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SUNDAY BULLETIN



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FEAST OF CATHEDRAL
OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

THE WAY OF CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE ARMENIAN NATION

*Լ՛ջ Միածինն ի Հօրէ եւ լոյս փառաց ընդ նմա,
ձայնք հնչեցին սանդարամետք անդնորոց:
Տեսեալ զլոյս մեծ հայրապետին Գրիգորի,
պատմէր ցնծութեամբ հաւատացեալ արքային:
Կէպոք շինեսցուք սուրբ զխորանն լուսոյ.
քանզի ի սմա ծագեաց մեղ լոյս ի հայաստան աշխարհի:
(Սահակ Ա. Զորափորեցի)*



This past week, as the Armenian Church and the Armenian Christian Nation, we were walking the paths of our Christian identity. And today we are renewing the centuries-old faith we inherited from the founders of our Christian roots. In the way of faith we join the great testimony of the fearless and invincible martyrdom of the saints, and see that the word of Christ and the light of the gospel remove the darkness from our lives, enlighten our minds, and set a pure and prayerful

heart within us to worship the Holy Trinity in spirit and in truth.

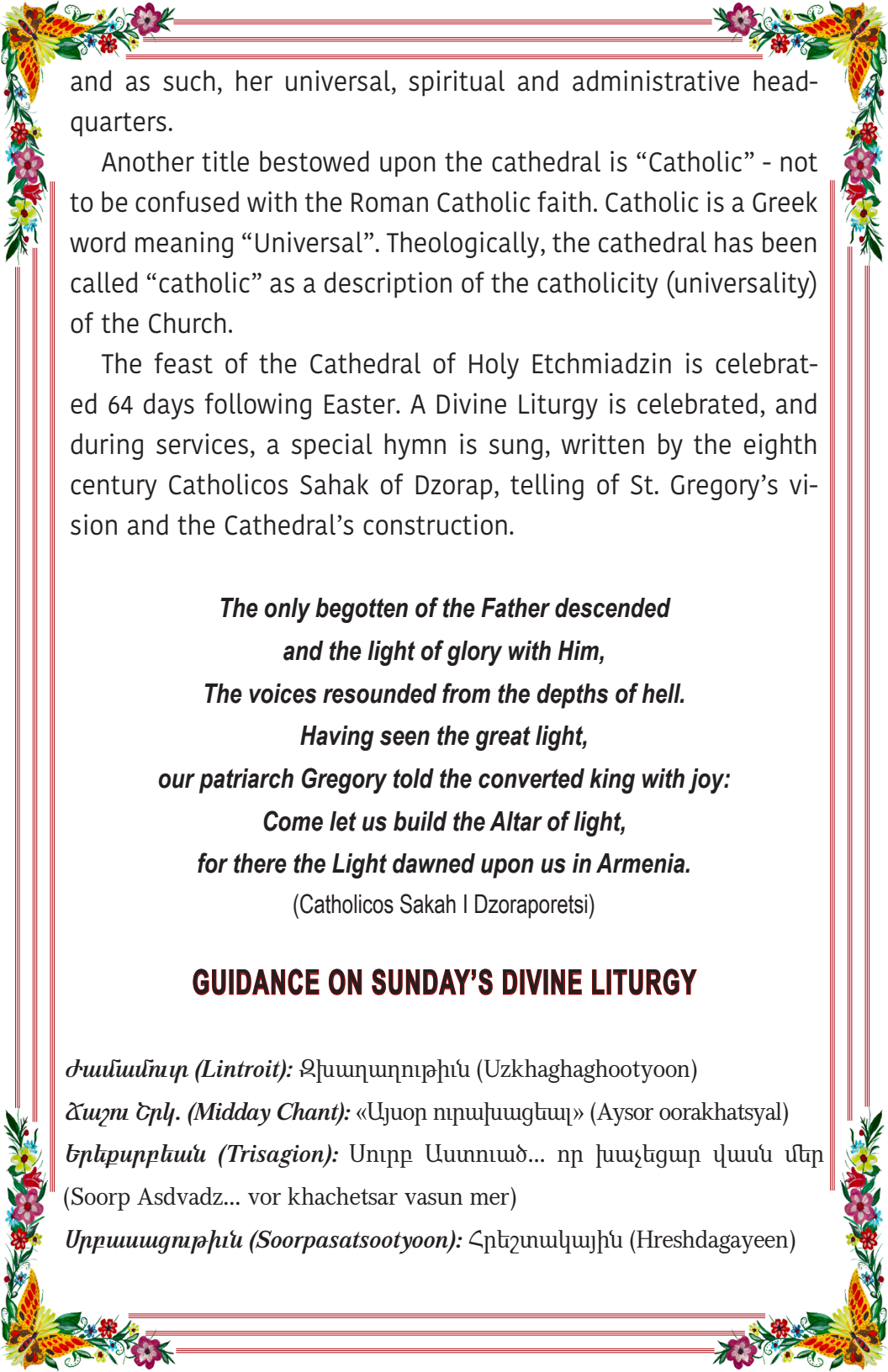
One of the most celebrated feasts of the Armenian Church is the day when the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was established, according to the inspired vision of St. Gregory the Illuminator.

