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Third Sunday after The Coming of the Holy Spirit Eve of the Fast of St. Gregory

*King Christ, Co-essential with the Father and the
Spirit, Who became incarnate for us by the Holy
Virgin, Glorious King Christ, Glory to You!*

Armenian Divine Liturgy



Since the feast of the **Coming of the Holy Spirit**, we have been celebrating the **formation of the Holy Church** through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within the Apostles who went out throughout the world and spread the **Knowledge of God**.

Today, in the Bible readings of the Armenian Church, **God asks us to know him**. God is telling us that he appreciates **knowing us** more than receiving our praise. He says, “You only worship me out of fear of **men**, and your hearts are far from **me**.”

Our Father is not satisfied by us knowing **about** him and sending him one-way messages, at a distance. He seeks a **close family relationship, a flesh-and-blood bond**.

Although we are not worthy, he is our Father. He made us, adopted us, and saved us. Therefore, when we pray, let us have intimate, two-way conversations with our Father. ☸

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The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

Entrance

Only-begotten Son and Word of God and Being immortal, who deigned to take body through the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin.

Unchangeable, who became man and you were crucified, O Christ our God, and you trampled down death by death.

One of the Holy Trinity, who are equal in glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit; save us.

Psalm (92)

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with majesty; The Lord clothed and girded Himself with power.

Hymn

(Resurrection Mode 7)

King Christ, Co-essential with the Father and the Spirit, who became incarnate for us by the Holy Virgin, who died a voluntary death, who by your incorruptible resurrection renewed this world, and who with your living blood illuminated the Holy Church, we sing to You with the angels, saying, Glory to You!

Psalm (64)

Hear us O God our savior, The hope of all the ends of earth. You shall gladden the outgoings of morning and evening.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (1)

7 Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

11 “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” Says the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats.

12 “When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts?

15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

Meseti Jashoo (64)

Holy is Your temple, wondrous in righteousness. It is fitting to sing praises to You God in Zion, and prayers shall be given to You in Jerusalem.

A reading from the Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Romans (6)

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves to obey as slaves, you are that one's slaves whom you

obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm (85)

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin.

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (12)

Deacon. Stand up.

Priest. † Peace be with you all.

People. And with your spirit.

Deacon. In awe, let us listen ...

Priest. ... to the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

People. Glory to you Lord our God.

Deacon. Be attentive.

People. God speaks.

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

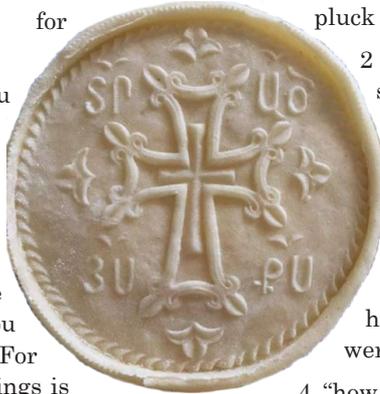
4 "how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?"

5 "Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?"

6 "Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple.

7 "But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." ☩





Der Voghormia

- 1. **Agnes Karanian**
Prayers of mercy and healing are requested by all the servants.
- 2. **Genevieve Soovajian**
Prayers of healing are requested by Archdeacon Edward Varjabedian.
- 3. **Marian (Atashian) Sagherian**
Prayers of mercy are requested on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of her departure (June 6, 2008) by her daughter Karen Fallo.

Hokehankist

- 4. **Rose M. (Tatoian) Rustigian (June 2, 1924 – June 13, 1995)**
Hokehankist prayers are requested by her loving children Robert John Rustigian, Marianne (Rustigian) Pajak, Ronald Gregory Rustigian and Pamela Denise Rustigian and grandchildren Valerie Rose Pajak (of Arizona) and Derrick John Rustigian (son of Pamela).
- 5. **Waldemar Stanley Pajak (departed 2017)**
Hokehankist prayers are requested by his loving wife Marianne Rustigian Pajak and his loving daughter Valerie Rose Pajak (of Arizona).

Weekly Services

- Sun 10am: **Morning Worship**
- Sun 10:30am: **Badarak**
- Thu 6pm: **Choir**
- Sat 5pm: **Evening Worship**

Meet Der Hayr

Der Hayr is available, gratis, for confession, visitation, and house blessing.

June

- 12 Sa: Sts. Nerses & Khat (*Ուրդ*)
- 13 Su: **3rd Sun after 8-ve of HS**
- 14–18 M–F: Fast of St. Gregory
- 15 Tu: Sts. Constantine & Helen
- 19 Sa: St. Gregory Relics; **12 noon Midday Worship with Beloved Der Torkom from Holy Trinity Worcester**
- 20 Su: **4th Sun after 8-ve of HS**
- 22 Tu: Sts. Daniel, Setrak, Misak, Abednego
- 24 Th: Sts. Sahag & Mesrob
- 26 Sa: Sts. Drtad & Ashken

Memory Verse

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

Restore us, O God of our Salvation!

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. –*Selah*–

You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease.



“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

“But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

“The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.”