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COMMEMORATIVE KHACHKARS WALL

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

For your sponsorship of \$1600, complete the details below and make your check payable to *Our Lady Queen of Martyrs*.

Name as you want inscribed _____

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INFORMATIONS

Baptisms: Please make arrangements at least three months in advance with the father. Pre-baptismal Seminar is required for parents and sponsors.

Marriages: a six-month notice is asked of the couple. Please make an appointment with father. Active parish participation is encouraged.

Confessions: by appointment call church office (323)261-9898 or E-mail: Bedrossian99@gmail.com

October 2018 (Collections + Candles) Sept 2018 (Collections + Candles)

Sunday 7 \$

Sunday 14 \$

Sunday 21 \$

Sunday 28 \$

Total \$

Sunday 2 \$ 515

Sunday 9 \$ 435

Sunday 16 \$ 456

Sunday 23 \$ 388

Sunday 30 \$ 314

Total \$ 2108

Some People THINK I am unhappy, but I am not.
I just appreciate silence in a world that
never stops talking.



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SECOND LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 13:5-13

EXAMINE yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.

NOW WE pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored. **THIS IS** why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

FINALLY, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK 11:27-38

THEY ARRIVED again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. **“BY** what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”

Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!”

THEY discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ ...” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.) **SO THEY** answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

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The Authority of Jesus Christ

Authority is a concept known to some degree by every responsible person. By most it is appreciated, for without it society would be chaotic. Others detest it, and refuse to live by it. The world’s prisons are full of such rebels.

“Authority” is a major biblical theme. The most popular Greek word for “authority” is *exousia* (sometimes translated as “power”). This term, with a variety of usages, is found some 102 times in the New Testament.

CHRIST’S AUTHORITY AS CREATOR

One aspect of Christ that is not appreciated, even by many Christians, is his role in the original creation. In the opening lines of Scripture, Moses declared that: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). The Hebrew term for “God” is a plural form (also v. 26 – “us” and “our”; cf. 3:22).

This is the first biblical hint of the triune Deity, known in the New Testament as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, John declares that the eternal Word became flesh, and: “All things were made

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made through him; and without him was not anything made that has been made” (Jn. 1:1, cf. v. 14). Paul likewise alludes to Jesus’ role as Creator (Col. 1:16; cf. 1 Cor. 8:6b).

CHRIST’S INCARNATE AUTHORITY

In discussing the authority of Jesus during his earthly sojourn, it is important to understand something of the nature of Christ’s in-the-flesh existence.

Though he maintained his full divine nature as the Son of God, for the love of others he made the decision to not “grasp” (hold on to) his status of “equality” with the Father (in the matter of authority). Instead, he “emptied himself” (a voluntary act at a definite point in time) of his sovereign independence, assuming the role of a “servant” (literally a “slave”) (Phil. 2:5-10).

His exercise of authority, therefore, was subservient to, and consistent with, that of his Father’s (cf. Jn. 5:30; 6:38). This is what the Lord had in mind when he spoke of the “authority” that was “given to” him by the Father (Jn. 17:2).

His divine authority “in the days of his flesh” (Heb. 5:7) is important to understand as we engage this study. From this vantage point, let us reflect upon various uses of his authority as “the Son of man.”

THE AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is a prevailing and engaging theme within the sacred Scriptures. To ignore it has eternal and devastating consequences.

Every rational, sincere soul should joyfully enter Christ’s kingdom by means of the new birth process (Jn. 3:3-5), and happily and fervently serve him as king for as long as they live.

WE DON'T NEED MORE
TO BE THANKFUL FOR.
WE NEED TO BE MORE
THANKFUL