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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF WHITINSVILLE



E-Newsletter: Friday, June 13, 2025

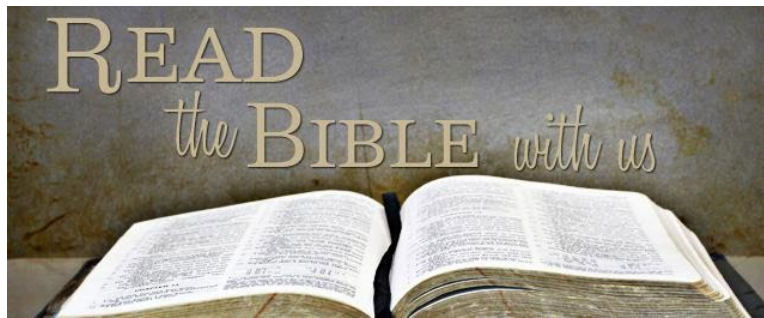
**Join Us for Prayer & Worship this Sunday
as we celebrate Father's Day**

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

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. 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 conflict, and bestow your peace on all mankind. Amen.

Let's Read the Bible! Readings of the week



Monday, June 16:

St. Hripsime and Her Companions

Proverbs 31:29-31; Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3; Romans 15:30 - 16:2;
Matthew 10:26-33

Tuesday, June 17:

St. Gayane and Her Companions

Proverbs 1:20-23; Bar 4:36 - 5:4; 2 Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1; John 16:1-5

Wednesday, June 18:

Romans 3:19-31; Matthew 9:9-15

Thursday, June 19:

St. John the Forerunner

Proverbs 15:21-25; Isaiah 22:20-24; 1 Peter 5:1-7; Matthew 11:2-14

Friday, June 20:

Romans 4:1-12; Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday, June 21:

St. Gregory the Enlightner (Deliverance from the Pit)

Wisdom 5:1-8; Isaiah 60:20 - 61:7; Hebrews 13:17-21; Matthew 19:27-29

SUNDAY BIBLE READING

Bible Readings for Sunday, June 15, 2025

Father's Day

JAMES 5:16-20

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

LUKE 4:25-30

But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND NEWS FROM PRELACY CROSSROADS

CATHOLICOS ARAM I CALLS FOR RENEWAL AND ENGAGEMENT



In his traditional address to the National Representative Assembly of the Prelacy, His Holiness Catholicos Aram I reflected on the importance of tradition, the mission of the Armenian Church, and renewal. Below is the full text of his message, delivered via pre-recorded video during the opening session of the assembly:

I greet you with fatherly blessing and in the spirit of Christian love. You are gathered together once again as representatives of our church and people to assess the work of the Prelacy and set the priorities for the next period.

In fact, in order to look forward with renewed faith and firm engagement, we need to look backward, namely to the work that has been done, with its achievements and failures. What the church does is a God given and people-oriented mission, a mission which is articulated through education, social service and pastoral care. These dimensions and spheres of the church's mission should acquire top priority on your agenda.

We are living in a world which is in constant change and transformation. Therefore, our church's mission in all its aspects and manifestations should be relevant and in tune with the realities of the modern world.

The church does not live in isolation; it is an integral part of society. The church is called to become a bridge builder between its faithful and society, preserving its core values.

As you know, I have declared this year as the Year for the Renewal of Traditions. Tradition is the expression of a community's or religion's spiritual and cultural characteristics, its ways of life, its aspirations and self-understanding. Religions, churches or communities are often identified by their traditions.

Tradition is, indeed, a strong identity marker. It is also a bond between the present and the past; it ensures continuity; tradition is the expression of unity: people are connected to each other through their common tradition.

I cannot imagine a community, religion or a church in the United States which has no traditions. We must remain faithful to our own traditions. The apostle Paul says, stand firm and cling to the traditions (Thes 2: 15). Our traditions need to be renewed and revitalized and become compatible with new realities and conditions. I believe that our families, our organizations and particularly our church have an instrumental role to play in terms of preserving our traditions and transmitting them to the generations to come.

My recent visits to our parish churches helped me to have a better understanding of our church and community and the concerns and challenges they face.

