

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: Johnny Wiley, Brenda Field, Estelle Bastien, Mary Omartian, Lucy Morton, Steven Omartian, Virginia Donigian, Tracey Jarvis, Shelley Cotton, Diane Boghosian, Jessica Thresher, Alex Velez, Shirley Yergatian, Anne Tom Keegan, Alice Vooris, Susie Arslanian, Lisa Omartian, John Trumbull, Kent Woodard, Susan DerMargosian, Lisa Herrick, Kim Noel, Darlene McKenna, Dr. David Manning, Jr., the Jozokos family, Joan Bazegian, Laura Wormel, Kate Heck, Laura Hynds, Valery Abramyan, Laora Grigoryan, Rebecca Meek, Michael O'Connor, Sara Omartian, Gary Tumasyan, James Omartian, Debbie Manning, Steve Taylor and all those in need of our prayers.

Calendar of Events

February 14, Sunday – Great Barekendan
February 21, Sunday – Sunday of Expulsion
February 28, Sunday – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
March 7, Sunday – Sunday of the Steward
March 14, Sunday – Sunday of the Judge
March 21, Sunday- Sunday of the Advent
March 28, Sunday – Palm Sunday
April 4, Sunday – Easter Sunday

We are looking for someone to clean the church beginning as soon as possible. If you know of someone who may be interested in providing janitorial services, please contact Steve Berian at SMPVS@hotmail.com or (413) 304-1093 or David Jermakian at davidjermakian@gmail.com or (413) 727-2586

HOME BLESSINGS

According to the tradition of the Armenian Church, we do Home Blessings at Christmas. The Home Blessing is very important because as you go to the House of God, likewise Christ's representative, the priest, comes to your house and blesses it. Der Hayr would like to make a visit and do a Home Blessing during this season and ask that you please call and arrange a day and time for him to come. Christ called His followers "the salt of the earth" who through their faith, hope and love made life worth living. The burning incense signifies the Christian who burns it with the love of God and also the prayers of the faithful, which rise up as a sweet odot to Heaven. Please call Der Hayr to make arrangements for him to come to your home and just as a reminder put on a tray: a small dish of salt, a slice of bread, and a glass of water

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"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"



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Welcome to St. Mark Armenian Church

Sunday Bulletin

January 10, 2021

Church Services at 10:00am

Guest preacher Dn. Timothy Aznavourian

We encourage parishioners to watch the Badarak virtually from the safety of their homes due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in our area, though we will have very limited seating in the Church this Sunday. The health and safety of our parishioners is most important, and so we will stream our services on Facebook Live on Sundays at 10 a.m. until it is safe to reopen regularly for in-person services. We will share the link to watch live on Sunday morning.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-56

Mary Visits Elizabeth



At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the

baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Mary's Song

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

1 Corinthians 2:8-15

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him— these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments.