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

Sunday, November 22, 2015
First Sunday of Advent

Alleluia Before the Holy Gospel                 Mode 8

Holy Scriptures

Reading ~ Isaiah 36:1-9
Epistle ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

God arose and all his enemies scattered,
they that hate Him have fled from His face.
LUKE 12:13-31

One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully" and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." And he said to his disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well.

The Divine Liturgy continues on page 18 with the singing of the Nicene Creed

Remember in Prayer

Suzanne Aharonian-Sunbridge Nursing Home
Charlotte Calfaian-Tatnuck Park @ Worcester
Ann Choolfaian-Christopher House
Helen Abounader-Notre Dame Assisted Living
Diana Johnson-Tatnuck Park @ Worcester
Bernice Kachadoorian-Holy Trinity

The flowers that adorn our Holy Altar today are donated In Loving Memory Of:

Zareh and Marion Markarian
from
Their Loving Family

John and Mary Alice Elloian
Arthur and Frances Elloian
Vars and Mary Elloian
Garabed and Esther Elloian
Bedros and Zemroog Der Krikorian
Varteres Jalloian
Vergin Jalloian
Geraldine Jalloian
Bob Jalloian

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The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.
Hokehankist (Requiem Service) This morning after the Divine Liturgy, we offer our prayers for these departed servants.

Alice LaFleur - 40th Day Karasoonk
Requested by:
Tomoko Kaloostian; Carol Kozlowski; Sharon Sendrowski

Zareh Markarian - 1st Year Anniversary
Marion (Adjeleian) Markarian
Macrouhi and Harry Adjeleian
Markar and Herepcimy Markarian
Leon and Victoria Manoogian
Requested by:
Zareh and Marilyn Markarian; Mark and Linda Markarian & Family; Gerald Kheboian and Family; Elizabeth Adjeleian and Family

John Adjeleian
Requested by:
Marion (Adjeleian) Markarian Memorial Endowment Fund

Grace (Adjeleian) Kheboian
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Varteres Jalloian
Vergin Jalloian
Geraldine Jalloian
Bob Jalloian
Requested by:
Varteres, Vergin, Geraldine and Bob Jalloian Memorial Endowment Fund

John and Mary Alice Elloian
Arthur and Frances Elloian
Vars and Mary Elloian
Garabed and Esther Elloian
Bedros and Zemroog Der Krikorian
Verkin and Mehran Merzikian
Vartan, Kachik, John and Zarouhi Merzikian
Requested by:
John and Rose Elloian & Family

Grace (Adjeleian) Kheboian
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May God grant peace to their souls and comfort to their loved ones.

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2015 Pastor's Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

As Thanksgiving approaches, and we reflect upon the gifts that we have been given, let us remember with joy, the survival of our People, our Church, our Nation and our Race, as we commemorate the Centennial of the horrific events of 1915. With thankful hearts, let us remember that our forefathers survived and went on to establish Churches and communities throughout the world. We are grateful that we have places to worship, congregate, teach and learn about our sacred traditions and valued customs, form friendships, give and share the events of our lives.

Next week, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Yet, for many of us, the actual holiday is so full of activity that we have little time for actually giving Thanks. God. It might be easy to say, "Thank you, God" for our good health and well being, but how often do we do that? Do we also give God thanks for the hundreds of other lesser things that give us joy or enrich our lives. It is not been easy, for some of our families, who will be faced with the empty seat of a loved one at the family table this holiday season. Their departure has left a painful void. Our Lord taught us that they are not lost, for death cannot sever the bond of love. Continue to love those who are no longer with us, and on Thanksgiving, let it not be painful, but continue to remember them, and to give thanks to God for having had them in our lives.

Several years ago, we established the Pastor's Appeal to help defray the cost of specific projects for the beautification or upkeep of our Church and facility. Over the years, our parishioners have been most generous. Once again, I am writing to ask for your help. As many of you who have served on the Parish Council, or other committees, know, membership dues alone are not enough to meet our expenses, in light of rising costs and unforeseen expenses. This appeal; in addition to our annual fundraising efforts, will help greatly.

With God's love in your heart, at this time of Thanksgiving, we see that you make a donation to this appeal, no matter what the amount. May this year's Thanksgiving bring comfort and joy to you and your loved ones. On behalf of a very grateful pastor, and your Parish Council, I thank you for your on-going support and may God bless all of you, and may God bless our beloved Church.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you all.

Rev. Der Aved

November 2015
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR OF THE CULTURAL CENTER

Adults $13.00  Children $6.00

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Non-perishable Food Donations wanted for Thanksgiving Food Drive

Donations accepted through Sunday, November 22

Thank You!
Sunday School Grade 8/9