I believe that the working relationship between the Prelacy and parish churches needs to be further organized through mutual visits and joint initiatives. On the parish level, the church needs to increase its membership and through people-oriented action programs involve the parishioners in the life and witness of the church. The role of clergy is crucial in renewing and revitalizing the life of the church.

And finally, I look forward to seeing you in November on the occasion of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of my pontifical ministry.

I would like to express my great appreciation to His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan for his dedicated service. My appreciation is also due to the clergy, Executive Council and the National Representative Assembly for their committed engagement in the service of our church.

May God bless you and lead you in your deliberations and decisions.

CATHOLICOS ARAM I
May 27, 2025

[**Click Here for Video 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](#)



Monday, June 16: Saint Hripsime and Her Companions.

Tuesday, June 17: Saint Gayane and Her Companions.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH



This Sunday, June 15, the Armenian Church remembers Elijah, one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament recorded in 1 and 2 Kings. He appeared along with Moses at the Transfiguration as the prophet of life and the new covenant. The Armenian Church (like all the Eastern

churches) holds Elijah in the highest esteem. Most importantly, Elijah did not experience death; he was taken to heaven, like the Holy Mother of God. He is mentioned in the Armenian hymn Ee Verin Yerousaghem, sung during the Requiem Service.

“Receive us in Jerusalem above, in the dwellings of the angels, in Eden, the paradise where Enoch and Elijah live worthily resplendent in dove-like purity and in old age. O merciful Lord, have mercy upon the souls of ours who have fallen asleep.”

From the Armenian hymn Ee Verin Yerousaghem (In Jerusalem above), sung during the Requiem Service.

SAINTS Hripsime and Gayane and their Companions



This Monday and Tuesday, June 16 and 17, the Armenian Church commemorates the virgin saints Hripsime and Gayane and their companions. Thirty-three nuns, led by Gayane, left Rome and sought refuge in Armenia hoping to escape the Roman Emperor who desired one of the nuns, the beautiful Hripsime. In Armenia, King Dertad became captivated by Hripsime's beauty and sought to wed her. She refused. Enraged, the king had Hripsime (and the other nuns) imprisoned and tortured to death.

When Gregory was released from his imprisonment in the deep pit (Khor Virab) he built chapels over the relics of the nuns, which Catholicos Sahag Bartev renovated in the 4th century. During the 7th century, churches were built over both sites. The church dedicated to Hripsime, built by Catholicos Gomidas, is considered an architectural masterpiece and influenced the future course of Armenian architecture. Catholicos Gomidas also wrote a sharagan (hymn) in their memory—the well-known Antsink Nviriyalk (Dedicated Beings).

Archaeological excavations in 1979 confirmed that Hripsime and some of her companions were indeed buried beneath its walls. There is a portrait of Hripsime painted on the lid of the sarcophagus where her relics now reside, in the magnificent edifice that memorializes her name.

The two churches, as well as a third (Shoghakat), are in the city of Etchmiadzin (Vagharshapat), not far from the complex of buildings that comprise the Holy Mother See of Etchmiadzin, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

Fatherhood: Privilege, Duty, Blessing



Sunday will be observed as Father's Day across the United States: a chance to reflect, with gratitude, on the deeper meaning of fatherhood.

While the surrounding popular culture often fails to treat fatherhood with due seriousness, the Armenian Church accords great reverence and respect to fathers.

The greatest tribute we pay to fatherhood lies in the way we apply the word “Father” to God. Our ability to call upon Him as our Father is a privilege and blessing—beautifully conveyed in a prayer from our Divine Liturgy:

“God of truth and Father of mercy, we are grateful that you have exalted us above even the Old Testament patriarchs. For you were called ‘God’ to them; but you are pleased to be named ‘Father’ to us.”

The priest recites this prayer right before the congregation sings the Hayr Mer—reminding us that it was Jesus, God’s only-begotten Son, who taught us to call God “Our Father.” And when we understand God in terms of His Fatherhood, we also understand godliness to be the duty to which all fathers are called.

This Sunday, thank the fathers who strive to provide such an example in your own life, and remember in your prayers those who have departed this world.

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

SOORP ASDVADZADZIN CHURCH NEWS

Blessing Service of 2025 Graduates



On Sunday June 8th following Badarak, a special blessing prayer service took place for the 2025 graduates.

