

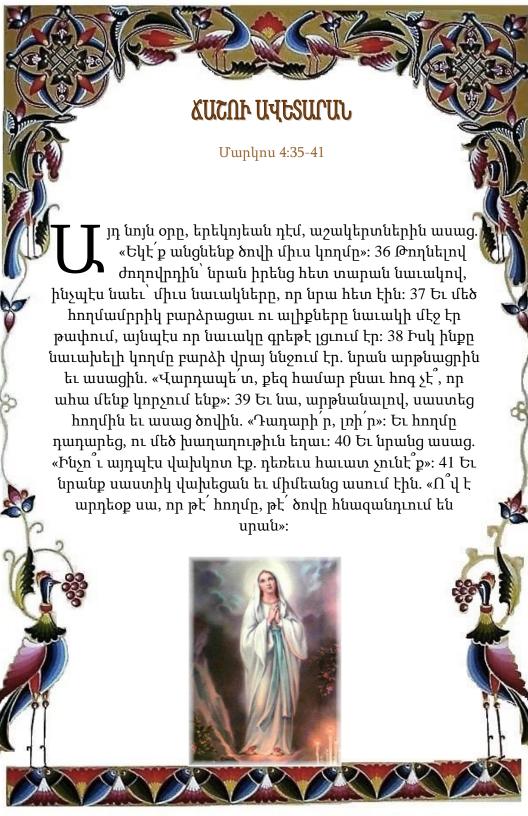
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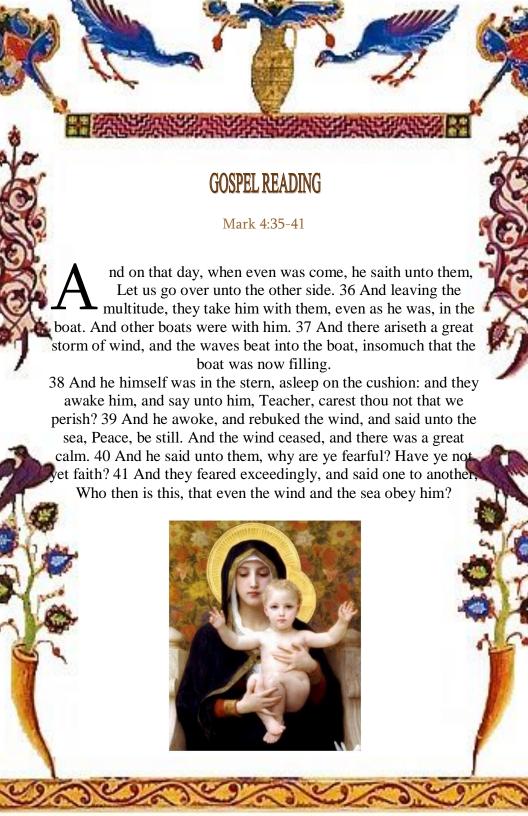
Sunday Bulletin

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#### ԱՂՕԹՔ Գրեց՝ Ցովնան Արք․ Տէրտէրեան

#### Գրրառատ Աստուած.

Հոգիիս ծայքերուն մէջ սերմանէ

Քու սիրոյ կրակը, որպէսզի իմ Հոգիին խորքէն բխող բառերն յետ այսորիկ Քու փառքը Հիւսեն։ Եւ գիտեմ ինչքան Քու փառքին ձծնեմ բառերն աղօխքիս, այնքան առատօրէն Քու աստուածային սիրոյն կրողը պիտի դառնայ Հոգիս եւ աւելին ՝նոյն սիրոյն ձառագայխները պիտի բղիյին էուխեսնա խորերէն մարդկանց կեսնքին մէծ բերելու Համար գուժ ու կարեկյանը։

Տէր իմ Աստուած, յանձնառու եմ կատարել կավքդ, որպէսզի իմ ձեռքերը դ`նեմ՝:

Քու Սուրբ ձեռացդ մէջ` զգալու Համար Տիեղերքի մը սնաաՀմանելի սէրդ աստուածային։

#### O Loving God,

Sow the fire of Your divine love into the layers of my soul so that from this moment onwards, the words which sprout from my soul may glorify Your Holy name.

I know well that each time I dedicate my prayer for Your glory, my soul becomes

the bearer of Your divine love which I am eager to share with all people.

Almighty God, I am committed to fulfill Your and to feel the immensity of Your divine love as I surrender my life into Your Holy hands.

