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HEARTS
DANCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 • 8PM-12AM

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ST. MARK ARMENIAN CHURCH

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY Holy Badarak	Jan 21 10.00 am	2nd Sunday after Theophany
SATURDAY	Jan 27 8pm-12am	Hye Hearts Dance
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	Jan 28 10.00 am	3rd Sunday after Theophany
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	Feb 4 10.00 am	4th Sunday after Theophany
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	Feb 11 10.00 am	Poon Paregentan
FRIDAY Evening Service	Feb 16 6:30pm	Lenten Dinner #1
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	Feb 18 10.00 am	Sunday of Expulsion Annual Parish Assembly
FRIDAY Evening Service	Feb 23 6:30pm	Lenten Dinner #2
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	Feb 25 10.00 am	Sunday of the Prodigal Son



DO NOT BE AFRAID

Background

The Disciples just witnessed and participated in the miracle of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. When the people saw this sign they proclaimed, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” (John 6:14)

*At the time of Jesus, the paramount question was one of authority. For the Jews, the authority was Moses. But Jesus came to fulfill the Law of Moses. He is the prophet who Moses prophesied would come and to whom we should listen. We read the words of Moses from the Pentateuch, **The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren—him you shall heed. (Deuteronomy 18:15)***

John, in his Gospel, is retelling the story of Exodus, the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt (slavery), through the wilderness, across the Red Sea, and into the Promised Land (freedom). The story of the disciples on the boat crossing the Sea of Galilee, then, is a retelling of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14:15-31), an image of baptism, the point at which we are enlightened, no longer slaves of sin, placed on the path of knowing God – the Promised Land.

Sea Monsters

This image of dominion over the watery chaos continues throughout Scripture (see Psalm 74:12-16, 77:16-20, 89:8-11, 93:3-4, Isaiah 51:9-11). In these verses, there are references to God overcoming Rahab, which according to Jewish folklore is the name of a mythical chaos sea monster. Leviathan, another antagonist sea creature referenced in these scriptures, is also subdued by the God of Israel.

In Job 9:8, translated from Krapar, God is referenced as walking on the sea as if it were the ground. All of this is an expression of God’s victory and authority over all things, over creation, over chaos and evil, over every storm that we will ever encounter. And Jesus, God in human flesh, not only walked the earth, but in today’s Gospel, he walks on the sea demonstrating that he is still, as in the beginning, Lord over all powers and forms of disorder.

Fear feeds fear

Picture the scene. Jesus lets his disciples get into a boat and head out on the Sea of Galilee. A few miles into their trip, it becomes dark and a severe storm ensues. It was as if the disciples were rowing in place. Water begins to pour into the boat, the darkness only alleviated for brief moments with flashes of lightning followed by rolling thunder. Unable to see where they’re going, their ability to navigate is removed. Their boat is taking a serious beating from the turbulent waves. Along with the chaotic water, fear washes over them, and when one person becomes afraid, it feeds the fear of the others. Fear building upon fear. No hope in sight. Then they see what they think is a ghost...

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PRAYER REQUESTS

ALL SOLDIERS OF THE 2020 and 2023 ARTSAKH WARS

All persecuted Christians and clergy across the world
 Republic of Armenia & Artsakh
 Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem
 Pauline Agazarian
 The Bobbitt Family
 Ann Margaret Coates
 George Ekmalian, Jr

Patrick Garrity
 Lisa Herrick
 The Johnson Family
 Henrietta Kallajian
 Dennis Kilmavich
 Joseph Marchetti
 Linda Padakula
 Dikran Rakijian
 Peter Scagliarini
 Gary Tesini

...and all those in need of our prayer.

LECTIONARY READINGS

ISAIAH 61:10-62:9 ✙ 2 TIMOTHY 2:15-26 ✙ JOHN 6:15-21

Painting in the Narthex & Sanctuary

Dearly beloved, please note that we will be celebrating Holy Badarak in the Church Hall until the painting of our narthex and sanctuary has been completed. Thank you for your understanding and to all those who donated to this important project!

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 LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

WELCOME TO ST. MARK ARMENIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 21, 2024

Second Sunday after Nativity
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Holy Badarak 10.00 am

Greeter: Marian Varteresian **Reader:** Toyoko Yoshida

Fellowship: Ken & Jane Magarian

Sermon Topic

Waiting for Jesus on Solid Ground