1: Today’s Scripture Reading, 11th August 2019  Bulletin 32/2019

Fifth Sunday of Transfiguration (Eve of the Fast of the Assumption)
1 Corinthians 14:11-14:5

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Intelligibility in Worship

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.
The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 2:1-12

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Commemoration Day of 200 Pontiffs participating in the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus

The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus was convened in 431 A. D., during the reign of the King Theodosius Small. 200 Pontiffs participated in the Council with the goal to criticize the
false teaching of Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople. According to his teaching there were two independent - divine and human natures in Christ, contrasting each other. Nestorius preached that Christ was born as a simple man and only later Divinity was settled in His Person, and therefore, the Holy Virgin Mary was not Godmother, but the mother of a simple man.

The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus condemns the teaching of Nestorius and adopts the teaching of St. Cyril of Alexandria as an orthodox teaching, according to which the divine and human natures of Christ do not exist separately, but are united unmixedly, without confusion - one Lord, one Jesus, one face and one united divine and human nature. St. Mary is not the mother of a simple man, but she is Godmother as she gave birth to the Son of God. So, the formulation of St. Cyril of Alexandria: “One is the nature of the Incarnate Word of God” was adopted.

The Armenian Church has not participated in that Ecumenical Council but has adopted its resolutions and ecumenical authority together with the previous Ecumenical Councils.
Repose of the soul service at St Yeghiche Armenian Church is requested:

By Mrs Suzy Boghossian and Family for the soul of Her Mother, the late SATENIK KHATCHADOURIAN, on the 40th day memorial of her passing in Larnaca Cyprus, also for the loving memory of Her Father the late SARKIS KHATCHADOURIAN and for the memory of the loving Husband, the late ALEX BOGHOSSIAN, and for all the old and new deceased members of the KHATCHADOURIAN and BOGHOSSIAN Families.

By Zovig Zoulikian, Isabel and Antoine Basta and family, and Pauline Zoulikian for the soul of their Husband, Father and Grandfather the late HAROUTUN ZOULIKIAN (Յարութիւն Զուլիկեան), on the 6th anniversary memorial of his passing, also for their relatives ARISTAKES, GENEVIVE and ZABEL ZOULIKIAN, BEDROS, HOVSEP and HRIPSIME BEDROSSIAN, GEORGE and FOTENI BASTA, also for all the old and new deceased members of the ZOULIKIAN, BEDROSSIAN and BASTA 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.

Please Pray For Our Sick: Please notify the Pastor whenever you know of anyone who is sick, whether at home or in the hospital. Let us pray for one another

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.

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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