#### Հիշատակ Մ. Աստվածածնի Գոտու Գյուտի

Մ. Աստվածածնի գոտու գյուտը Տիրամորը նվիրված Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցու յոթ տոներից է։ Մի հանգամանք, որն ակնհայտ կերպով ցույց է տալիս Մ. Կույսի՝ հայ ժողովրդի հոգևոր կյանքում ունեցած կարևոր և նշանակալից տեղի ու դերի մասին։ Նա, որպես մայրության և առաքինության կատարյալ օրինակ, դարեր ի վեր իր այդ հատկանիշներով կերտել ու ձևավորել է հայօրիորդի, կնոջև մոր նկարագիրն ու դիմագիծը միաժամանակ հրաշագործություններով այսօր էլ շարունակում է իր կենդանի ներկայությունն ու ներգործությունն ունենալ մեր կյանքում։ Արկադիոս կայսեր օրոք (395 – 408 թթ.) Երուսաղեմում էր գտնվում Մ. Աստվածածնի գոտին, որը հատուկ ուշադրությամբ և հարգանքով տարվում է Կ. Պոլիս։

Այստեղ հավատացյալները մեծ երկյուղածությամբ այն զետեղում են եկեղեցում։ Հույները հետագայում Ս. Մարիամին նվիրված նոր եկեղեցի են կառուցումն գոտին դնում այնտեղ՝ հավատացյալների համար պաշտամունքի և տոնակատարության առարկա դարձնելով։ Հայիրականության մեջ Ս. Աստվածածնի գոտու գյուտի տոնը 1774 թվականին ներմուծել է Սիմեոն Երևանցի Հայրապետն՝ իր հրատարակած օրացույցի մեջ։ Առհասարակ, Քրիստոսի Եկեղեցին թե՝ սրբերի մասունքների, թե՝ նրանց գործածած որոշ իրերի հանդեպ ունեցել է և այսօր էլ ունի յուրահատուկ վերաբերմունք։

Աստվածաշունչը և եկեղեցական կյանքի փորձառությունը փաստում են, որ Ամենակարող Աստված իրզորությունը նաև այդ առարկաների միջոցով է արտահայտել։

Սուրբ գրային լավագույն վկայությունն այն դրվագն է, որտեղ ներկայացվում է, թե ինչպես մեռած մարդու դիակը, դիպչելով Եղիսե մարգարե ոսկորներին, վերակենդանանում է (Դ Թագ. 13։ 21)։ Ուստի, Եկեղեցին հարգանք ցուցաբերելով աստվածային զորությամբ օժտված իրերի նկատմամբ, դրանց միջոցով իր պաշտամունքն ու երկրպագությունն է մատուցում Ճշմարիտ Աստծուն։

### Feast of the Discovery of St. Mary's Box

St. Mary was the daughter of Joachim and Anna of Nazareth (originally Bethlehem). Anna, being barren, prayed and made special vows for a child. She then had her only child, a daughter named Mariam (or Mary). Although Mary was born naturally (having both a father and mother) she is considered morally pure and immaculate. It is for this reason that the church not only celebrates her birth but also her conception, which the Armenian and the Greek Orthodox churches celebrate December 9th. According to the teaching of the Armenian Church, at the time of the Annunciation when the Holy Spirit entered her, she was cleansed of all sin (original sin) as she was to be the vessel in which God manifest was to be incarnated. Only those aspects of St. Mary's life which are directly related to Christ are mentioned in the Holy Gospels. After the Ascension of her divine son, the remainder of Mary's life comes to us through tradition. It states she lived out the rest of her days in Jerusalem, cared for by St. John the Evangelist. She died in Jerusalem some 15 years after Christ's Ascension and was buried in her family tomb in Gethsemane. This Sunday, the Armenian Church is celebrating one of the eight feasts devoted to St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God: the Discovery of Her Jewel Box. Quite an unusual item for St. Mary, when we think of her immense piety and devotion to her Son, Jesus. Like many saints, her earthly possessions became articles of pious devotion. According to holy traditions, the "jewel" box was actually a simple wooden container in which she kept her veil - her "jewel" of piety. After St. Mary's Assumption into Heaven (Feast Day -August 15), many sick people who came in contact with the box were healed. The box was eventually transferred from Galilee to the Cathedral of the Holy Mother-of-God in Istanbul.

According to tradition, while en route to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage, two Greek princes come across a chest that once belonged to St. Mary. In Galilee, they see a large crowd gathered in front of a Jewish woman's house. They inquire and find that the sick are being healed due to the inexplicable power of the chest. The princes bring the box to Constantinople and present it to the Patriarch, who places it in the Church of St. Mary. The Patriarch then establishes the Feast of the Discovery of St. Mary's Box.

