

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NEWS FROM PRELACY CROSSROADS

EASTERN PRELACY ASSEMBLY CONVENES IN WATERTOWN, ADVANCES REFORMS AND RENEWAL AGENDA



His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan, Prelate, opened the Assembly with prayers, appointing Movses Shrikian as chair and Janet Haroian as secretary of the temporary presiding panel. The Assembly later elected its presiding panel, confirming Mr. Shrikian as chair and voting Ms. Haroian as co-chair, with Rev. Fr. Samuel Ajemian and Bea Movsesian as Armenian and English secretaries.

Delegates approved the agenda and heard a video message from His Holiness Aram I, who designated 2025 as the year of Renewal of Traditions and emphasized the Church's enduring role in modern society. The Catholicos called on the faithful to preserve the Armenian Church's spiritual and cultural foundations while remaining actively engaged with modern society. He thanked Archbishop Anoushavan for his dedicated leadership at the helm of the Prelacy.

Archbishop Anoushavan echoed this message in his remarks, highlighting the importance of tradition, community, and innovation.

Very Rev. Fr. Hrant Tahanian, Pastor of St. Stephen's Church, and Board of Trustees Chair Dn. John Daghlion welcomed participants and highlighted community initiatives, including the expansion of St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School.

Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor of St. James Church (Watertown, Ma.), conveyed best wishes from Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan and the Eastern Diocese. Representatives from sister organizations also delivered greetings and program updates. Garo Tashian, representing the Hairenik Association and the ARF, reaffirmed the church's central role in the Armenian national identity. Heather Apigian Krafiian spoke on behalf of the Armenian Relief Society Eastern Region, highlighting the ARS's 115-year mission and ongoing collaboration with the Prelacy. Hasmig Aprahamian, representing Hamazkayin Eastern USA, presented several youth-centered cultural initiatives by the organization. Vicken Khatchadorian, of Homenetmen, emphasized the organization's youth sports and scouting activities, while Executive Council Secretary Tamar Kanarian read a message from the Armenian Youth Federation reaffirming their close ties with parish communities.

The Executive Council report, presented by Chair Aram Sarafian, covered the Prelacy's current programs, strategic planning, and finances. Delegates raised questions about clergy training in the United States and the expansion of parish missions. It was noted that clergy preparation is available through existing institutions. Expanding parishes requires both initiative and financial support, as illustrated by communities with large Armenian populations but limited local engagement.

Other presentations included a report by Alice Simonian Buratti on the absentee voting pilot program carried out by Sts. Vartanantz Church (Providence, Rhode Island) and a discussion led by Anoush Baghdassarian, Esq., on "Identity and Justice in Rerooted Armenian Communities."

Crossroads will continue to report on the National Representative Assembly and the issues raised by the delegates, as well as the proposals aimed at strengthening the Armenian community and the parish life across the Eastern United States.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LADIES' GUILDS MEETS IN WATERTOWN



On Thursday and Friday, May 29 and 30, ladies representing ten parishes of the Eastern Prelacy met in Watertown, Massachusetts, for the conference of the National Association of Ladies' Guilds, which annually coincides with the National Representative Assembly.

The conference began jointly with the first session of the Assembly and was opened by a prayer service followed by the message from His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. Following this message, NALG representatives retired to a separate meeting room to discuss issues specifically focused on providing guidance to help strengthen the commitment and service of each Ladies Guild within their local parishes.

During the two-day conference, a representative of each parish presented an overview of activities held in their local churches during the year, as well as shared ideas and offered suggestions to their sister guilds.

His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan, Prelate, addressed the group expressing his support and encouragement to continue its efforts in works for the Prelacy and local parishes.

Becky Megerdichian, President of the St. Stephen's (Watertown) Ladies Guild graciously welcomed the participants to the community.

Also, Sarineh Cunningham, a graduate of the St. Gregory of Datev Institute, spoke of her experiences while attending the program. She enthusiastically shared stories of learning about our Armenian faith, religious practices, and traditions while meeting and bonding with youth from different parishes.