According to tradition, and hagiographic sources, following the declaration of Christianity as the Official Religion of Armenia in 301 AD, St. Gregory has a famous vision, wherein the Only Begotten Son of God – Jesus Christ, descends from Heaven, his face lit aglow, and with the strike of a golden hammer designates the site where the Mother Cathedral for the entire Armenian nation is to be founded. Hence, the name of the spiritual center for the Armenians, “Etchmiadzin”, means “the Descent of the Only Begotten” (Etch - descent, mi - only, dzin - begotten.)

St. Gregory relayed the story about his vision to the Armenian King Tiridates, under whose royal auspices and support the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built. King Tiridates and Queen Ashkhen participated in the construction, as did the entire capital city of Vagharshapat by bringing stones from the biblical mountain of Ararat to lay the foundations. In the site marked by Christ, a Holy Altar of Descent was built.

According to Patriarch Malachia Ormanian, from the days of her establishment, the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin has been the residence of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. Thus, it is the Mother See of the Armenian Church,





and as such, her universal, spiritual and administrative headquarters.

Another title bestowed upon the cathedral is “Catholic” - not to be confused with the Roman Catholic faith. Catholic is a Greek word meaning “Universal”. Theologically, the cathedral has been called “catholic” as a description of the catholicity (universality) of the Church.

The feast of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin is celebrated 64 days following Easter. A Divine Liturgy is celebrated, and during services, a special hymn is sung, written by the eighth century Catholicos Sahak of Dzorap, telling of St. Gregory’s vision and the Cathedral’s construction.

*The only begotten of the Father descended
and the light of glory with Him,
The voices resounded from the depths of hell.
Having seen the great light,
our patriarch Gregory told the converted king with joy:
Come let us build the Altar of light,
for there the Light dawned upon us in Armenia.*
(Catholicos Sakah I Dzoraporetsi)

GUIDANCE ON SUNDAY’S DIVINE LITURGY

Ժամանուր (Lintroit): Զխաղաղութիւն (Uzkhaghaghootyoon)

Ճաշու Շրկ. (Midday Chant): «Այսօր ուրախացեալ» (Aysor oorakhatsyal)

Երեքսրբեան (Trisagion): Սուրբ Աստուած... որ խաչեցար վասն մեր
(Soorp Asdvadz... vor khachetsar vasun mer)

Սրբասացութիւն (Soorpasatsootyoon): Հրեշտակային (Hreshdagayeen)



SCRIPTURE READING

The reader of the Holy Scripture is **Nina Marifian**.