#### Ս. ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱԾՆԻ ՎԵՐԱՓՈԽՄԱՆ ՇԱՐԱԿԱՆՆԵՐ

## HYMNS DEDICATED TO THE ASSUMPTION OF MOTHER OF GOD

Անթառամ ծաղիկ, Յեսսէի արմատէն վերստին բուսած անդատապարտ շառաւիղ, Եսային քեզ կանխաւ եօթնարփեան շնորիքներու ընդունարան վերակոչեց։ Ո՜վ Աստուածածին եւ Կոյս, քե՜զ կը մեծարենք։

Յամեղաճաշակ պտուղի բանաւոր բարունակ (խաղողի որթի ճիւղ), որմէ մեզի համար անսպառ ողկոյզը քաղուեցաւ՝ գիտութեան ծառին ճաշակումէն տխրածներուն որպէս ուրախութիւն։ Ո՜վ անարատ Սրբուհի, բոլորս քե՜զ կը մեծարենք։

Մարմնի մեջ անարատ վարքով ապրելով, այսօր առաքեալներուն կողմե գերեզմանի մեջ դրուելով՝ երկնային ակնարկութեամբ Քու Որդիիդ եւ մեր Աստուծոյ արքայութիւնը վերափոխուեցաւ։ Ո՜վ խոստովանողներուս բարեխօսը, քե՜զ կը մեծարենք։

Infading flower, uncondemned offspring, sprouting anew from the root of Jesse; in prophetic words Isaiah proclaimed you to be the vessel of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; we magnify you, Mother of God and virgin.

Human vehicle of the savory fruit, from you we received the abundant grape of joy to replace the sorrow of the tasting from the tree of knowledge; we magnify you, Mother of God and virgin.

Living a life of purity in the flesh you were buried by the apostles today, by the call form above you are carried into the kingdom of your Son and our God; intercessor for us believers, we magnify you.

#### CHRISTIAN STORIES

#### "THANK YOU FOR LISTENING"

It was the early 90's and Bosnia was a war zone, the violence strategically indiscriminate. Like many others, he underwent an ad hoc surgery in an improvised hospital. He was fifteen then. The crude care he received led to multiple corrective surgeries and sepsis years later, which is when they amputated his leg to save his life.

We met at the Bauerfeind Prosthetic Center in Sarajevo as he prepared to receive a new knee—a gift from an international donor. This gift would make it possible for him to play tag and ride bikes with his two young kids.

After a long interview (that you'll hear more about in our October feature of the Marshall Legacy Institute), I thanked Adis for sharing his story with me, a stranger with a microphone. His reply: "Thank you for being bold in this, for trying to understand our problems, for giving me the floor. No media try to understand what life is like here as an invalid. Thank you for listening."

His comment, a simple 'thank you for listening', spoke to the essence of what we do: To listen to and amplify the voices of the marginalized. Their stories are the great teachers of our time, their resilience the lessons in wisdom and character we need.

#### A CALL FROM GOD

One Saturday night, a pastor was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The



pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about.

Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer."

The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer!"

The church that the pastor attends is called "Almighty God Tabernacle."



Hello, My name is DRUGS – I destroy homes, tear families apart, take your children, and that's just the start.

I'm more costly than diamonds, more costly than gold, the sorrow I bring is a sight to behold and if u need me, remember I'm easily found, I live all around you, in schools and in town.I live with the rich, I live with the poor, I live down the street, and maybe next door.My power is awesome; try me you'll see, but if you do, you may NEVER break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go, but try me twice, and I'll own your soul. When I possess you, you'll steal, cheat, and lie. You do what you have to just to get high.

The crimes you'll commit, for my narcotic charms will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.

You'll lie to your mother; you'll steal from your dad When you see their tears, you should feel bad.

But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised, I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.

I take kids from parents, and parents from kids, I turn people from god, and separate friends.

I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride, I'll be with you always, right by your side.

You'll give up everything... your family, your home... your friends, your money, then you'll be alone.

I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give. When I'm finished with you you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned this is no game. If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravish your body; I'll control your mind. I'll own you completely; your soul will be mine.

The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed, the voices you'll hear from inside your head,

the sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see; I want you to know, these are all gifts from me,

But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart, that you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do, but you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen. Many times you were told, but you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.

You could have said no, and just walked away, If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master; you will be my slave, I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do? Will you try me or not? Its all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell. Come take my hand, I'll take you to HELL!



#### Registration for the

St. Kevork

#### Church Choir Classes!

"Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

Psalm 103:1

Dear Faithful Believers, the divine liturgy of the Armenian Apostolic Church is very essential for our nation, as it is the main means leading us to God!

Together with the priest and the deacons, the choir as well plays an important role during our holy Badaraks.

