



ST. MARK ARMENIAN CHURCH

**LEARNING THE
BIBLE WITH
ST. GREGORY
OF NAREK**

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21

3RD WEDNESDAYS

at 11am

coffee hour to follow



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PARISH CALENDAR

DATE & TIME		EVENT
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	May 5 10.00 am	Bp. Mesrop Parsamyan presiding <i>Luncheon to follow</i>
SUNDAY Jashoo Service	May 12 10.00 am	Mother's Day <i>Rev. Dn. Yervant Kutchukian</i>
WEDNESDAY	May 15 11:00 am	Bible Study <i>Learning the Bible with St. Gregory of Narek</i>
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	May 19 10.00 am	Pentecost
THURSDAY	May 23 5 - 7 pm	Interfaith Concert <i>Bishop Marshall Center St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield</i>
SUNDAY Holy Badarak	May 26 10.00 am	Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

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Добро пожаловать
WELCOME

The Power of Faithfulness

"The faithful will abound with blessings, but the evildoer will not go unpunished" (Proverbs 28:20). The virtue of faithfulness is at the heart of receiving God's blessings. When we are faithful, reliable, sincere, and loyal, we align ourselves with God's heart. God values faithfulness because it reflects His nature, His constancy, and His unwavering commitment to us. He is always faithful, and He desires the same from us.

In our relationships, whether they be with God, family, friendship, church community, or our neighbor, if we show disloyalty or unfaithfulness, we deprive ourselves of abundant divine blessings. Now, let's consider what happens when we embody faithfulness. First, God promises to bless us abundantly. This isn't just about material blessings, although those can certainly be part of it. This is about receiving peace that surpasses understanding, joy that overflows, and love that endures

through trials and tribulations.

When you are faithful, you become a channel of blessing to others. Your life begins to reflect the light of Christ, and that light touches everyone around you. Your family feels safer, your friends feel valued, and even strangers can sense the presence of God in your actions.

But there's another side to this. The scripture also warns us, "the evildoer will not go unpunished." This is a reminder that unfaithfulness has its consequences. When we choose to be disloyal, insincere, or unreliable, we not only hurt others; we also distance ourselves from God's blessings. We create chaos in our lives and miss out on the divine peace and joy that faithfulness brings.

So, how do we cultivate this beautiful trait of faithfulness? It starts with small steps. Be true to your word. If you commit to something, follow through. Show up when you say you will. Listen deeply to those around you and be present in every moment. These are the seeds of faithfulness that grow into a tree of blessings.

Bp. Mesrop Parsamyan

LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 20.17-38 ✠ 1 John 3.2-6 ✠ John 9.39 - 10.10

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

INTERFAITH CONCERT

Please join us as St. Mark Armenian Church
represents **Eastern Christianity** in the yearly
interfaith concert at

**St. Michael's Cathedral
Bishop Marshall Center
260 State St, Springfield, MA**

5 - 7 pm

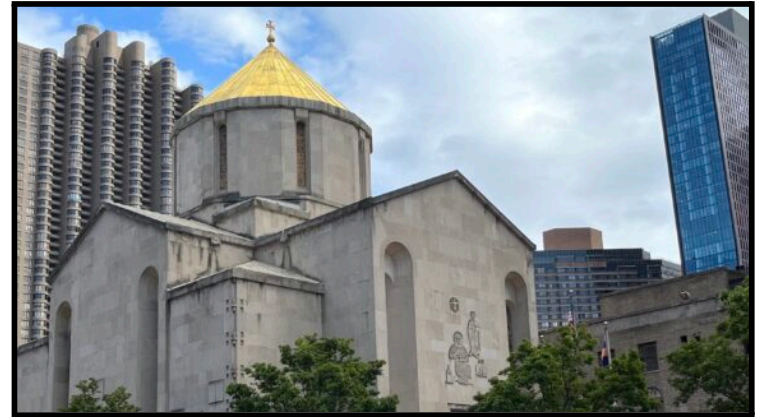


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ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС ИЗ МЕРТВЫХ!
CHRIST IS RISEN FROM AMONG THE DEAD!

WELCOME TO ST. MARK ARMENIAN CHURCH



MAY 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide
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Holy Badarak 10 am

Greeter: David Jermakian

Reader:

HOMILIST

His Grace Bp. MESROP Parsamyan
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

GUEST CELEBRANT

Very Rev. Fr. Harutyun Kirakosyan