Prayer: Lord, we are filled with gratitude as we celebrate together the graduation of our students. We thank you for all the experiences that have shaped their hearts and minds, forming them into the uniquely special individuals that they are today. We are grateful for those individuals in their lives who have helped them to grow, to think, and to thrive: their parents and families, their friends and fellow students, their teachers and counselors, their mentors and role models.

Lord, bless and keep our graduates under Your protection. Open their hearts to accept your Word and invite You into their heart as their personal Savior. Amen.



Anna Shenian

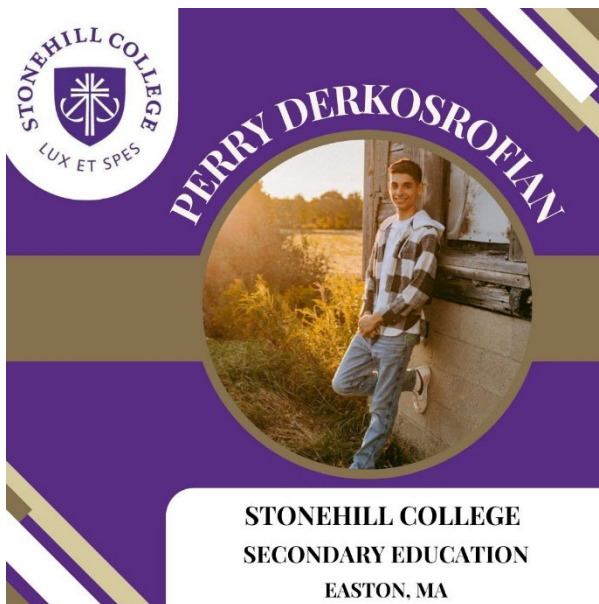
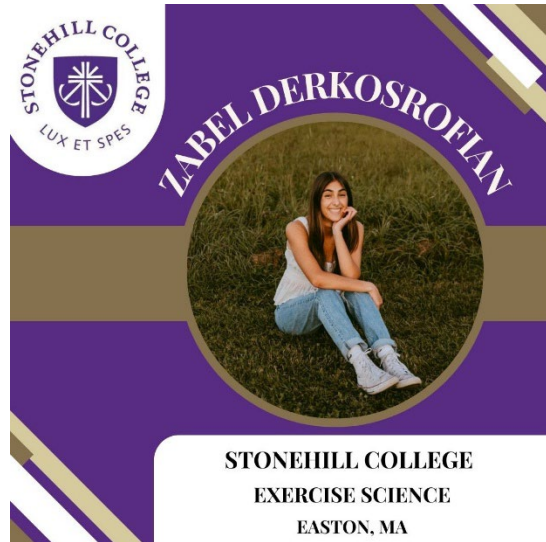
Anna graduated from MA College of Pharmacy and Health with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursin g (B.S.N).

Congratulations to Anna, her father Kenneth "Cappy" Shenian; sisters Jackie, Jillian and Sophie, grandmother Margaret Shenian and the entire family.

Zabel DerKosrofian

Zabel graduated from Blackstone Valley Regional Technical School. She will be attending Stonehill College in the fall of 2025. She will be majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in computer science/engineering.

Congratulations to Levon & Jamie, grandmother Mary Hoey and the entire family.



Perry DerKosrofian

Perry graduated from Blackstone Valley Regional Technical School.

He will be attending Stonehill College in the Fall of 2025. He will be majoring in Secondary education with a minor in history.

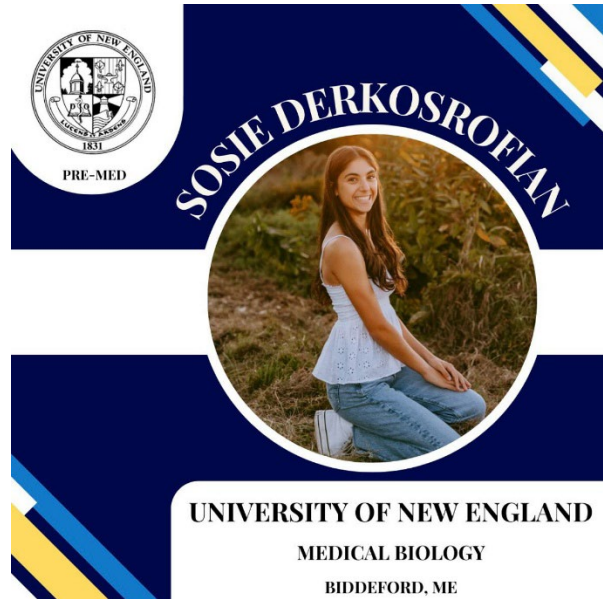
Congratulations to Levon & Jamie, grandmother Mary Hoey and the entire family.

