Welcome to all who have come to worship with us on this day
May the blessings of the Lord be upon you and may all your prayers be answered

September 25, 2011
Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

Holy Scriptures
Reading - Isaiah 65:22-25
Epistle - Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel - Matthew 24:30-36

Alleluia Before the Holy Gospel

Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Sion, for it is the time that thou have mercy upon her, yea the time has come.

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GOSPEL READING - Matthew 24:30-36

Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.”

Remember in Prayer

Suzanne Aharonian-Sunbridge Nursing Home
Minas Arakelian-At Home
Ruth Aroian-Willows Health Center
Haroutune Bilazarian-Willows Nursing Home
Queene Bilzerian-Oakdale Nursing Home
Charlotte Calfaian-Tatnuck Park @ Worcester
Hazel Eljanian-Shrewsbury Nursing Home
Elda Malesky-Christopher House
Irene Shooshan-Beaumont Nursing Home
Susan Vires-Christopher House
Lucy Sivazlian-Notre Dame Long Term Care
Ann Choolfaian-Christopher House

The beautiful flowers that decorate the Holy Altar are donated in loving memory of:

Karop Dirazonian
from
His Loving Family
Hokehankist (Requiem Service) This morning after the Divine Liturgy, we offer our prayers for these departed servants.

**Karop Dirazonian-3rd Year Anniversary**
Requested by:
Louise Dirazonian; Mary Dirazonian; Simon and Pam Dirazonian & Family; Kip and Crystal Dirazonian & Family; Cindy and Steve Phillips & Family; Amy Dirazonian & Family

**Alice Alexander**
Requested by:
Helen Alexander; Arthur N. Arakelian; William F. Robidoux

May God grant peace to their souls and comfort to their loved ones

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**Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak**

Today, Armenian Churches worldwide will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak—an occasion that is unique to the Armenian Church. In the 7th century, a monk named Totig received a vision of a brilliant cross descending Mount Varak (in historic Armenia) and coming to rest on the monastery at the mountain's foot. Totig raced to where the vision had led him, and there found a miraculous Christian relic: a fragment of the True Cross of Jesus Christ!

How had it gotten there? The relic had been brought to Armenia by St. Hripsime, in the late 3rd century, during her flight to find refuge from the persecutions of pagan Rome. When St. Hripsime was martyred by King Drtad, the hiding place of the cross was forgotten—and the holy relic had languished in its secret place for nearly 300 years, before being found again by the monk Totig.

To commemorate this discovery, the Catholicos of the time, St. Nersess the Builder, established a feast day. And the Holy Cross became a relic of great power in Armenia, moving from Varak to Sebastia and finally to Van, where it still could be seen by pilgrims—until the time of the Genocide.
As directed by the Annual Parish Assembly held on March 6, 2011 a Special Assembly will be held to discuss the Parish House. A light lunch will be served.

All Parishioners are welcome and urged to attend the Special Parish Assembly to discuss the Parish House following Church services.

Please note that only dues paying members in good standing will be able to exercise speaking and voting privileges.

CENTURY CLUB LOTTERY & DINNER

Thursday, September 29th
6:00PM in the Cultural Center

Sponsored by The Knights of Vartan
Chicken Kebab Dinner $10.00

Please call Charles Sharigian 774-261-0108 on or before September 26th to RSVP.

Drawing is at 7:00PM Hope to see you on the 29th!

EVENTS

Children’s Armenian Language Classes            Sundays 10:00a.m.
Sunday School                             Sundays 10:30a.m.
Toddler’s Class                              Sundays 10:30a.m.

DATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2012 FELLOWSHIPS-
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BOOK A FELLOWSHIP