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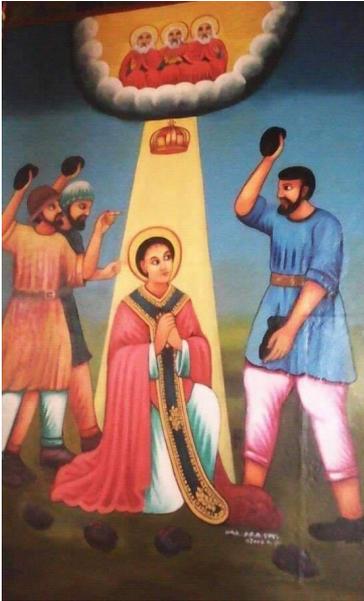
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“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Is.41.10)



Saint Stephen was one of seven young men elected deacons by the Church of Jerusalem to serve the people. He was filled with the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. He testified about Jesus not only in word but also in marvelous works and signs. His courageous sermons aroused the Jews, who condemned him to death as a blasphemer.

When Stephen testified that Jesus was the Messiah foretold by the prophets, his face shone like the face of an angel, as he was speaking through the power of the Holy Spirit. As he spoke, he looked up to

heaven and saw the glory of God in Jesus and said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56). When the Jews heard this, they closed their ears, trampled him, cast him out of the city, and stoned him to death. ☦

«Մի վախնար, քանզի ես հիմա քեզի հետ եմ. Մի՛ գարհուրիր, վասն զի ես քու Աստուածդ եմ. Քեզ պիտի զօրացնեն ու քեզի օգնութիւն պիտի ընեն Ու իմ արդարութեանս աջովը քեզ պիտի բռնեն»:
(Եւ.ՆԱ.10)

The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾ ԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 41:4-14 (NKJV)

4 Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; And with the last I am He.'"

5 The coastlands saw it and feared, The ends of the earth were afraid; They drew near and came.

6 Everyone helped his neighbor, And said to his brother, "Be of good courage!"

7 So the craftsman encouraged the goldsmith; He who smooths with the hammer inspired him who strikes the anvil, Saying, "It is ready for the soldering"; Then he fastened it with pegs, That it might not totter.

8 "But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

11 "Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish.

12 You shall seek them and not find them— Those who contended with you. Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

13 For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

14 "Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men of Israel! I will help you," says the LORD And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. ☩

A Reading from the Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 7:11-25 (NKJV)

11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

17 For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

20 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath

21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The LORD has sworn And will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek’”),

22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ☪

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Clap your hands, all you nations; Shout to God with the voice of rejoicing. (Ps. 46)

Stand up in the fear of God, and let us listen to the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 17:1-10 (NKJV)

12 Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

13 “So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’

14 “But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’

15 “And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then

commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 “Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’

17 “And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’

18 “And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’

19 “Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’

20 “Then another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.

21 ‘For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’

22 “And he said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.

23 ‘Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’

24 “And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.’

25 (“But they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas.’)

26 ‘For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

27 ‘But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.’”

28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ☪



Der Voghormia (Տէր Ողորմեա)

1. Gary Bazzano
2. Bonnie Coleman
3. Nicholas DeLuca
4. John Dilsizian
5. Francis Gialluca
6. Elijah Johnson
7. Michael Papelian
8. Leslie Round
9. May Shaaban
10. Der Aram Stepanian
11. Yn. Margaret Stepanian
12. Sylvia Tavitian
13. Aghavni & Garabed
Tovmassian
14. Richard Zoccoli
15. Boghos and Anjel
16. Peter ~ lost wife and brother
17. Miray ~ faith
18. Tim ~ 46, fell off ladder, in coma
19. Tim's wife and three kids

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>

Orphans of Martyred Fathers

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble.”
(James 1:27)

New lists of war orphans are coming to us through the St. Nerses the Great Organization office in Yerevan. Currently, 71 orphans from fathers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Artsakh are registered in the waiting list of the St. Nerses the Great Organization in Yerevan, along with 11 other orphans with heartbreaking stories. We appeal to the generosity of our fellow Armenians to sponsor one or more of them.

Tap [here](https://armenianprelacy.org/programs/orphans-fund) (<https://armenianprelacy.org/programs/orphans-fund>) for online sponsorship of minors up to the age of 18.

Tap [here](https://armenianprelacy.org/college-sponsorship-form) (<https://armenianprelacy.org/college-sponsorship-form>) for online sponsorship of orphans who become students at a higher education institution upon turning 18. 🌀

December

- 25 Sat. **ՄԿ**. Day 34 of the Fast of Nativity and Theophany. Stephen the First Deacon and First Martyr
- 26 Sun. **ԲԶ**. Fifth Sunday of the Fast of Nativity and Theophany.
- 27 Mon. **ԲԿ**. Fast Day 36. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul
- 28 Tue. **ԳԶ**. Fast Day 37. James the Apostle and His Brother John the Evangelist
- 29 Wed. **ԳԿ**. Fast Day 38. No fish
- 30 Thu. **ԴԶ**. Fast Day 39. No fish
- 31 Fri. **ԴԿ**. Fast Day 40. No fish
- 1 Sat. **ՄԶ**. Fast Day 41. Basil the Great and his brother St. Gregory of Nyssa, Sylvester the Patriarch of Rome, and Ephrem the Syrian