The NALG annually holds a raffle which provides for financial support to the Datev Institute and the Prelacy Orphan Support Fund. This year, the attendees voted to become annual Pillars of the Prelacy. The raffle winners were Cynthia Bently (Philadelphia), \$1,000, and the St. Illuminator's Cathedral Ladies Guild (New York), \$500.



**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](#)

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF PENTECOST: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



This Sunday (June 8), the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost (Hokekalousd), the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the birth of the Church. Jesus had commanded His apostles to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Recognizing the difficulty of this great responsibility, Christ had advised his disciples not to begin their teaching mission until after the “descent of the Holy Spirit.”

In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that on that day of Pentecost the apostles gathered in one place, and suddenly a strong wind seemed to fill the house in which they were assembled, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit (see reading above). It was the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shabuoth) commemorating the giving of the law on Mount Sinai and many different people from different lands had come to Jerusalem. They marveled that they could understand the Apostles’ words. This day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles marked the beginning of the mission of the Church to spread the Good News throughout the world.

In a sense, Pentecost is the opposite of what occurred in the Old Testament story of the Tower of Babel when God disapproved of the building of a tower to reach the heavens and he created confusion by having the workers suddenly speak in different tongues, and unable to understand each other. At Pentecost He gave the disciples the ability to speak other tongues and thus be able to be understood by everyone everywhere.

Life-creating God, lover of mankind Spirit, with tongues of fire you enlightened those assembled in unity and love; therefore, we also celebrate today your holy descent.

Filled with joy by your coming, the Holy Apostles began in different-sounding tongues to call into unity them that had been divided from each other; therefore, we also celebrate today your holy descent.

By spiritual and holy baptism, through them you have adorned the universe with a new and radiant garment; therefore, we also celebrate your holy descent.

(From the Canon for the First Day of Pentecost according to the Liturgical Canons of the Armenian Church)

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

SOORP ASDVADZADZIN CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School News



The Sunday school children of Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church in Whitinsville closed their school year with a "Hantess"/presentation coordinated by the Sunday school staff. Following the Divine Liturgy, the children, along with their teachers, showcased what they had learned throughout the year. Songs in Armenian with Ani Nalbandian, hymns from Badarak with Marina Merian and Linda Bullock and even a dance - the Tamzara with Yeva Der Kosroffian.

Each student was presented with a certificate by their teachers for their accomplishments this past year.

The teachers, under the guidance of Victoria Waterman are looking forward to welcoming the children back in September.

A time of fellowship which was hosted by the Sunday school followed the celebration.



GRADUATE SUNDAY





Graduate Form

The graduates will be featured in next week E-Newsletter with pictures from the service this Sunday.

**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 Will Resume in September

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 soorpasdvadzadzin@gmail.com

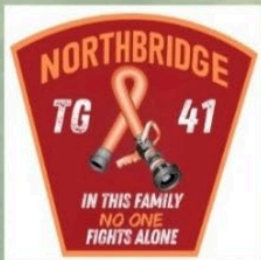
Your financial support through Annual Membership Dues and Stewardship helps to provide the resources needed to maintain our facilities and grow our outreach. It is through your support that our Church is able to fulfill its mission.

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

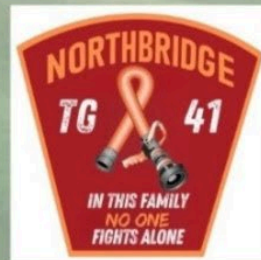
**David Muradian Charitable Foundation
Golf Tournament to Benefit
Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Genga**

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, 2025 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



Altar Flowers for the Month of June are Donated by

**Nadine & Gary Premo and Linda Bagdasarian
in Memory of
Alice Asdourian**



**If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, Candles or Incense
for any month in 2025,
Please contact Yeva Der Kosrobian 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:

George Avakian ~ Karasounk/40 Day Requiem

Requested by:

**Pamela and Gary Campo
Patricia and Dave Ebbeling
Katherine Shea
Peter and Sheila Avakian**

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



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

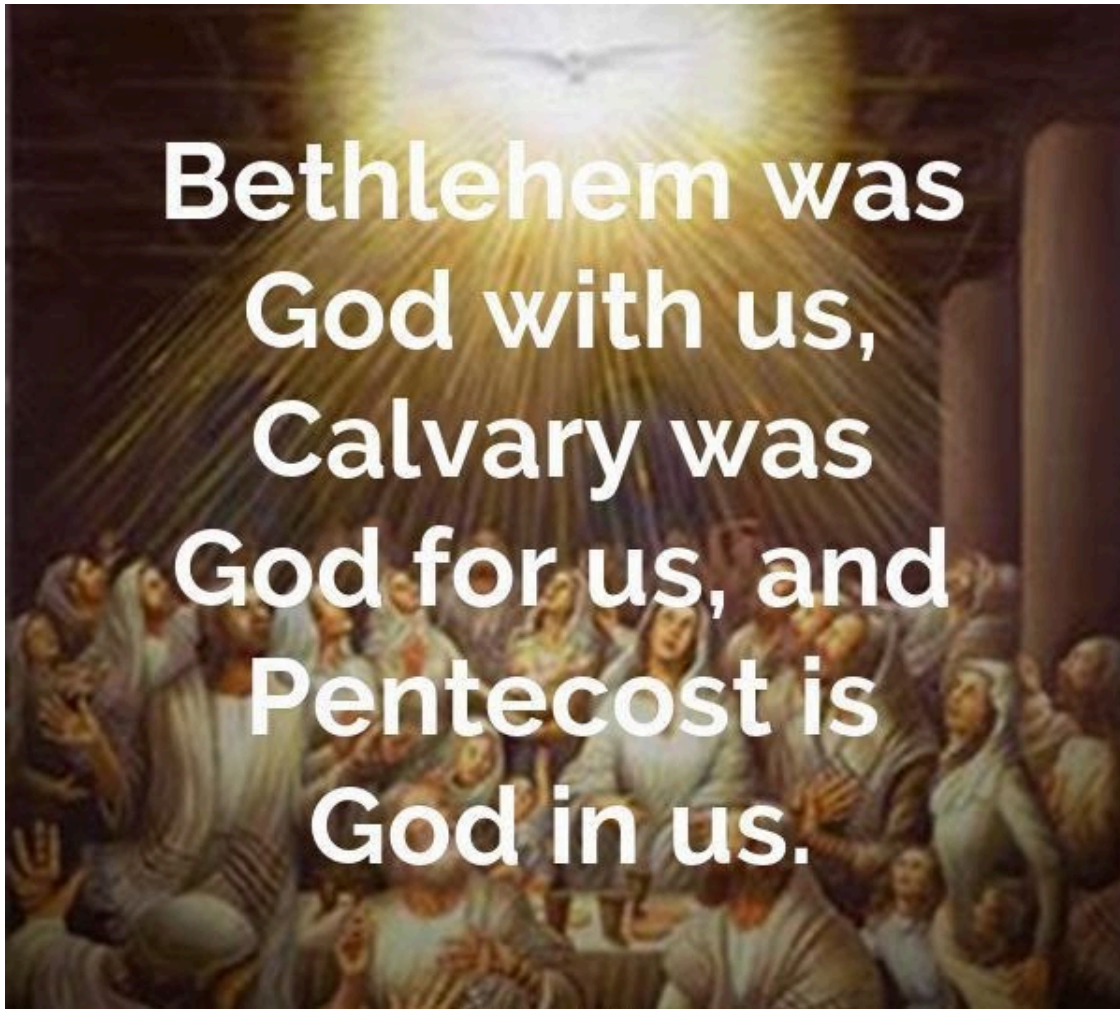
FROM OUR ARCHIVES...



Aram Hazerjian presents Leah Garabedian with a gift from Sunday school during the graduation service - 2018

**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.....



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

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.

November 2 — Thanksgiving Dinner following Badarak.
November 15 — Fall Festival (Bazaar)

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

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