

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: Leo Elmasian, Karnig Durgarian, Alex Velez, Shirley Yergatian, Anne Tom Keegan, Eleanor Demirjian, Alice Vooris, Der Shnork Souin, 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, Laora Grigoryan, Rebecca Meek, Michael O'Connor, Sara Omartian, Gary Tumasyan, James Dertad Omartian, Anita Assarian, Debbie Manning and all those in need of our prayers.

Calendar of Events

March 3, Sunday – Great Barekandan
March 10, Sunday – Sunday of Expulsion
March 17, Sunday – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
March 24, Sunday – Sunday of the Steward
March 31, Sunday – Sunday of the Judge
April 7, Sunday – Sunday of the Advent
April 14, Sunday – Palm Sunday
April 21, Sunday – Easter Sunday

LENTEN DINNERS Church Service at 6pm Dinner at 6:30pm

March 15, (Friday)–Lenten Service–Women's Guild hosting dinner-guest speaker Dr. Jeffrey Shuhaiber. Topic “Taking care of your heart”
March 22, (Friday)–Lenten Service–Choir hosting dinner-guest speaker Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar. Topic “The Role of the Psalms in Armenian Church Worship”
March 29, (Friday)–Lenten Service–ACYOA hosting dinner-guest speaker Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Vicar of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, NYC. Topic “Joyful Mourning: The Penitential Hymns of St. Mesrob Mahsdots (A.D. 361-440)”
April 5, (Friday)– Lenten Service–Avak's hosting dinner-guest speaker Dr. Armen Asik. Topic “Nicene Creed and Rise of Christianity”

Dinner: \$8 for adults / \$4 for children 6 and up

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“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”



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Welcome to St. Mark Armenian Church

Sunday Bulletin

March 10, 2019

Church Services at 10:00am

Sunday School at 10:15am

Parish Council Greeters:

Talene Jermakian and Sarkis Kalashian

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Dale and Lynn Diefenderfer

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:17-48

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Anger

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Oaths

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

Retaliation

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone

slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Sunday of Expulsion



The second Sunday of the period of Great lent is called the Sunday of Expulsion. The basis of the mystery of and the name of the

day can be found in the Holy Bible, the Book of Genesis: “So the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed” (Genesis 3:23). Prehistory is the following. The human being, listening to the deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit, As punishment the human being, the human being, of course, didn’t die at once, but was deprived of the eternity granted by God and was cursed Since then man must work hard and sweat to make the soil produce enough food, and woman will have pain in giving birth to her offspring. And in end God said to the human being: “You were made from soil and you will become soil again” (Genesis 3:19).

The church Fathers have given the Sundays of the Period of great lent such names and mysteries which symbolize the mankind’s way of life – birth, sinning, regret and repentance. This should serve for the human being as an occasion for thinking of himself/herself and his/her lifer so that the period of great Lent should be fruitful and productive.