

Thank You

To Gerry and Kathy Gonynor and crew for their hard work as they prepared the delicious Chicken Kebab Chef of the Month Dinner. On June 24th, Joanne Khoury will be our Chef with a Kheyma Dinner. Details coming soon!

Fellowship Hour

Today is hosted by the Ovia Family

If you and your family would like to host the Sunday Fellowship following Church Services, please call the Church Office at [508-234-3677](tel:508-234-3677) or sign up on the board downstairs to reserve a specific Sunday in 2017, in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion or Just Because.....

Der Hayr, the Board of Trustees, The Ladies Guild and the Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church Family extends their condolences to the family of Warren Mooradian, who entered eternal rest on May 1st. Please keep Scott and Rita Wallen and Craig Wallen and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

Vacation Bible School (VBC)

Plans are being made for the ecumenical Vacation Bible School which will be held July 17 - 21 at the Village Congregational Church. We welcome all children who are age 4 through grade 6. For information, call Carolyn Mitchell at 508-234-3544.

Hokehankisd (Requiem Service)

The Armenian Church instructs the faithful not to forget their loved ones who are fallen asleep in Christ. The Scripture says,

"The memory of the righteous will be a blessing (Proverbs 10:7)

Hokehankisd is held at the end of Badarak, during which special prayers are said on behalf of the souls who are fallen asleep in Christ Jesus. The church advises us to request Hokehankisd **seven** and **forty days** after a person is deceased and thereafter annually. Our Church also has a Memorial Board in the foyer, if you would like a plaque engraved with the name of your loved one(s), please see any Board member.

Feed the Hungry

St. Patrick's John 21 Community Breakfast ministry provides a free, nutritious breakfast every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality. The cost is about \$2.40 per meal and we serve an average of 160 meals a week. Please consider making a donation today. For more information please contact Shelly@mystpatrick.com or call 508-234-5656.

UniBank will match your donation to John 21 dollar for dollar up to \$5,000

From April 28-(Mother's Day) May 14th. For donations please go to mystpatrick.com under ministries find John 21 and click on the PayPal link or write a check made out to John 21 Community Breakfast and mail to St. Patrick Church, PO Box 60, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Do you want to have God pleasing faith? You cannot unless *you give time* to study the Bible, because **".... Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."** ~ Romans 10:17

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 7, 2017

Rely Upon God

Celebrant Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 5:1-10

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The order of the Readings for this week is as follows:

TODAY: Acts 13:16-43; 1 Pt 5:1-14; Jn 5:19-30 (Pg. 1654)

Monday: Acts 13:44-14:6; 2 Pt 1:1-11; Jn 5:31-47

Tuesday: Acts 14:7-17; 2 Pt 1:12-19; Jn 6:1-14

Wednesday: Acts 14:18-27; 2 Pt 1:20-2:8; Jn 6:15-21

Thursday: Acts 15:1-29; 2 Pt 2:9-22; Jn 6:22-38

Friday: Acts 15:30-16:5; 2Pt 3:1-9; Jn 6:39-72

Saturday: Acts 16:6-40; 2 Pt 3:10-18; Jn 7:1-13

We Welcome Visitors and Hope You Enjoy Worshipping With Us. Please sign the *Guest Book* in the foyer. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know or fill in the welcome cards that are in the pew racks in front of you and leave in the office or foyer.

FOLLOWING THE LITURGY

We have Liturgy Books in the pew racks, take one and follow the pages illuminated on the wall. This way the Liturgy will become more meaningful to you.

Blessing of Homes

Der Hayr has resumed the blessing of Home Service, if you would like to have your home blessed, please see or contact Der Mikael at 774-462-8041 or email.

Rely Upon God

Today's reading is from the Gospel of John 5:19-30; Jesus is teaching us to rely on God, to be like Him and live for God.

Do you ever wonder about how well we get to know the people that we work and associate with? I remember the soldiers in my platoon during my time in the Army. In fact, I got to know several people well. I knew most everything about the guys I trained with. When I worked at GBI, I knew all sorts of things about my co-workers.

Since my ordination, I've had the privilege of getting to know most of you – something that is very important to me – on a different level, a better level. I'm getting to know you, working with you, laughing with you, mourning with you, sharing with you - in time of joy and sadness. Doing it all together.

You may be thinking, what's this have to do with the reading? Our relationship with God is the same way. You will never know Him if you don't work with him. Spending time with Him, reading His Word (Bible), seeing that His will is accomplished in your life and the lives of others. Believe me, it will change the way you think about God, because you will experience Him in your life.

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Even Jesus, in human form, was obedient to God. In verse 30 He said, “*for I seek not to please myself but Him who sent Me.*” Jesus said he could do nothing by Himself, that He could only do what He sees His Father doing. Jesus tries to do whatever the Father does. Yes, Jesus, while on earth relied upon God. He did only what He saw the father doing.

The goal of our faith is to become more and more like Jesus. We need to be like him in imitating the Father. Just as children imitate their parents.

We've all heard the saying, “Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called, “the present.” Jesus is offering all of humanity the present of everlasting life. But how much time do we spend with God, getting to know Him on a level that is meaningful? Do we live for our pleasure or for the One who put us here?

If we would just realize that only Good comes from following Jesus, Only Good comes from saying Yes to God. If we live to please Him, that is when we honor the Son, then we Honor the Father and immediately move from death to life, and onto eternal life. All we need to do is accept His invitation.