Alleluia, Alleluia. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

The reading is from the Letter of the St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:1-10)

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

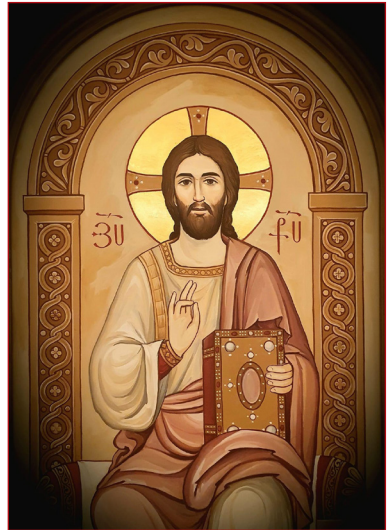
These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary is not yet opened as long as the outer tent is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various ablutions, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

Alleluia, Alleluia. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

TODAY'S HOLY GOSPEL

Աւեարարան ըստ Յովհաննու

Ժ. 22-30

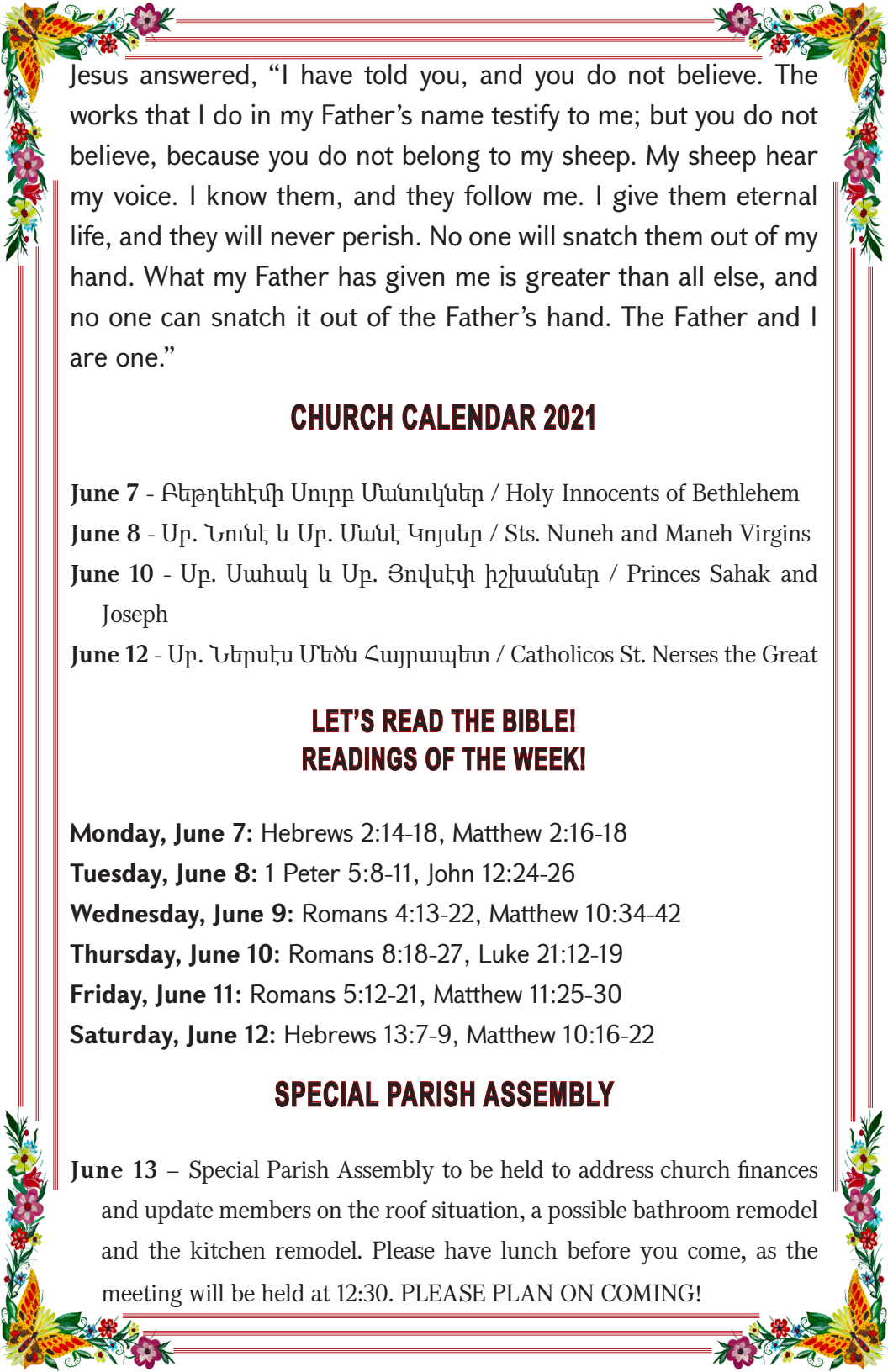


Այդ ատեն Երուսաղէմի մէջ Նաւակատիքի տօնը կը կատարուէր՝, ու ծմեռ էր. Յիսուս կը քալէր տաճարին մէջ՝ Սողոմոնի սրահը: Ուստի Հրեաները շրջապատեցին զինք եւ ըսին իրեն. «Մինչեւ երբ պիտի մտատանջես մեզ. եթէ Քրիստոսը դո՛ւն ես՝ բացորոշապէս ըսէ՛ մեզի»: Յիսուս պատասխանեց անոնց. «Ըսի՛ ձեզի, ու չէք հաւատար: Այն գործերը՝ որ ես կ'ընեմ իմ Հօրս անունով, անոնք կը վկայեն իմ մասիս: Բայց դուք չէք հաւատար՝ որովհետեւ իմ ոչխարներէս չէք, ինչպէս ըսի ձեզի՛»: Իմ ոչխարներս կը լսեն իմ ձայնս, ես ալ կը ճանչնամ զանոնք, եւ կը հետեւին ինձի: Ես կու տամ անոնց յափտենական կեանքը, ու յափտեան պիտի չկորսուին, եւ ո՛չ մէկը պիտի յափշտակէ զանոնք իմ ձեռքէս: Իմ Հայրս՝ որ ինձի տուաւ զանոնք՝ բոլորէն մեծ է, ու ո՛չ մէկը կրնայ յափշտակել իմ Հօրս ձեռքէն: Ես եւ Հայրը մէկ ենք»:



*The Holy Gospel according
to St. John 10:22-30*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”



Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

CHURCH CALENDAR 2021

June 7 - Բերթղեմի Սուրբ Մանուկներ / Holy Innocents of Bethlehem

June 8 - Սբ. Նունէ և Սբ. Մանէ Կոյսեր / Sts. Nuneh and Maneh Virgins

June 10 - Սբ. Սահակ և Սբ. Յովսէփի իշխաններ / Princes Sahak and Joseph

June 12 - Սբ. Ներսէս Մեծն Հայրապետ / Catholicos St. Nerses the Great

LET’S READ THE BIBLE! READINGS OF THE WEEK!

Monday, June 7: Hebrews 2:14-18, Matthew 2:16-18

Tuesday, June 8: 1 Peter 5:8-11, John 12:24-26

Wednesday, June 9: Romans 4:13-22, Matthew 10:34-42

Thursday, June 10: Romans 8:18-27, Luke 21:12-19

