

ՀԱՅՑ. ԱՌԱՔԵԼԱԿԱՆ ՍՈՒՐԲ
ՍՏԵՓԱՆՈՍԻ ԵԿԵՂԵՑՈՅ



St. Stephen's Armenian
Apostolic Church

ԿԻՐԱԿՆՕՐԵԱՅ ԼՐԱԳԻՐ

Sunday Bulletin

167 Tremont St • New Britain, CT 06051
Տէր Կարապետ Թէլֆէան, Չոզետր Չովիւ

516-747-0875 • fr.garabed@telf.com
Rev. Fr. Garabed Telfeyan, Pastor

Sixth Sunday after The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Eve of the Fast of the Transfiguration

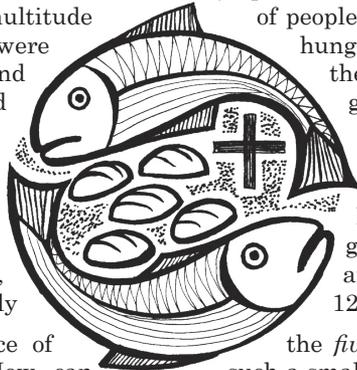
Holiness is proper to Your house, O Lord, Unto length of days!

Armenian Divine Liturgy, Midday Antiphon (Ps. 92)

Today begins the seventh and last week of the feast of **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**. Next Sunday begins the feast of the **Transfiguration of Jesus Christ**. It is one of the **five Tabernacle Feasts** (Nativity/Theophany, Resurrection, Transfiguration of Christ, Holy Virgin Mary, and Exaltation of the Holy Cross).

On the fiftieth day (*πεντηκοστή, pentikosti*) after Holy Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and led them to go out to the corners of the world and spread the Good News—**that man has eternal life**.

Today's Gospel recounts another similar event where the disciples were led by God to deliver the Good News. The story opens after Jesus had healed the sick amongst a great multitude of people. It was getting late in the day and the people were hungry and in need of food. The disciples say, "Send these people away so they get something to eat." Jesus replies, "**You give them to eat!**" The disciples remark, "We have nothing and two fish." Jesus replies, "**Bring them here to me.**" Taking the bread and fish, he gave thanks, broke it, and after everyone ate, there were miraculously 12 baskets of leftovers!



What is the significance of the *twelve* baskets? How can such a small amount of food feed a multitude of people? After they all ate, how could there be 12 baskets of leftovers? What kind of food is this?

The food in this event is a *type* (*τύπος*) of the Word of God, the Bread of Life. *Hunger* and *food* relate not only to the *physical*, but also to the *rational* stomach (the mind) and the *spiritual* stomach (the spirit). **Jesus blessed all the food the disciples had**, even though it was *insufficient*, and he made it *sufficient*. For more insight, study John 6, and join the Church, and taste of the True Food and True Drink that give eternal life!

Տան Քրոն վայել է սրբութիւն, Տէ՛ր, ընդ երկայն աւուրս:

The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

Midday Entrance

Only-begotten Son of God and Being immortal, equal in glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!

Midday Antiphon (Psalm 92)

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with majesty; He established the world; He is from everlasting.

Midday Hymn (Resurrection Pen-Gen)

Blessing in the highest to His Majesty who came from the Virgin, Our King. Alleluia!

Midday Psalm (64)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness; And fill Your fields with fatness. Alleluia.

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (3)

1 For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah The stock and the store, The whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water;

2 The mighty man and the man of war, The judge and the prophet, And the diviner and the elder;

3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man, The counselor and the skillful artisan, And the expert enchanter.

4 "I will give children to be their princes, And babes shall rule over them.

5 The people will be oppressed, Every one by another and every one by his neighbor; The child will be insolent

toward the elder, And the base toward the honorable."

6 When a man takes hold of his brother In the house of his father, saying, "You have clothing; You be our ruler, And let these ruins be under your power,"

7 In that day he will protest, saying, "I cannot cure your ills, For in my house is neither food nor clothing; Do not make me a ruler of the people."

8 For Jerusalem stumbled, And Judah is fallen, Because their tongue and their doings Are against the LORD, To provoke the eyes of His glory.

9 The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves.

10 "Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, For the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Meseti Jashoo (146)

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength; His understanding exceeds every measure.

A Reading from the Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Romans (11)

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,

18 do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.”

20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.

22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Gospel Psalm (7)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, my Lord God, in the commandments You ordered, and the congregation of the peoples shall surround you, wherefore, return on high! And the Lord shall judge his people. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14)

Deacon. Stand up.

Priest. † Peace be with you all.

People. And with your spirit.

Deacon. In awe, let us listen ...

Priest. † ... to the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ (according to ...).

People. Glory to you Lord our God.

Deacon. Let us attend.

People. God speaks.

Our Lord Jesus Christ:

13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”

16 But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

17 And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

18 He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. ☩



Der Voghormia

- 1. Charlie Alex
- 2. Levon Darakjian
- 3. Michael Papelian
- 4. Genevieve Soovajian
- 5. Andy Winters
- 6. Richard Zoccoli

Hokehankist

- 1. Kirkor Dikran Tavtigan
Requested by his children Kirkor and Rosalie Tavtigan and the entire Tavtigan Family on the first anniversary of his departure (7/4/2020).

- 2. Irina Ermolenko *Sister*
- 3. Vaghinag & Berjouhe Azizian *Parents*
- 4. Kopernik, Yevkine, Khajag, and Rostom Tandourjian
Maternal grandparents and uncles
- 5. Tevos, Oostian, Hagop, and Ardavast Azizian
Paternal grandparents and uncles
Requested by Anahid Azizian and Yn. Mary Azizian Telfeyan

July

- 4 Su Sixth Sunday after Coming of Holy Spirit (7th week)
- 5 Mo – 9 Fr Fast
- 10 Sa Feast of the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy Church
- 11 Su Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (Res+100d)
- 12 Mo Day 2 of Transfiguration (Remembrance of the Dead)
- 13 Tu Day 3 of Transfiguration
- 14 We Fast
- 15 Th Isaiah the Prophet
- 16 Fr Fast
- 17 Sa Thaddeus and Sandoukht

Meet Der Hayr

Der Hayr is available (gratis) for confession, visitation, house blessing, etc.

Weekly Services

- Sun 10am Morning Worship
- Sun 10:30am Holy Badarak
- Thu 6pm Choir
- Sat 5pm Evening Worship

Bread of Heaven

Jesus Christ Our Lord Says: “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. “But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”



“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. “It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. “I am the bread of life. “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”