

PRAYER REQUESTS One of our most fundamental Christian responsibilities is to pray. There is truly great power in prayer. During this Divine Liturgy and throughout this next week your prayers are requested for: Shirley Yergatian, Der Stepanos Doudoukjian, Anne Tom Keegan, Eleanor Demirjian, Alice Vooris, Der Shnork Souin, Annie Berard, Susie Arslanian, Lisa Omartian, John Trumbull, Kent Woodard, Sally Jermakian, Susan DerMargosian, Lisa Herrick, Kim Noel, Darlene McKenna, Dr. David Manning, Jr., the Jozokos family, Joan & Armand Bazegian, Laura Wormel, Kate Heck, Laura Hynds, Laora Grigoryan, Rebecca Meek, Michael O'Connor, Sara Omartian, Gary Tumasyan, James Dertad Omartian, Anita Assarian, Zhirayr Khachigian, Debbie Manning and all those in need of our prayers.

Calendar of Events

Every Tuesday - Armenian Class 7pm

June 3 (Sunday) – Membership Town Hall/

June 10 (Sunday)-Book Discussion: A Man Called Ove

BOOK CLUB: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

Join us for our second book discussion on

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 during coffee hour.

A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.

“You will laugh, you will cry, as his heartbreaking story unfolds through the diverse cast of characters that enter his life, all uninvited. You will never look at the grumpy people who come into your life in quite the same way.”

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“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”



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Welcome to St. Mark Armenian Church

Sunday Bulletin

May 27, 2018

Church Services at 10am

Sunday School at 10am

Parish Council Greeters:

Sue Elmasian and Jennifer Omartian

Coffee Hour Hosts:

William and Elaine Devine

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:25-30

I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

A Prayer on Memorial Day

Lord God of Hosts, in whom our fathers trusted: We give You thanks for those servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We ask that through Your presence unite all the people of his nation in a holy purpose to defend the freedom and brotherhood for which our valiant soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen lived and died.

Grant that the liberty they bequeathed unto us may be continued to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Holy Gospel may here abound to the blessing of all nations of this earth and to thy eternal glory through Jesus Christ Your Son and Our Lord. Amen.

The History of Memorial Day

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law “The National Moment of Remembrance Act,” P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The commission's charter is to “encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity” by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.