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## Fourth Sunday of the Fast of Advent

*“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.” (Ps.44.6)*



The Holy Badarak (Սուրբ Պատարագ) is a “Holy Offering,” where Jesus Christ is offering himself to us.

We receive Jesus Christ through his Word (The Bible)

and through his Body and Blood (Holy Communion).

Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, **“Take, eat; this is My Body which is broken for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Likewise, he took the Cup, saying, “Take, drink; this is My Blood which is shed for you and for many, for the the forgiveness of sins. As often as you eat of my Body and drink of my Blood, you proclaim my death, confess my resurrection, and remember me until I come again.”** ☩

«Քու աթողդ, ո՛վ Աստուած, յաւիտենական է. արդարութեամբ կ'իշխես թագաւորութեանդ վրայ»: (Սղ.ՆԳ.6)

# **The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)**

## **A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 38:1-8 (NKJV)**

1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD,

3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 And the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

5 "Go and tell Hezekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years.

6 "I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city."

7 "And this is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing which He has spoken:

8 "Behold, I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward." So the sun returned ten degrees

on the dial by which it had gone down. ☞

## **A Reading from the Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 1:1-14 (NKJV)**

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

8 But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

10 And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? ☞

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Come, Lord, my God, to the judgment that you commanded, and the congregation of the people shall compass you about. For their sakes arise on high. And the Lord shall judge his people. (Ps. 7:7-9)

**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)**

1 Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses

should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

2 “It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 “And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

6 So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’?

8 “But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’?

9 “Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

10 “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’” ☞



**Hokehankist (Հոգեհանգիստ)**

**Priscilla Atamian (27th Anniversary)**  
*Requested by her Children, Grandchildren,  
and Great Grandchildren, and  
by Janet Der Aprahamian.*

**Der Voghormia (Տէր Ողորմեա)**

1. Gary Bazzano
2. Bonnie Coleman
3. Nicholas DeLuca
4. Francis Gialluca
5. Elijah Johnson
6. Michael Papelian
7. Leslie Round
8. May Shaaban
9. Der Aram & Yn. Margaret  
Stepanian
10. Sylvia Tavitian
11. Aghavni & Garabed Tovmassian
12. Richard Zoccoli

**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>) 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. 📞

**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>

**December**

- 18 Sat. **ԲԶ.** Fast Day 27. Hagop of Mdzpin, Marouge and Melidos
- 19 **Sun. ԲԿ. Fourth Sunday of the Fast of Nativity/Theophany.**
- 20 Mon. **ԳԶ.** Fast Day 29. Ignatius, Addai, Maruthas, Theobomba, Theonas, Bassus, Eusebius, Euty chius, and Basilides.
- 21 Tue. **ԳԿ.** Fast Day 30. Apkar the First Christian King.
- 22 Wed. **ԴԶ.** Fast Day 31. No fish.
- 23 Thu. **ԴԿ.** Fast Day 32. David the Prophet and King and James the Apostle.
- 24 Fri. **ԱԶ.** Fast Day 33. No fish.
- 25 Sat. **ԱԿ.** Fast Day 34. Stephen the First Deacon and First Martyr.

**Nativity Fast Sundays**

1. Luke 12.13-31. Humility. “Have my brother divide the inheritance.”
2. Luke 13.1-9. Repentance. “Are they sinners because they died horribly?”
3. Luke 14.12-24. Humility. Fidelity. The Great Feast.
4. **Luke 17.1-10. Repentance, forgiveness, faith, duty.**
5. Luke 18.9-14. Humility. The Pharisee and the Publican.
6. Luke 19.11-28. Diligence. The Ten Minas.