First Sunday after Nativity

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We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for law-breakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.
On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,
and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.
When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, what do I have to do with you?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."

He spoke to them about the rivers of living water. They were stirred, and they believed in him.
Commemoration of the King St. Theodos and Children of Ephesus

King and distinguished Captain Theodos, who is called also Theodos the Great, is known to the Christian world as the greatest advocate and supporter of Orthodoxy.

In 379 being appointed the king of the East, pious Theodos allowed all the orthodox Bishops exiled upon the order of the previous king to return to their countries. According to the book “Life of the Saints” among them was the Armenian Pontiff St. Nerses. Another important step directed to the strengthening of the orthodox faith became the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople convened upon the order of the King Theodos in 381.

The modest behavior of the pious Christian is exemplary. When as punishment for the massacre of the people organized in Thessalonica the Bishop of Milan prohibited Theodos to enter the church, the king obeyed and entered the church only after repenting for 8 months.

On the day of commemoration of the King Theodos the Armenian Church commemorates also the memory of the 7 children of Ephesus. 7 noble young men from Ephesus were secretly baptized and became Christians. For adopting Christianity they were persecuted by the king Dekos and hid themselves in the cave of the nearby mountain (Voghkos). By God’s will they fell sleep in the cave for 140 years and woke up only in 389, during the period of reign of the king Theodos. When people became aware of that divine miracle, the king and the residents of Ephesus met the persecuted Christians with great respect and honor. Returning to their cave the 7 young men passed away. They were buried in the same cave, upon which later a magnificent church was built.
Memorial Service

Repose of the soul service at St Yeghiche Armenian Church is requested:

By Patricia Setrakian for the soul of her relatives the late OGIK & ALBERT SETRAKIAN and ANGEL AGOPIAN, also for all the old and new deceased members of the SETRAKIAN and AGOPIAN Families.

By Mr. & Mrs. Saro & Seza Kevorkian and Family for the soul of their Father and Grandfather the late ANTRANIK KEVORKIAN, and NISHAN & SEVART KEVORKIAN, also for all the old and new deceased members of the KEVORKIAN Family.

By Mr. & Mrs. Hagop & Alice Kaprielian and Family for the soul of their Parents, and Grandparents and Great-grandparents VAHE & LOUISE KAPRIELIAN, SIMON & GULUZAR TASHDJIAN, also for all the old and new deceased members of the KAPRIELIAN and TASHDJIAN Families.

By Mr. & Mrs. Hrayr & Seta Boghosian and Family for the soul of their Parents and Grandparents the late HAROUT & AREKNAZ MARTIROSIAN, also for all the old and new deceased members of MARTIROSIAN, SIMONIAN and BOGHOSIAN Families.

By Sarkis and Viken Krikorian and Families for the soul of their Mother and Grandmother the late NECKTAR ELIAS KRIKORIAN, also for all the old and new deceased members of the KRIKORIAN Family.

By Vigen and Anoush Doola and Family for the soul of their parents and grandparents the late GARA-BED BOZOGHLANIAN and MARKER & SIMON DOOLA and YERVART ISSAIAN, also for all the old and new deceased members of the BOZOGHLANIAN, DOOLA and ISSAIAN Families.

May the Lord rest the souls of the deceased members of our community in peace and console their loved ones with the comforting power of His Holy Spirit.

ENQUIRIES:

For ecclesiastical/parish matters including requests for Christenings, Home Blessing (Dnorhnek), Donations in Lieu of Flowers, arrangements for Marriages and other church administrative matters please contact Mr Viken Haladjian, phone: 07970 146 280 or 020 7373 8133 or by emailing info@styeghiche.org.uk
Alternatively please approach a member of the Parish Council at church every Sunday after Badarak.

Requiem Service (Hokehankisd)

For Requiem Service (Hokehankisd), please call the church office at 020 7373 8133, or e-mail us your request to info@styeghiche.org.uk by Thursday, in order to include the name(s) of your beloved one(s) in the Sunday bulletin. There is no set monetary amount for requesting Hokehankisd; any amount donated is appropriate and appreciated. Please remember our Church in your prayers. Your kind donations are gratefully accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

St Yeghiche Armenian Church Parish Council would like to invite members of the Armenian community to become registered members and take part in Parish activities. Become a dues paying member and let your voice be heard, be eligible to vote and be elected to one of Parish offices. Please contact a member of the Parish Council at the side entrance desk of the Church or visit our website www.styeghiche.org.uk

St Yeghiche Parish Council appeals to all members for prompt payment of their annual membership dues and generous donations, thus saving your parish administrative and postage costs.

Please hand in your membership dues and donations to the members of the Parish Council at the side entrance desk of the Church. Alternatively please post your cheque to: St Yeghiche Armenian Church Parish, 13b Cranley Gardens, Kensington, London, SW7 3BB. Please make your cheques pay-able to: “St Yeghiche Armenian Church”. You can also pay by bank transfer to St Yeghiche Armenian Church Parish Ltd Account at: HSBC, Acc.no: 42674432, Sort code: 40-02-26, IBAN: GB13HBUK40022642674432, BIC: HBUKGB4106F

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