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Feast of Thaddeus and Santoukhd

“Love righteousness.

*Think of the Lord in goodness, and seek him with
sincerity of heart.” (Wisdom of Solomon)*



The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ entered Armenia for the first time through **Thaddeus the Apostle**. He is mentioned in the Holy Bible as Thaddeus, Lebbaeus, and Judah. According to tradition, St. Thaddeus came to Edessa and healed King Abkar of a serious illness. He brought to our country the holy lance (Keghart) with which the soldier pierced the side of the crucified Christ and said, **“Truly this is the Son of God!”**

St. Santoukhd, the daughter of Armenian King Sanadrug, was a disciple of St. Thaddeus the Apostle, accepted Christianity and was secretly baptized. When the King found out, he became enraged and used every means to make his daughter renounce her faith, but finally seeing that she was adamant, he ordered her to be killed. **Thus, St. Santoukhd became the first Armenian martyr.**

Above her grave was founded the St. Santoukhd Church which has been a place of pilgrimage for Armenian Christians for centuries, and years later **the famous Nareg monastery was built around her church.** ☞

*«Յարեաւ Աստուած, եւ տիեզերք ամենայն նորափեստուր
զարդարեցան, եւ մանկունք Հաղորդեցան մարմնոյ եւ արեան
Կենարարին. ժողովուրդք, զՔրիստոս բարեբանեցէք»:*

The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon 1:1-7 (NRSV)

1 Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart;

2 because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him.

3 For perverse thoughts separate people from God, and when his power is tested, it exposes the foolish;

4 because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, or dwell in a body enslaved to sin.

5 For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will leave foolish thoughts behind, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness.

6 For wisdom is a kindly spirit, but will not free blasphemers from the guilt of their words; because God is witness of their inmost feelings, and a true observer of their hearts, and a hearer of their tongues.

7 Because the spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said. ☩

A Reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah 16:16-21 (NKJV)

16 “Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the LORD, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 “For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes.

18 “And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.”

19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, “Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things.”

20 Will a man make gods for himself, Which are not gods?

21 “Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; And they shall know that My name is the LORD. ☩

**A Reading from the
First Epistle of Apostle
Paul to the Corinthians
12:28-13:10 (NKJV)**

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ☸

**A Reading from the Gospel
of Jesus Christ According
to St. Luke 9:1-6 (NKJV)**

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

5 "And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. ☸



Baptism of John-Paul Kaltakchian

Congratulations Johnny on your Baptism today! O Armenian Church worldwide, welcome the newest Christian in our midst!

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Christ bless our benefactors who constantly provide altar flowers as well as food for our fellowships after every service, even our mid-week services.

July–Aug 2022

- 30 Sat. **ՄԶ**. Thaddeus and Santoukh
- 31 Sun. **ՄԿ**. Transfiguration Sunday 2
- 01 Mon. **ԲԶ**. Cyprian, 45 Martyrs, Virgins Justina, Euphemia, and Christina
- 02 Tue. **ԲԿ**. Athenogenes, 10 Disciples, Five Martyrs
- 04 Thu. **ԳԿ**. Adam, Abel, Seth, Enos, Enoch, Noah, Melchizedech, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Eleazar, Joshua, Samuel, Samson, Jephthah, Barak, Gideon
- 06 Sat. **ԳԿ**. 200 Fathers of Ephesus (341)

Service Schedule:

<https://armenianprayer.com>

Weekly Social

Our Weekly Social meets every Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM at Holy Resurrection. Everyone is welcome to join in games and discussions. One of our priests will generally be available for Q&A. Bring lunch; beverages will be provided.

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