

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Please help us to keep the church in good condition. The building is very old and needs always to be maintained. (You can always help by donating, there is envelopes at the church door). God bless you

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14

REFLECTION

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Supporting the Parish Financially: Your contributions each week are vital to being able to pay our bills. Please try to increase your weekly contribution and more importantly to keep current with your weekly contributions. The various church events and fund raising activities are also necessary to raise the money needed to keep us in the black. Please support these events every chance you get.

August (Sunday Collections)

Aug Sunday 7 \$ 489
Aug Sunday 13 \$ 516
Aug Sunday 20 \$ 541
Aug Sunday 27 \$

Total \$



OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE SECOND LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1

PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. **IF WE** are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

FOR WE do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that

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he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. **THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK 4: 35-40

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great wind-storm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"



THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

HOKEHANKSDYAN BASHDON—REQUIEM SERVICES **AUGUST 27**

FOR THE SOULS OF: **MARY JOSEPHINE RESHIDIAN**
PATRICK RESHIDIAN.

REQUESTED BY: Mickey and Marie Magrdchian and Pat Heller.
Thomas & Martha Napoli

FOR THE SOUL OF: **MIKE CHAKALIAN** 40 DAYS MEMORIAL
REQUESTED BY: his wife Susan Chakalian, Son Greg Chakalian, Son Ralph Chakalian & Family. Daughter Caroline & Steve Manookian & Family.

May God illuminate their souls / Asdvadz Hokin Lousavoreh /

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HOKEHANKSDYAN BASHDON—REQUIEM SERVICES **SEPT 3**

FOR THE SOUL OF: **JOHN OHANESIAN** (23 YEARS MEMORIAL)
REQUESTED BY: Ohanesian and Meketarian Families.

21 BENEFITS OF MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

5. Recall the Incarnation

Our movement is downward, from our foreheads to our chest "because Christ descended from the heavens to the earth," Pope Innocent III wrote in his instructions on making the Sign of the Cross. Holding two fingers together—either the thumb with the ring finger or with index finger—also represents the two natures of Christ.

6. Remember the Passion of Our Lord

Fundamentally, in tracing out the outlines of a cross on ourselves, we are remembering Christ's crucifixion. This remembrance is deepened if we keep our right hand open, using all five fingers to make the sign—corresponding to the Five Wounds of Christ.

7. Affirm the Trinity

In invoking the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are affirming our belief in a triune God. This is also reinforced by using three fingers to make the sign, according to Pope Innocent III.

8. Focus our prayer on God

One of the temptations in prayer is to address it to God as we conceive of Him—the man upstairs, our buddy, a sort of cosmic genie, etc. When this happens, our prayer becomes more about us than an encounter with the living God. The Sign of the Cross immediately focuses us on the true God.

9. Affirm the procession of Son and Spirit

In first lifting our hand to our forehead we recall that the Father is the first person the Trinity. In lowering our hand we "express that the Son proceeds from the Father." And, in ending with the Holy Spirit, we signify that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, according to Francis de Sales.

10. Confess our faith

In affirming our belief in the Incarnation, the crucifixion, and the Trinity, we are making a sort of mini-confession of faith in words and gestures, proclaiming the core truths of the creed. **TO BE CONTINUE**