Sixth Sunday after Nativity

1: Today’s Scripture Reading, 24th February 2019  Bulletin 08/2019

**ShSNU 1:1-11**

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—

in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Appointing Elders Who Love What Is Good**

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe in and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—

not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

**Rebuking Those Who Fail to Do Good**

For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group.

They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

Rev Fr Nshan Alaverdyan is available to visit parishioners in the hospital, nursing homes, or home visitations. He is also available to conduct Home Blessings, administering Holy Communion, consultations and other sacramental needs. Please call the church office at 020 7373 8133 or Fr Nshan at 07548 777 147.
On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others asked, "How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David’s descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders

Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn’t you bring him in?" The guards replied, "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards replied. "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them.

Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."
Following the creation of the Armenian Alphabet, St. Sahak and St. Mesrop opened a school for translators in the city of Vagharshapat (Etchmiadzin). There they begin the translation of the Holy Bible into Armenian and did it so perfectly, that centuries hence the Armenian Translation is called the "Queen Translation of the Breath of God".

The first sentence translated from the Holy Bible is the opening verse of the Book of Proverbs:

"To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding."
**No Memorial Service Today**

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.

**St Vartanantz**

St Yeghiche Parish Council is proud to invite our faithful on the occasion of St Vartanantz, to celebrate Divine Liturgy on Thursday 28th February 2019 at 7:00 pm at St Yeghiche Armenian Church, Cranley Gardens, Kensington London SW7 3BB, UK. His Grace Bishop Hovakim will preside and give the sermon of the day. Please bring along your children and let us celebrate the feast of St Vartan who fell for the right to worship our Christian faith and Homeland.

**Consecration of Armenian Khachkar at Canterbury Cathedral**

Primate will consecrate Armenian Khachkar at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 2nd March

In Britain, though weighed down itself with the suffering and hardships of the First World War, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Randall Davidson, championed the Armenian cause and brought this terrible event to international attention. In commemoration of the centenary of the Armenian Genocide, the Dean & Chapter of Canterbury have been offered a traditional Armenian Khachkar or stone cross in remembrance of those who died but also as a symbol for the promotion of peace through dialogue and as a visible agent for reconciliation.

The Khachkar has been carved in Canterbury by Vartan Moskofian, who is of Armenian descent, and John Meardon, the Cathedral’s former Receiver General, from a block of imported Armenian tuff stone. It stands nearly 2 meters tall and will be positioned in the Memorial Garden of the Cathedral Precincts.

There will be a coach leaving from Ealing Broadway (27 Haven Green) 12:00 pm and return to London by 9:00 pm.

**Coach tickets £25.** To reserve your seats please contact Ms. Hrachik Sarian on 07930956954 or email: primatesoffice@armeniandiocese.org.uk Due to limited space we recommend early reservation.

**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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