

Der Hayr, the Board of Trustees, Ladies Guild and the community of Soorp Asdvadzadzin welcomes His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan as he celebrates the Divine Liturgy this morning; he will be with us this afternoon also for our annual picnic and Blessing of the Grapes Ceremony.

Save the Date!!!

God willing, we will be celebrating the 59th Anniversary of our Church this year. On October 30th 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.

The Rockdale Congregational Church will begin hosting free community spaghetti dinners beginning 9/3/16 at 4:00 pm at Rockdale Congregational Church. The church will be hosting these dinners on the first and last Saturdays of the month beginning in September.

CATHOLICOS ARAM I: CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

The more than two decades of visionary leadership of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia, will be marked on Sunday, October 9. The celebratory day will begin with a Pontifical Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Ridgefield, New Jersey, celebrated by His Holiness. A banquet and anniversary celebration will follow in the afternoon at the Teaneck Marriott. For information/reservations contact the Prelacy office: 212-689-7810.

All announcements and Hokehankisd requests must be received by Thursday of each week to be included in Sunday's Bulletin.

Please email them to armenianchurchofwhitinsville@gmail.com or call the Church office at 508-234-3677.

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. Please email edalynne@hotmail.com or call Christine at 508-234-8131 if you need more information.

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.

CHALICE

If anyone would like to submit an article to be published in the next issue of the Chalice, please email Der Mikael at der.mikaeldk@gmail.com

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



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MARY'S SONG

Celebrant & Preacher, Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.” Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”

And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

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

TODAY: Prv 11:30-12:4; Zec 2:10-13; 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Song 6:3-8; Mal 3:1-2; Gal 3:24-29; Lk 2:1-7
Tuesday: Wis 9:9-10:2; Est 10:4-9; Jdt 15:8-16:4; Eph 1:3-12; Mt 1:17-21
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:58-16:11; Mk 4:10-20
Thursday: Jer 1:1-10; Jer 38:1-13; 2 Pt 2:9-22; Mt 2:16-18
Friday: 1 Cor 16:12-24; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Wis 9:13-10:3; Mi 7:18-20; 1 Cor 12:28-13:3; Jn 20:24-31

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.

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

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 and First day of Sunday School
is September 18th!!!**

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Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God and we learned that God chose Mary, not because of any qualifications or skills, she had, but it was because of her attitude toward Him. She was a willing servant who dedicated herself to God’s will. She was humble and obedient and had the love of family in her. Despite what it would cost her, she was able to say in Luke 1:38 “I am the Lord’s servant ... may your word to me be fulfilled.”

She didn’t say “Oh no, not me, pick someone else – I have too much to do, tell God I really can’t, but thanks for asking.” No, she said, “I am the Lord’s servant”.

We continue today from the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56, and see that Mary goes to visit Elizabeth and after a short conversation Mary responds, “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.” (V.46-48). She is praising God, actually both women are.

The questions we should be asking ourselves is when do we praise God and how often do we praise God? You may be thinking what kind of a question is that? But I think it’s a fair question, because praising God isn’t just saying the words, “Thank God you’re better” or “Praise the Lord”. Let’s take it a step further, instead of saying “Thank God for this or for that” how about giving praise to God for things he has planned for the future, not just for the things He has done in the past?

Mary didn’t know what the future held but she praised God. She had no idea that she would be on the run, or that her baby would be born in a stable, the stressful life she would lead yet she continued to give praise to God. She didn’t go around advertising that Almighty God had chosen her to carry our savior in her womb. No, she remained a humble servant. God knew her and He chose her for that reason.

Being on top, being the best, knowing the most isn’t what God is looking for because that type of attitude will never give way for Him to use us the way He sees fit. God wants the “Nobody’s” of this world because they truly need Him. He came for the lowly because they are in need of a savior and they think more highly and honorably of God. Those who believe they have it all, obviously don’t need God because their prosperity and position makes them say, “Who is this Almighty God anyway that we should serve him?” They believe that they can do it all on their own, or so they think. Fortunately, it’s not too late because God is full of great mercy although one day His mercy will end, but until that day comes, we have hope.

If we have faith, we can praise Him for His mighty work that He will do in and through this Church for next year and years to come instead of worrying how much we can save and store away or when our doors will close. It’s up to us, each one of us has a role in this Church, and God has something planned for each one of us. It’s just a matter of how we respond to His call.

Do we accept, rejoice and praise Him for choosing us or do we turn and walk the other way?