Sosie DerKosrofian

Sosie graduated from Blackstone Valley Regional Technical School.

She will be attending the University of New England in Fall of 2025. She will be majoring in medical biology on a pre-med track.

Congratulations to Levon & Jamie, grandmother Mary Hoey and the entire family.



Maya Porter

Maya graduated from Franklin High School. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire this Fall and majoring in Recreational Therapy.

Congratulations to Matthew & Lori, sister Samantha, to grandparents Al & Rosalie Porter and Jim & Priscilla Altoonian and the entire family.

Christopher Joiner

Chris graduated from Blackstone Valley Regional Technical School. He will be attending Clemson University in the Fall of 2025 and will be majoring in Biomedical Engineering and minoring in Business Administration.

Congratulations to Carl & Julie Joiner, grandparents Carl & Regina Joiner and Alex Nawotka & Virginia Hauck and the entire family.



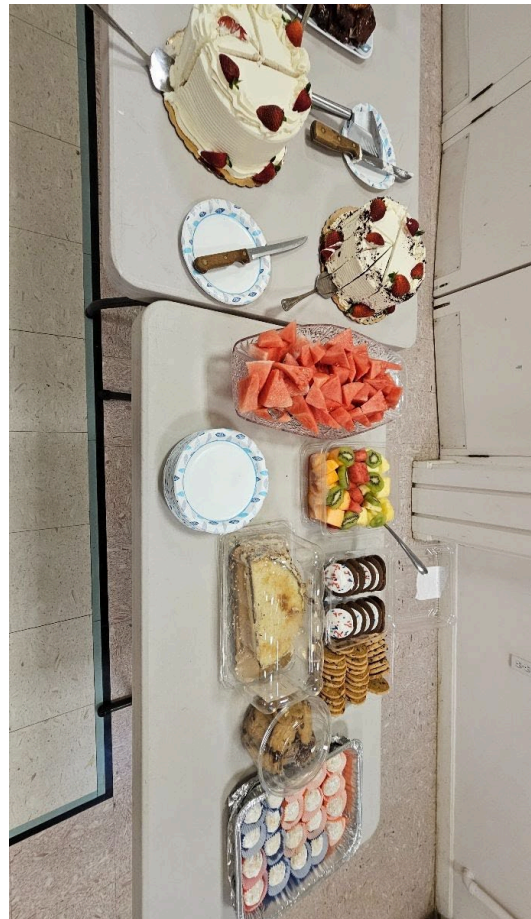
Bible Study Concludes w/BBQ



The Tuesday morning and evening Bible study groups gathered for an "end of year" barbeque dinner this past Tuesday, unfortunately due to the rains, the dinner was held indoors.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us when we resume in September. There are no prerequisites, all that is needed is an open heart and mind and a desire to know God. And if you have any

questions, please feel free to contact Der Hayr or any member in our group and they will be happy to share their experiences with you!



**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!

**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 Kheyima 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!
Last Day to Reserve is Monday, June 16

Click Link Below and selecte "Men's Club"

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

Local Events

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Regal Cinema Solomon Pond Mall

591 Donald Lynch Blvd,

Marlborough, MA

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Doors Open: 5:30 PM

Introduction: 6:00 PM

Movie Starts: 6:45 PM

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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 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.

