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## Second Sunday of the Fast of Advent

*“The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,  
with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet  
of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”*

—Apostle Paul (1.Th.4.16)



Last week we all partook of a big Thanksgiving dinner. The Thanksgiving meal is often so plentiful that

we all end up eating leftovers for several days.

After Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ fed the four thousand people, there were twelve baskets full of leftovers.

What are these leftovers? What should we do with all the leftovers from our meals? Perhaps they could be used to feed those less fortunate than we?

Our homes are full of plenty—more than just Thanksgiving leftovers. How can we share our plenty? How would the Lord want us to share? 🌀

«Տէրը ինք ազգարարութեան հրամանով, հրեշտակապետին ձայնով ու Աստուծոյ փողովը երկնքէն պիտի իջնէ եւ Քրիստոսով մեռածները առաջ յարութիւն պիտի առնեն»:

—Պօղոս Առաքեալ (Ա.Թս.Դ.16)

# The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

## A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 36:22-37:11 (NKJV)

22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

1 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day is a day of trouble and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth.

4 'It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'"

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return

to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'"

8 Then the Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9 And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to make war with you." So when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 'Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? ☞

## A Reading from the First Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians 4:1-12 (NKJV)

1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

2 for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;



Thaddaeus & Bartholomew,  
Illuminators of Armenia

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Come all, and see the works of God, for they are more awesome than all the works of man. (Ps. 65:5)

**Stand up in the fear of God, and let us listen to the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:13-31 (NKJV)**

1 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things?

3 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

4 “Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

6 He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

7 “Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’

8 “But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

9 ‘And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”

6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing. ☩



**Hokehankist (Հոգեհանգիստ)**

**Edward Kerekian (40 days)**

*Requested by Ms. Nancy Hintlian*

**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**

- 4 Sat. Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, First Illuminators of Armenia
- 5 Sun. Second Sunday of Advent (Luke 13.1-9, are they sinners because they died horribly)**
- 6 Mon. Gennaro the Bishop and Mercurius the Warrior and Jacoc and Themistocles
- 7 Tue. Holy Fathers of Egypt, Paul the Hermit, Paul the Simple, Macarios the Great, Evagrius Ponticus, John of the Well, John the Short, Nilus of Sinai, Arsenios the Great, Sisoies the Great, Daniel of Scetis, Serapion, Macarios of Alexandria, Bemwa and others
- 8 Wed. (Fast)
- 9 Thu. Conception of Virgin Mary (Dec 9)
- 10 Fri. (Fast)
- 11 Sat. Nicolas the Wonderworker the Bishop of Myra
- 12 Sun. Third Sunday of Advent (Luke 14.12-24, great feast)**

**PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING**

**Today, Dec. 5, 2021 after Badarak.** This special meeting is **only to bring everyone up to date on the status of our parish** and not for elections (which will take place next year at our annual meeting). Lunch served.

**Der Voghormia (Տէր Ողորմեա)**

1. Gary Bazzano
2. Bonnie Coleman
3. Elijah Johnson
4. Michael Papelian
5. Leslie Round
6. May Shaaban
7. Fr. Aram & Yn. Margaret Stepanian
8. Sylvia Tavitian
9. Richard Zoccoli

**Orphans of Martyred Fathers**

**THE CHILDREN OF MARTYRED FATHERS NEED US**

*“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” (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.

All Prelacy Churches will be taking special collections for this purpose on November 21 and 28. Let us all band together and attend and give generously. May God bless and reward every contribution and act of kindness to our orphans of martyred fathers.

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. ☕