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Feast of the Holy Virgin Mother of God

The Song of Mary



“My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

For He who is mighty has done great things for me,

And holy is His name.

And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones,

And exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

And the rich He has sent away empty.

He has helped His servant Israel,

In remembrance of His mercy,

As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

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The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

Midday Psalm (64)

Response. Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness;

Antiphon. Remember David, O Lord, And all his meekness,

How he swore to the Lord, How he vowed to the God of Jacob,

“I shall not enter my dwelling, I shall not recline on my bed,

I shall not close my eyes in sleep Nor my eyelids for dozing, Nor give any rest to my temples, until I find a place for the Lord, A tabernacle for the God of Jacob.”

A Reading from the Song of Songs of Solomon (4.9-15)

9 You have ravished my heart, My sister, my spouse; You have ravished my heart With one look of your eyes, With one link of your necklace.

10 How fair is your love, My sister, my spouse! How much better than wine is your love, And the scent of your perfumes Than all spices!

11 Your lips, O my spouse, Drip as the honeycomb; Honey and milk are under your tongue; And the fragrance of your garments Is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

12 A garden enclosed Is my sister, my spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain sealed.

13 Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates With pleasant fruits, Fragrant henna with spikenard,

14 Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, With all trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, With all the chief spices—

15 A fountain of gardens, A well of living waters, And streams from Lebanon.

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (7.10-16)

10 Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 “Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!”

13 Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?”

14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

15 “Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16 “For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

A Reading from the Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Galatians (3.29-4.7)

29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,

2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gospel Psalm (Lk 2:11, Ps 109:3)

Alleluia. Alleluia. This day the Son, from the Father, first before eternity, anointed Lord, has been born in the city of David. In the beauty of your saints, out of the womb, before the Morning Star, I have given birth to you.

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-7)

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 



Today, Sunday, August 15

**Feast of the Mother of God
"Blessing of the Grapes"**

Anyone wishing to donate grapes, please wash them, bring them into the church Sunday morning, and place them on the table in the chancel. Thank you!

We will have the grape blessing after Badarak in the chancel and then distribute the grapes and the mas before we go downstairs for fellowship.

Der Voghormia

1. Charlie Alex
2. Levon Darakjian
3. Karen Fallo
4. Peter Fallo
5. Jennie Garabedian
6. Nancy Hintlian
7. Ed Kerekian
8. Michael Papelian
9. Vardan Vardanyan
10. Andy Winters
11. Richard Zoccoli

August

- 14 Sa Feast of Holy Shoghagat
(Dedication of Echmiadzin)
- 15 Su Feast of Asdvadzadzin
(Blessing of the Grapes)**
- 16 Mo Day 2 of Asdvadzadzin
(Remembrance of the Dead)
- 17 Tu Day 3 of Asdvadzadzin
- 18 We Day 4 of Asdvadzadzin (fast)
- 19 Th Day 5 of Asdvadzadzin
- 20 Fr Day 6 of Asdvadzadzin (fast)
- 21 Sa Day 7 of Asdvadzadzin
- 22 Su Day 8 (2nd Sun) of Asdvadzadzin
- 23 Mo Day 9 (2nd Mon) of Asdvadzadzin
- 24 Tu Joachim and Anna and
the Myrophores
- 25 We Fast
- 26 Th Jeremiah the Prophet

Guest Servants

Today St. Stephen's is blessed with three guest church servants: from Soorp Vartanantz Church of Providence, Archdeacon Hagop Khatchadourian, and from Holy Resurrection Church of New Britain, Choirmaster Adrienne Damian and Organist Susan Sagharian.

Weekly Services

Sun 10am Midnight Praise
Sun 10:30am Holy Badarak
Sat 10am Third Hour Praise (new)
Sat 10:30am Christian Teaching (new)
Sat 5pm Evening Praise

Meet Der Hayr

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



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