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



Dave Papazian
Memorial Golf Tournament

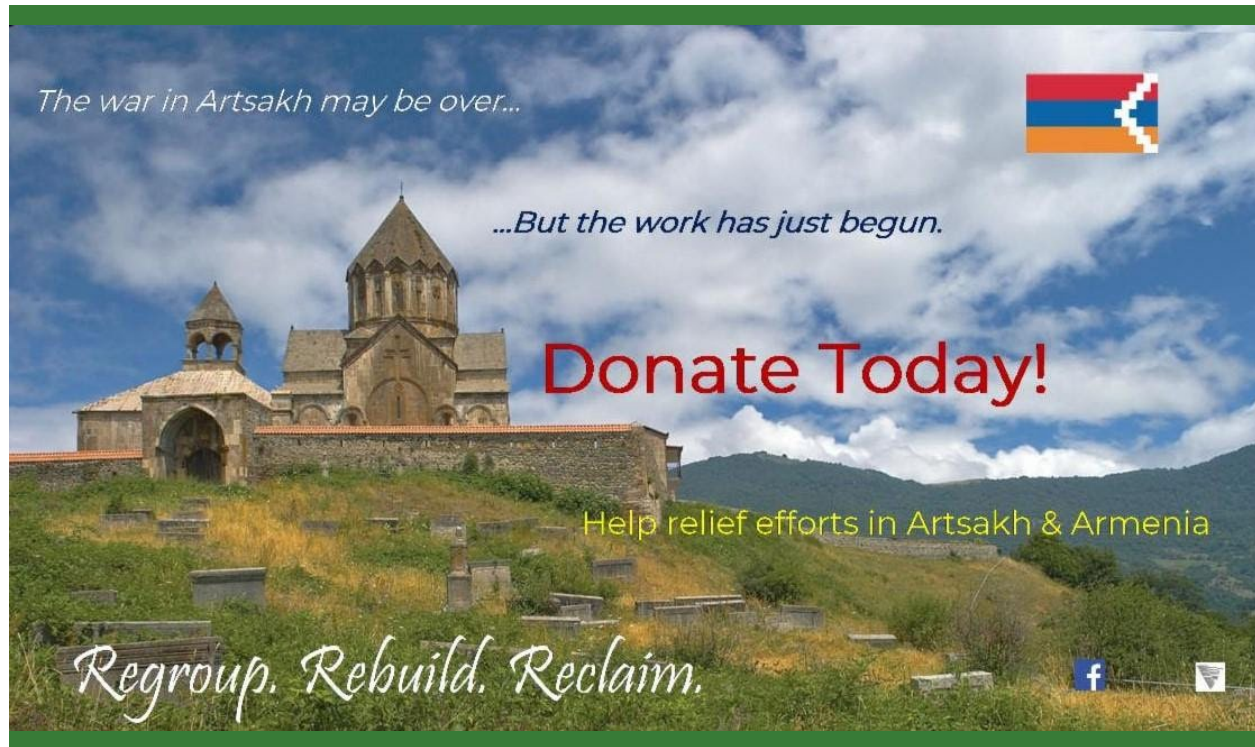
Monday, August 4, 2025 at Highfields Golf & Country Club

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.

