

**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: 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

**October 24, (Sunday)** – Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross  
**October 31, (Saturday)** – Feast of all Saints  
**November 21, (Saturday)** - Presentation of the Holy Mother-of-God to the Temple  
**November 26, (Thursday)** – Thanksgiving  
**December 9, (Wednesday)** – Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary



Make a gift to support humanitarian relief to civilians in Artsakh and Armenia

Many of our St. Mark parishioners have been asking how they can help those in Armenia and Artsakh during this extremely difficult time. Armenia's government is looking to the diaspora for financial as well as moral support. The government has asked that contributions be directed to the Armenia Fund: [www.armeniasfund.org](http://www.armeniasfund.org). You may also contribute by phone at (800) 888-8897.

As a community effort, St. Mark is collecting relief funds for Artsakh and Armenia. We understand that many parishioners have made donations to Armenia Fund, which is wonderful. Now our parish is organizing donations that we will mail collectively for Artsakh relief.

To make donations to support this effort, please mail a check made out to St. Mark Armenian Church with "Artsakh Relief" in the memo, or visit our website, [www.stmarkarmenianchurch.org](http://www.stmarkarmenianchurch.org), to make a donation through PayPal (click "Other" in the dropdown and indicate Artsakh Relief).

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*Welcome to St. Mark Armenian Church*

## Sunday Bulletin

### October 11, 2020

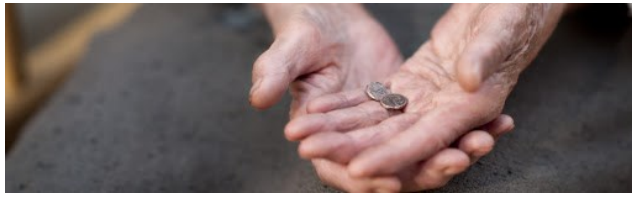
Church Services at 10:30am

**Parish Council Greeters:**

*Sarkis Kalashian*

*No Coffee Hour*

## Scripture Reading Mark 12:38-44



The large crowd listened to him with delight. Warning Against the Teachers of the Law As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the

teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

### The Widow’s Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

### Galatians 2:1-10

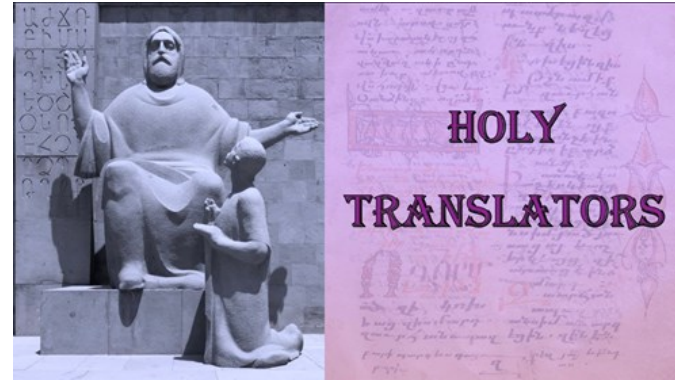
Paul Accepted by the Apostles

Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Cephas[c] and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

## OUR HOLY TRANSLATORS ՄԵՐ ՍՈՒՐԻՔ ԹԱՐԳՄԱՆԻՉՆԵՐԸ



Every year in the middle of October, our Church remembers her Holy Translators - Սուրբ Թարգմանիչները: This year the Feast of the Holy Translators is on

Saturday, October 10.

The parents and guardians of the Armenian identity and national spirit are the fathers of our Church. The sublime and gracious work that the Holy Translators recorded in the golden pages of Armenian History is indescribable in the nationalization of Christian values and in the word of God. In order to spread the living word of God in Armenia, the Armenian nation needed to have its own alphabet and literature. The gracious efforts of the grateful St. Mesrob Mashdots were transformed into the care of the 36 sisters and brothers according to God's merciful will and grace. 36 united and, as a result of the devoted work of Catholicos St. Sahag Bartev, gave birth to the Armenian Bible as an endless source of divine eternal word and spiritual nourishment. Through the lips of Father of Armenian History, St. Movses Khorenatsi, we walked the centuries-long paths of historic Armenia, witnessing the gains and losses of our nation. With the unmistakable testimony of the Singer of Avarayr - St. Yegheeshe the historian, the 36 brothers and sisters became 1036 warriors and martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the sake of their faith and homeland, having the secret of immortality in their heart. In the knowledge of God, with the arguments of St. David the Invincible Philosopher of natural knowledge and the example of the surroundings, the truth of God's existence was once again emphasized. Living with this truth, the aroma of St. Gregory Naregatsee's prayer ascending to heaven has become the consolation, confession, purity, and repentance of our nation. The Armenian Ritual was decorated with precious gems of St. Nerses Shnorhalee, which gave shine and light to prayer and worship. With these endless testimonies we can speak of the noble work of our ancestors and devoted children of Armenian descent, which gives national independence, power of faith, cultural beauty and eternal appreciation to the centuries-old history of the Armenian people.