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First Sunday after Nativity and Theophany

*“For your Maker is your husband.
The Lord of Hosts is His name.” (Isaiah 54.5)*



Six months before delivering the good news to the Virgin, Archangel Gabriel visited the pious priest Zechariah, who was serving in the temple in Jerusalem. He announced to Zechariah that he would have a son named John, who would be the forerunner of the Savior. Sure enough, Zechariah's wife Elizabeth

bore a son, John, six months before the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. When John was of age, he began preaching in the wilderness. His message was, “Turn from your sin and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” The prophet Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness: ‘Prepare a pathway for the Lord’s coming! Make a straight road for him!’” John wore camel hair and a leather belt; his food was locusts and wild honey. People from Jerusalem and from far and wide came to hear him preach. When they confessed their sins, John baptized them in the Jordan River. He said, “I baptize with water those who turn from their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming after me who is far greater than I—so much so that I am not worthy to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand, and he will separate the chaff from the grain. He will clear his threshing area, gathering his grain into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” John made a lot of enemies with these words, but about John, Jesus said, “Assuredly I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist” (Mat 11:11). ☞

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The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is he whom you have chosen and adopted; he shall dwell in your courts. ☩

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 54:1-13 (NKJV)

1 “Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,” says the LORD.

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes.

3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

4 “Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.

5 For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

6 For the LORD has called you Like a woman forsaken and

grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused,” Says your God. ☩

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We shall be filled with the good things of your house; your temple is holy. You are wonderful in righteousness. ☩

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

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,

6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,

7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.



St. John the Forerunner (the Garabed)

8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,

9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust. ☩

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the crown of the year be blessed with your goodness, and your fields be filled with fatness! ☩

Stand up in the fear of God, and let us listen to the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2:1-11 (NKJV)

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. ☩



Hokehankist (Հոգեհանդիստ)

Archbishop Meghrig Parikian (1 year)

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)

Currently, 71 orphans from fathers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Artsakh are registered in the waiting list of our Prelacy's 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>) for online sponsorship of minors up to the age of 18.

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

Fellowship Hour

Our fellowship hour continues. However, in light of omicron, would those experiencing any symptoms kindly refrain until feeling better. Thank you.

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>

Der Voghormia (Տէր Ողորմեա)

1. Gary Bazzano
2. Boghos and Anjel
3. Peter Boghossian
4. Yn. Pat Buttero
5. Bonnie Coleman
6. Nicholas DeLuca
7. John Dilsizian
8. Karen & Peter Fallo
9. Big Ken
10. Faltaous Family, children, grandchildren
11. Francis Giallucca
12. Arsen & Alice Gulesserian
13. Elijah Johnson
14. Miray ~ faith
15. Michael Papelian
16. Peter ~ lost wife and brother
17. Leslie Round
18. Yn. Louanne Sabounjian
19. Safa Sahiyoun ~ bone marrow cancer, severely broken arm
20. Avo Sandigian
21. May Shaaban
22. Fr. Aram & Yn. Margaret Stepanian
23. Nancy Stewart
24. Sylvia Tavitian
25. Tim ~ 46, fell off ladder, coma
26. Tim's wife and three kids
27. Aghavni & Garabed Tovmassian
28. Lauren Varjabedian
29. Richard Zoccoli

January

- 15 Sat. ԴԶ. Birth of St. John the Forerunner
- 16 Sun. ԴԿ. First Sunday after Nativity and Theophany
- 17 Mon. ԱԶ. Peter the Patriarch, Blaise the Bishop, and Absalom the Deacon
- 18 Tue. ԱԿ. Andon, Dripon, Barsam, and Onoprios
- 19 Wed. ԲԶ. Fast
- 20 Thu. ԲԿ. Theodosius and the Children of Ephesus
- 21 Fri. ԳԶ. Fast
- 22 Sat. ԳԿ. Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria