

**Fellowship Hour** Today is hosted by Vicky & Nish Oviaan.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar either in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please see or call Lusiya at 508-476-2920.

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Der Hayr, the Board of Trustees, The Ladies Guild and all affiliated bodies of the Church wish to extend their condolences to the family of **Katherine, "Kitty" Baghdasarian Sullivan**, who entered eternal rest on July 28th.  
Please keep Peter & Susan, and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

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**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 performed 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.

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**Annual Church Picnic - Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Save the date!**

God willing our Prelate, H.E. Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan will be with us that day to celebrate Badarak and preside over the Blessing of the Grapes Ceremony along with the participation of the pastors of the New England area.

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**The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church** in Whitinsville will host a clothing swap on Saturday, September 10 from 9am to 11am. We accept gently used men's, women's and kid's clothing, shoes and accessories. No rips or stains please. Items can be dropped off the night before between 6 and 7pm or the morning of the swap. You don't have to take anything home in order to donate and you don't have to donate in order to take anything home. Use the driveway between Domino's Pizza and the law office and come in the church's back door. Everything is free and open to the public. Whether you're looking to clean out your closet or update your wardrobe, this is the event for you! Please email edalynne@hotmail.com or call Christine at 508-234-8131 if you need more information.

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**Save the Date!!!**

God willing, we will be celebrating the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church this year. On October 30<sup>th</sup> H.E. Archbishop Oshagan will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and ordain Raffi Samkiranian to the rank of Deacon. Following the service, we will have a banquet at Pleasant Valley Country Club. Stay tuned for more details.

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**Red Cross Blood Drive**, sponsored by the Northbridge Association of Churches, Wednesday, August 24, 1:00 - 6:00 pm, Whitinsville Knights of Columbus, 77 Prescott Road. For an appointment, call 1-800- 733-2767. All presenting donors have the chance to win 2 Boston Red Sox tickets.

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

**August 7, 2016**

**HAVE FAITH!**

*Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosrofian*

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 13:11-13**

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

- TODAY:** Is 7:1-9; 1 Cor 13:11-14:5; Mk 2:1-12 (Pg. 1553)
- Monday:** 1 Cor 14:18-25; Mk 2:13-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 14:26-40; Mk 2:23-3:5
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:20-33; Mk 3:6-12
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:34-49; Mk 3:20-30
- Friday:** Cor 15:50-57; Mk 3:31-4:8
- Saturday:** Prv 3:19-26; Ez 40:3-10; 1 Pt 2:1-10; Mt 16:13-19

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Do you want to have God pleasing faith? You can't unless you give time to read and study the Bible, because ".... FAITH COMES FROM HEARING THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSAGE IS HEARD THROUGH THE WORD OF CHRIST." Rom 10:17

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*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.

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**HOW TO FOLLOW THE LITURGY**

We have Liturgy Books in the pew racks, take one and follow along. The page number is illuminated on the wall. This way the Liturgy will become more meaningful to you as you worship.

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**Dismissal**

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the faithful come forward towards the altar and kiss the Holy Gospel, saying:

**“May the Lord be mindful of your sacrifices and accept your supplications.”**

*The Celebrant Responds:*

**“May the Lord grant to you according to your heart and fulfill all your wishes.”**

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**National Back to Church Sunday is September 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**  
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**HAVE FAITH!**

Faith is never something that we should just be talking about. It is something that must be confirmed in the way we live. Faith in action. Paul Harvey once said, *“If you don't live it, you don't believe it.”* And there's Biblical basis for that statement. James writes, “Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” (James 2:18).

When Jesus was teaching and preaching, we learn that the house was full, so full that no one could get in. Not only did the four men have faith but they also had compassion. They actually cared for the paralyzed man. We can assume that they were friends, but we don't know for sure. All we know is that they cared enough to take him to Jesus and they had enough faith that brought them to the roof top to lower the man down to Jesus.

How is our faith? Would we go out of our way and bring those who cannot come to Church on their own? To bring those who we know are lost to God? To care for those who are hurting and let them know that Jesus loves them? To uplift those who are down? To mentor those who are searching? To reassure those who are doubting? Or do we come to Church only for self-edification? To say our personal prayers and go back to our daily routine?

We need to be confident in our faith and eventually project our faith so that others will see. Confident Faith does not give up, and neither did the four men, they did not turn back, and they weren't looking for a way out like most people today would have.

Our failures as churches and as individuals generally lie not so much in our obstacles and problems as they do in our lack of faith. We've already decided what's not going to work and who's not going to respond and what can't be done. And somehow that soothes our conscience a little bit when we don't do anything because "it wouldn't do any good anyhow."

There are many who are anxious to cry, "It can't be done." And until we put forth the effort, it won't be done. But so much can be accomplished when we recognize the power of God. It happens right here in this Church. Our famous last words, "It can't be done". Oh yes it can, have faith! If we don't have faith in ourselves, how can we say that we have faith in a God who we can't see?

Most people would say, “You can't ‘see’ faith. Faith isn't in the physical, visible realm.” But it is, and Jesus saw the faith of those four men. He saw faith, determination and concern for others, and as the members of the body of Christ today, we've got to be a people who truly care. In romans Chapter 12:15, Paul writes, *“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with them that weep.”* In other words, care. Get involved in the lives of others.

**What does Jesus see in us?**  
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