Friday, June 11: Romans 5:12-21, Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday, June 12: Hebrews 13:7-9, Matthew 10:16-22

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

June 13 – Special Parish Assembly to be held to address church finances and update members on the roof situation, a possible bathroom remodel and the kitchen remodel. Please have lunch before you come, as the meeting will be held at 12:30. PLEASE PLAN ON COMING!

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Parish Council

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Assistant Treasurer

Charlie Merzian,
Advisor

Gina Kernan,
Advisor

Paul Nersesian,
Diocesan Delegate

Visits to the Hospitalized and Homebound Please contact the Pastor when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor. If you have an upcoming surgery, please consider requesting your name be included in the "Prayers for the Sick and Hospitalized." Those who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home should contact the Pastor.

Home Blessing - If you would like the Pastor to visit your home and offer a home blessing, please contact the Pastor.

Pastor's Office Days - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Baptism - Parents may prepare for the baptism of their child before he or she is born. For more information, contact the Pastor.

Marriage - Contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date.

Parish Membership - If you are interested in becoming a member of the Holy Virgin Mary & Shoghagat parish, please speak to a Parish Council member on Sunday, or phone the Chairperson Maggie Colliflower (618) 531-0972

Sunday Bulletin - Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday preceding the date of service.

Requiem Requests may be submitted to the Church Office by mail, phone or email to paul.nersesian@sbcglobal.net no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday preceding the Sunday. Request forms are available in the Church Lobby.

Grave Blessing - If you would like the Pastor to visit your family's cemetery and offer a grave blessing, please contact the Pastor.