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## Tenth Sunday of the Holy Cross

*“For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you  
all with the affection of Jesus Christ.”*

—St. Paul the Apostle



**“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,”**

writes Saint Paul the Apostle to his flock, with words that read like a love letter. Apostle Paul loved his people so much that he prayed for them all the time, and his prayers were his great joy. He writes, **“Always in every prayer of mine I make request for you all with joy.”**

Now, in these prayers for his beloved flock, what request does he make? Does he ask God for health? For wealth? For wisdom? He has a long-term view. He is thinking about their eternal lives in Heaven, not their short-term lives here on Earth. He asks God **“for your fellowship in the the Good News from the first day until now.”** He is **“confident that God who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”**

He loves his people to the point that, he says to his beloved congregation, **“I have you in my heart.”** He expresses divine self-sacrificial love, saying, **“for God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.”** ☪

«Միայն Աստուած գիտէ՝ թէ որքան կարօտցած եմ ձեզ,  
Քրիստոս Յիսուսի գորովովը»:

—Սր. Պօղոս Առաքեալ

**The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)**

**A Reading from the  
Prophecy of Isaiah  
25:9-26:7 (NKJV)**

9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

10 For on this mountain the hand of the LORD will rest, And Moab shall be trampled down under Him, As straw is trampled down for the refuse heap.

11 And He will spread out His hands in their midst As a swimmer reaches out to swim, And He will bring down their pride Together with the trickery of their hands.

12 The fortress of the high fort of your walls He will bring down, lay low, And bring to the ground, down to the dust.

1 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.

5 For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down— The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy."

7 The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. ☸

**A Reading from the Epistle  
of Apostle Paul to the  
Philippians 1:1-11 (NKJV)**

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. ☞

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come (Psalm 101:13).

**Stand up in the fear of God, and let us listen to the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9:44-50 (NKJV)**

44 “Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men.”

45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

46 Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest.

47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,

48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.”

49 Now John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.”

50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side.” ☞



**Der Voghormia (Տէր Ողորմեա)**

- 1. **Levon Asdourian**
- 2. **Elizabeth Daqesian**
- 3. **Elijah Johnson**
- 4. **Gregory Kaolian**
- 5. **Michael Papelian**
- 6. **John Seretny, Sr.**
- 7. **May Shaaban**

**Weekly Services**

- Sun 9:30am . . . . . Morning Praise
- Sun 10:30am . . . . . Divine Liturgy
- Wed 5pm . . . . . Evening Praise
- Sat 10am . . . . . Midday Praise
- Sat 10:30am. . . . . Christian Teaching
- Sat 5pm . . . . . Evening Praise

Details: <https://armenianprayer.com>

**November**

- 13 Sat. Holy Apostles Andrew and Phillip
- 14 **Sun. Tenth Sunday after Holy Cross**
- 15 Mon. Andrew and his army, Callinicus, and Diomedes
- 16 Tue. Adrian, Natalia, Theodore Stratelates, and Eleutherius
- 17 Wed. Fast
- 18 Thu. Abraham and Khoren, Moneyless Physicians Cosmas and Damian, and Theodoron the Martyr
- 19 Fri. Fast
- 20 Sat. All saints, old, new, known, and unknown
- 21 **Sun. Eleventh Sunday after Holy Cross; Presentation of the Holy Mother of God to the Temple; Eve of the Fast of Advent**

**Altar Flowers**

Please contact Gail Varjabedian to help in the altar flower ministry.

**Meet Der Hayr**

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

**The Holy Apostles Andrew & Philip**

Apostle Andrew the “First-Called” was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, Apostle Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42). Andrew was from Bethsaida, and from his youth he turned with all his soul to God. Having worked with his brother as a fisherman, when the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John began to preach, Saint Andrew became his closest disciple. Declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God, Saint John the Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian. After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Saint Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God.

Apostle Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly discerning the meaning of the prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him. Apostle Philip is spoken about several times in the Holy Gospel. He brought to Christ Apostle Nathaniel (Bartholomew, c.f. John 1:46). The Lord asks him where to buy bread for five thousand men (John 6:5-7). He brought certain Jews wanting to see Jesus (John 12:21-22). At the Last Supper he asked Christ to show them the Father (John 14:8). After the Ascension of the Lord, Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. ☩