Therefore, our Pastor Der Mashdots would like to invite all those who like singing for the glory of the Lord, to register for our choir practices. You don't have to be a professional singer, or have special training in reading musical notes. Your simple willingness to commit yourself to the choir and learn new Sharagans - Hymns are enough for our Church and for your spiritual growth. Thank you!

# HOME BLESSING

he home is a sacred place where family members maintain and share many values. It is also a place where they are charged and empowered with these values to live a peaceful and Godpleasing life. It is under this roof that all collectively form oneness in spirit and assume an important responsibility in the life of the community. It is in this place where they break bread and share joys and sorrows. Here the presence of the Omnipotent is felt since every family is a miniature of a "Little Church—Ecclesia." In this "Little Church" the inexhaustible love and the very generous blessing of God permeate.

For Home Blessing the priest takes with him wafer and incense, and blesses the bread, the water and the salt provided by the family. These three fundamental elements are essential life-giving gifts for human life. The priest asks from the Omnipotent God not to lessen these three gifts without which life becomes impossible or imperfect.

The bread, the water and the salt are symbols of God's infinite goodness and care. With the blessing of these great gifts the household is enriched spiritually and its existence perpetuated for the service of his Creator. Along with the bread, salt, and bread offered on a tray by the dwellers, the priest places also the wafer stamped with a crucifix and designs of grapes and wheat. The wafer is the presence of Christ in the home. The members of the family can either distribute the wafer among themselves or keep it in a jar along with flour, salt, or rice.

During Home Blessing it is customary to burn incense which symbolizes the burning of our souls with our Lord's love. In his supplication the Psalmist says, "Let my prayer be counted as incense before Thee." Through this ceremony everyone's faith is replenished and strengthened and the Lord's presence is felt.

FOR HOME BLESSING, PLEASE CALL FR.MASHDOTS KESHISHIAN AT (818) 293-9098.

#### DONATE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

ne way to celebrate the life of a loved family member or a friend is to donate either altar flowers for the Divine Liturgy.

Donations may be made by individuals or families for various occasions, such as name days, birthdays, and anniversaries or on the occasion of a Requiem Service (Hokehankist).

#### Մ. ԽՈՐԱՆԻ ԾԱՂԻԿՆԵՐ

Ի յիշատակ Ձեր գերդաստանի հին եւ նոր ննջեցելոց, Ս. Խորանը զարդարելու համար ծաղիկներ նուիրելը վաղեմի սովորութիւն է մեր եկեղեցում։ Նպատակ ունենալով վերականգնել այս գեղեցիկ բարեպաշտական աւանդոյթը՝ քաջալերում ենք, որ Ձեր սրտաբուխ նուիրատւութիւններով մասնակից դառնաք։





### St. Kevork Day

In the month of September, the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the holiday of St. Kevork.

We invite everybody to attend this joyous event to celebrate the holiday of our beloved Saint on September 28 at 1:30 pm at St. Kevork Church, to spend a festive day and to ask the Saint to pray for us.

After church service, the traditional "madagh" food will be served prepared by the Ladies' Society.

Parishioners from St. Haroutyoun Church of Seattle will join us to celebrate the great Saint's holiday with us.

SATURDAY

SEPT

28

1:30PM



### Սուրբ Գեորգ Զորավարի Ուխտի Օր

Ամեն տարի Սեպտեմթեր ամակա վերջին շաբաթ օրը Հայ Առաքելական Նիգրեյին տոմում է Սուրբ Գևորգ Զորավարի օրը: Աբր առիքով Սեպտեմթերի 28-ին ժամը 1:30 ին հրավիրում ենք համայնքի քոլոր անգամերին միսաին նշելու այբ տոնը:

Կարճառուն ժամերգութքյունից հետո, ավանդույքի՝ համաժայն կերդոսակորվ հասատաղ, պատրաստված տիկիանց միութքյան արերամեմրի կողմից: Այդ օրը կունենաք հան ուրասալենայենը Սիաթքի Սուրբ Հարութքյուն Սերգեցուց: Համեցեր վիասին Երևեջ Սուրբ Գեորգի տոնի

St. Kevork Armenian Church 9215 SE Church Street Clackamas, OR 97015



# REMINDER: STARTING from SEPTEMBER 1st

The liturgy (Badarak) will start at 11.00AM.

Dear Parents,
Mark your Calendars! Registration day, for
Hovhannes Tumanyan Armenian Language school,
will be held at St. Kevork Armenian church, on
SEPTEMBER 8th from 10am-12pm. Our first day of
school will be September 15. Looking forward to
seeing you all.
Sincerely,
School Board









2019 Armenian Festival of Seattle

> September 14, 2019 11 am - 8 pm

Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church

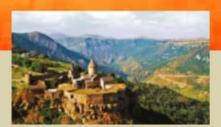




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