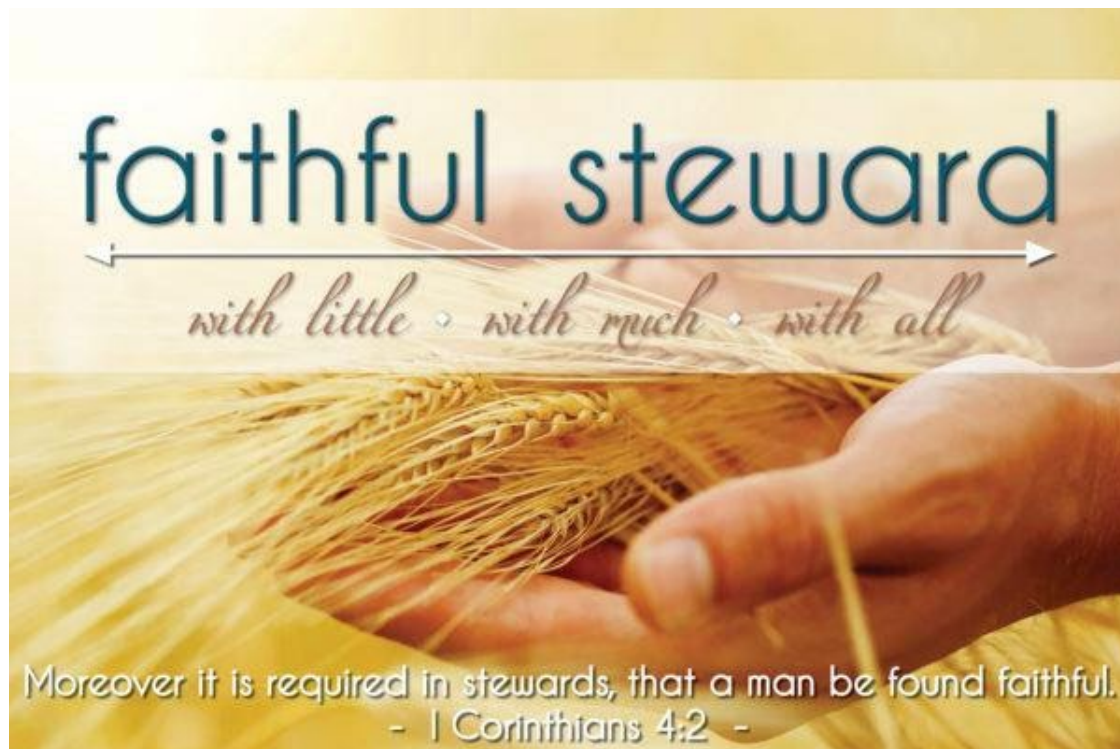
**Mail to: 315 Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588
or via the UniBank link at the bottom of page.**

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 Kosrofian 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:

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Monthly Donations for Altar Flowers \$125.00
Monthly Donation for Altar Candles \$75.00
Monthly Donation for Incense \$25.00

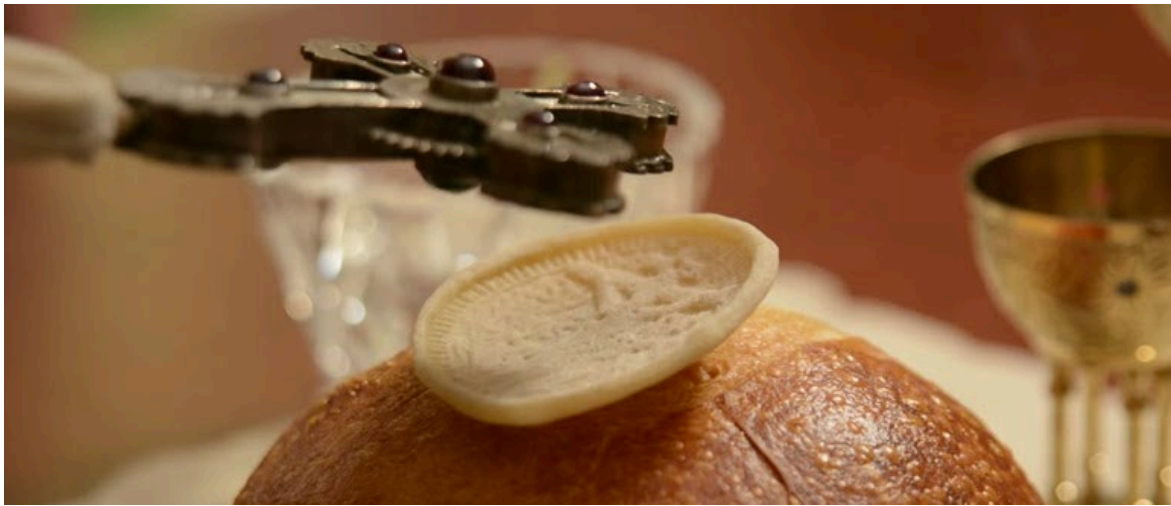
Lighting Candles and Prayer Requests

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

FROM OUR ARCHIVES...



Magdy Faltaous, Der Hayr (Diran) and Rick Kazarian - 2011

**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.....



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.

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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.

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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 14 — Church Yard Sale.

June 18 — Kheyima Night - Kheyima or Chicken Dinner - Reserve by 6/16.

August 4 — Annual Dave Papazian Memorial Golf Tournament.

August 17 — Annual Church Picnic.

November 2 — Thanksgiving Dinner following Badarak.

November 22 — Fall Festival (Bazaar)

ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR E-NEWS LETTER?

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

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