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Members of our parish are encouraged to sponsor individual Khachkars on the new Commemorative Khachkars Wall for honoring Armenian Martyrs/Saints.

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FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREW 7:11-25

NOW IF perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood—for the people received the law under this priesthood—what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? **FOR WHEN** there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

IT IS EVEN more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

THERE IS, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

THIS WAS confirmed with an oath; for others who became priests took their office without an oath, but this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him, "The Lord has sworn and

will not change his mind, You are a priest forever-accordingly Jesus

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will not change his mind, You are a priest forever-accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.

FURTHERMORE, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE 19:11-27

AS THEY were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. So he said, A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them,

"DO BUSINESS with these until I come back." But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We do not want this man to rule over us." When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading.

THE FIRST came forward and said, "Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds." He said to him, "Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities." Then the second came, saying, **"LORD,"** your pound has made five pounds." He said to him, "And you, rule over five cities." Then the other came, saying, "Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow."

HE SAID to him, "I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank?

THEN WHEN I returned, I could have collected it with interest." He said to the bystanders, "Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds. (And they said to him, "Lord, he has ten pounds!) "I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence."

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

Time for a Change!

Would you like it if your children, grandchildren – even you – found our parish a place you wanted to be? Do you think you can contribute to making that possible?

This is a time for making New Year's resolutions, so let me suggest a few:

- **1-**Hold doors for other people, say hello, maybe even introduce yourself to someone you see all the time but whose name you don't know?
- **2-**Encourage deacons and Altar servicers be grateful for their service, rather than criticizing them? Keep the place looking good by picking up around yourself in your pew or in the Hall as you leave? **3-**Be courteous in the parking lot? **4-**Dress well when coming to church, to show it's important in your life? **5-**Smiling more than you frown while you're here?
- **6-**Avoid driving people away through a consistently sour attitude while you're at church? 7-Join in the singing at Mass, so it sounds full-bodied instead of half-hearted? (Who wants to be part of a listless group?)
- **8-**Show appreciation for anyone who makes your time here easier in any way employee, volunteer, or fellow-parishioner? **9-**Show the specialness of the church interior space by talking quietly, bowing or genuflecting when you pass the tabernacle, and in general remembering you're in the amazing presence of God?
- **10-**Move reverently and carefully as you approach the Holy Communion, with just a simple head-bow and no genuflection and/or sign of the cross? (That is what the church requires, and makes for easier movement for those around you.)

11-Be on the lookout for all the good things happening here, and talking about them with family and friends?



