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WOMAN OF WONDER
APPRECIATION LUNCH
Sponsored by Women's Guild Central Council
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 12:30 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD MARRIOTT
2 BOLAND WAY, SPRINGFIELD, MA
Honoring
MARIAN VARTERESIAN
*For Her Many Years of Dedication and Service to
St. Mark Armenian Church and the Women's Guild
Come Celebrate With Us!*
R.S.V.P. by April 18, 2024

Return reservation slip with check payable to Women's Guild Central Council

Mail to: Charlotte Sevazlian 506 Cedar Run Rensselaer, NY 12144

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$55.00 per person. Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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ST. MARK ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH CALENDAR

DATE & TIME		EVENT
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	April 21 10.00 am	Red Sunday
WEDNESDAY	April 24 3:30pm 6:00pm	Armenian Flag Raising in Downtown Springfield Joint Badarak at ACHR New Britain, CT
TUES-SAT	4/30 - 5/4	Diocesan Assembly
THURSDAY	May 2 9:00 am	Holy Badarak
WEDNESDAY	May 15 11:00 am	Bible Study <i>Learning the Bible with St. Gregory of Narek</i>
THURSDAY	May 23	Interfaith Concert

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Добро пожаловать
WELCOME

The Blood of the Martyrs

Speaking of crossing from death to life, which is one of the themes of Sunday's Gospel reading, the color red also recalls the blood of the Church martyrs: those who follow the pattern of Jesus, those men and women who demonstrated valiant faith, unafraid to die for Jesus Christ, confident in his words and promise to raise to new life those who know and follow him. As Jesus promises in the following chapter,

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40)

Christianity is martyrdom

In a way, on this Red Sunday, and every day, we are called to martyrdom. The demand of the Gospel, the demand of our faith compels us to imitate Jesus' complete and total surrender to the Father's loving care, no matter the cost, even unto death.

This is good news in a world that regularly spills blood in the name of ego, politics, and false religion. A world that is still filled with injustice, imbalance, unfairness, pandemics, and terror. And so the color red reminds us of our pain, distress, fear, and suffering, but as St. Paul assures us, the love of Christ and his work at the Cross is the last word on the topic of evil and death:

The Blood of Holy Communion

Finally, Red Sunday should call to mind what was already mentioned, the life-giving Blood of Christ, but given to us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. In the Gospel reading, Jesus claims the Father "has granted the Son also to have life in himself." The fullness of life does not come from anywhere or anyone else, no other source, and we are given that fullness of life in the Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church.

From death to life

In the Gospel reading Jesus tells us, "The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." (v. 25) During Badarak we don't just receive a fleeting experience or a temporary spiritual fix. When we share the Body and Blood of Christ, we are passing from death to life, and so Badarak is a matter of life and death. Once again, we view sin in terms of life vs. death, rather than right vs. wrong.

+Dn. Eric Vozzy

FLAG RAISING AT SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL

*In commemoration of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, the Armenian flag will be raised at **Springfield City Hall** on **April 24** at **3:30pm**.*

All are encouraged to attend this important event for our community and city!



LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 13.16-43 ✠ 1 Peter 5.1-14 ✠ John 3.19-30

PRAYER REQUESTS

ALL SOLDIERS and VICTIMS OF THE 2020 and 2023 ARTSAKH WARS

Those persecuted worldwide
Republic of Armenia
Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem
Pauline Agazarian
The Bobbitt Family
Ann Margaret Coates
Phillip DerMargosian
George Ekmalian, Jr
Patrick Garrity
Paula Glazer

Lisa Herrick
The Johnson Family
Henrietta Kallajian
Dennis Kilmavich
Mary Magzelci
Dr. David Manning
Joseph Marchetti
Wayne Michaelian, Sr.
Linda Padakula
Marie Sama
Peter Scagliarini
Gary Tesini

CONGRATULATIONS MARIAN VARTERESIAN

St. Mark Armenian Church congratulates our parishioner, **Marian Varteresian**, for being this year's Women of Wonder honoree.

The Women of Wonder Brunch will take place on **Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 12:30pm** at the **Marriott Hotel** in Springfield.

If you would like to attend or make a donation to the Women of Wonder booklet, please contact **Charlotte Sevazlian**: hyespirit@gmail.com or (518) 935-8819.



JOIN OUR CHOIR & READER MINISTRY!



If you have a passion for music or reading Scripture, consider joining St. Mark's choir or reader ministry. No prior background in the music of the Badarak required. Please reach out to our choir director, **Brenda Jermakian** or our pastor, **Der Nigoghos**.

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CHRIST IS RISEN FROM AMONG THE DEAD!

WELCOME TO ST. MARK ARMENIAN CHURCH



APRIL 21, 2024

Red Sunday

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Holy Badarak 10 am

Intercessory Prayer to the Holy Martyrs

Greeter: Linda Arslanian

Reader: Toyoko Yoshida

Fellowship: Ellen & Arthur Tarpinian

SUNDAY SERMON

The Immense Weight of a Crown