

## St. Paul's WG Cooking Class and Dinner



St Paul Armenian Apostolic Church, Armenian Women's Guild welcomed Evelina Kelley & parents by Family dinner on May 15, 2011.

The Kelley family adopted Evelina from Armenia last February. She is a 3 years old special needs toddler. The Kelly's expressed their thanks to the Guild and church for our generosity and

kindness. They look forward to becoming a part of the community. Many of our parishioners helped and 60 of them attended this happy event.

Father Daniel Karadjian services preceded the celebration of the Red Sunday.

On the previews day, May 14, 2011 during the third WG's Cooking class a delicious homemade Armenian Dinner was prepared by the members of the Women's Guild of St, Paul Armenian Church included: Lahmadjoon, Kufta, Eetch, Hummos and many great Armenian desserts.



**St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, NY**, will once again host a series of summer workshops and conferences.

Each session is designed for a different group, from high school students to young adults. For more details, visit the St. Nersess website: [www.stnersess.edu](http://www.stnersess.edu). These sessions fill quickly. Those interested should not hesitate to register for space for each session is limited.

### On June 19, 2011

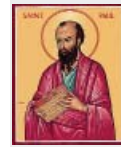
St. Nersess is hosting a special Father's Day picnic on the beautiful grounds of the Seminary in New Rochelle, NY.

Delicious Armenian food and fellowship with games for the children, and **SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE**.

**\$50 per ticket-only 300 tickets available**

**Three cash prizes: \$3000; \$1000; \$500**

Great Live Armenian Music - see <http://www.stnersess.edu/news/>



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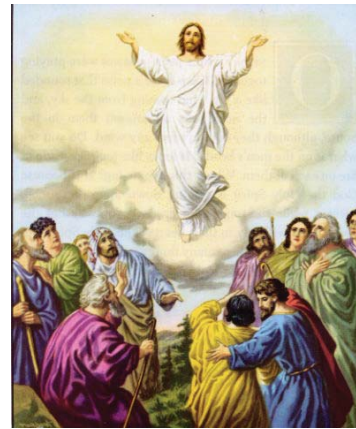
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### Fifth Sunday after Easter

Acts 20:17-38; 1 John 3:2-6; John 9:39-10:10



### *Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? (Acts 1:1-11)*

This coming Thursday will mark the Feast of Holy Ascension. It marks the ascent of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after His glorious

Resurrection. The timing is clearly specified in the Acts of the Apostles, where it is stated that Christ presented himself alive to the Apostles, "appearing to them during forty days and speaking of the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

On the 40th day, after he finished speaking to the Apostles, "as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." (Acts 1:9).

The Gospel according to Mark sums up the same story as follows: "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mark 16: 19). The same account is also in the Gospel according to Luke:

"While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:51). There are also several references to this event in some of the other books of the New Testament.

Ascension has always been a joyous festival for the Armenian people. In times past, in the land of our forefathers, Ascension Thursday was celebrated not only with religious ceremonies but also with picnics, singing and dancing. Those who are familiar with the opera "Anoush" can attest to this. This festive spirit was promoted not only by the advent of spring after the long months of winter, but also by the Feast of Ascension itself, which is a celebration of the ultimate victory of good over evil.

The Gospel of Christ is a message of love, peace and reconciliation. The issues of our day are what we read in our papers and see on our television screens. If

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religion is to be a meaningful endeavor, it must be able to help form our attitudes and be able to speak to our questions. If it does not, then religion has become no more than an excuse in archaic trivia and futile irrelevancies.



**Амбарцум - Вознесение  
Господне**

Праздник Вознесения Господня празднуется в сороковой день по Воскресении Иисуса Христа - день, в который Господь вознесся на небо (Деян. 1, 1-12; Мк. 16, 12-19; Лк. 24, 50-52). Этот день всегда приходится на четверг шестой седмицы по Пасхе. В этом году Армянская Апостольская церковь празднует Вознесение Господне 2 июня. В основе праздника лежит повествование о том, как воскресший Христос призвал апостолов на Елеонскую гору и благословил их на всемирную проповедь: «Идите, научите все народы, крестя их во имя Отца и Сына и Духа Святого, уча их соблюдать все, что Я повелел вам; и се, Я с вами во все дни до скончания века. Аминь» (Мат. 28:19-20). С этими словами Он стал отдаляться, вознесся и скрылся в облаке и «воссел одесную Бога» (Мар. 16:19). Пока апостолы взирали на небо, явились два ангела и поведали о вознесении Христа, Который в свое время явится вновь для суда над человечеством и утверждения царства небесного.

По повествованию Евангелия и богослужбным песнопениям, в Вознесении Господа апостолам дано было понять, что Христос после этого уже не будет видим на земле в телесном виде, как это было до и после Его Воскресения. И это потому, что с Вознесения Он и по человечеству Своему получил славу, которую всегда имел по Божеству, и место, равное Богу Отцу по достоинству и силе, что образно и называется «воссел одесную Отца». Вознесшись на небо и воссев одесную Отца, Господь не оставил землю Своим Божественным присутствием.

В этот день Армянская Церковь отмечает также перенесение Католикосата Всех Армян из города Сис

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в Первопрестольный Св. Эчмиадзин. Патриарший Престол, волею истории находивший пристанище в различных уголках Армении, в 1441-ом году, решением Вагаршапатского национально-церковного собора, навсегда переутвердился в Св. Эчмиадзине. В память об этом историческом дне во время Св. Литургии у Главного алтаря Кафедрального Собора Св. Эчмиадзина исполняется Патриарший молебен.



**THE BIBLE READINGS  
ASCRIBED FOR THIS SUNDAY  
ACTS 20:17-38:**

The Apostle Paul speaks to the elders of Ephesus, recalling his missionary activities, serving the Lord with humility. He tells of his future plans and then warns them that they must guard and keep safe the flock, protecting it from external dangers, ever vigilant against those who will come to destroy rather than build.

**I JOHN 3:2-6:**

Men's sins can be forgiven by Our Christ, if we turn to become Christ-like. The righteous will be revealed like Him – pure, loving, obedient in keeping God's commandments. The unrighteous, likewise, will be revealed for what they are.

**JOHN 9:39-10:10:**

The only parable found in John emphasizes the love of the true shepherd Jesus who is willing to lay down His life for us. He calls us by name to follow him but some remain more confident in themselves than the love of Christ.



**On this Memorial Day Weekend, A Soldiers Prayer**

O God, we know you care about each of your children, around the globe. We praise your loving kindness, your merciful grace. This day we lift to you our troops. So far from home and family, they do their best to serve with faithfulness and honor. Hold them tightly, Holy One. Give them courage. As they endure harsh conditions, loneliness and great danger, let them know your nearness. Help them feel your love, and comfort the families left behind. Also, we pray for the end of war. We pray for your strength, your wisdom and your reconciliation. That the serving men and women of every nation might be at home, wrapped in their families, we seek your peace, here on earth, as in heaven. Creator, bless us all as we pray in your holy name. Amen.