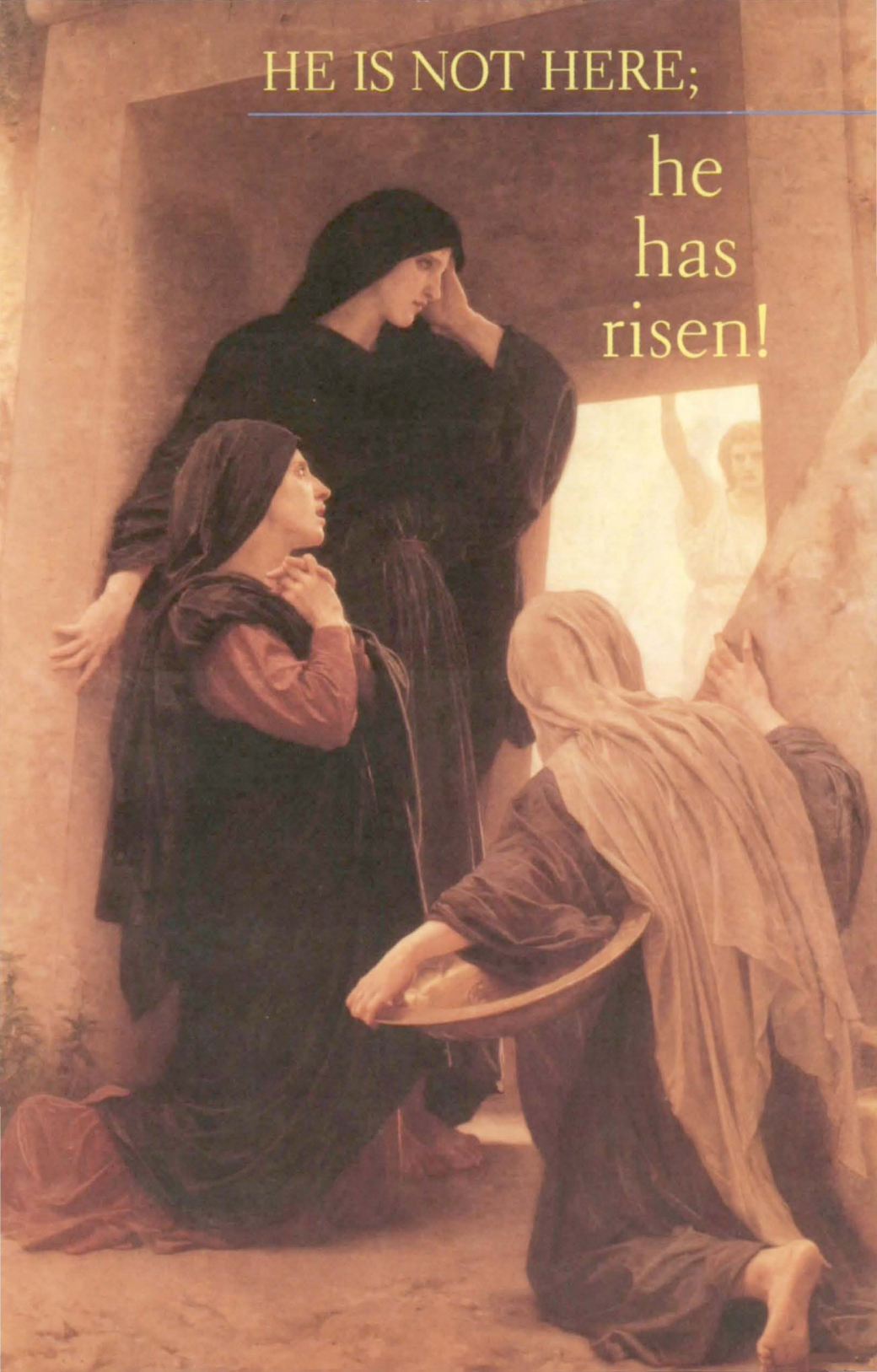


HE IS NOT HERE;

he
has
risen!



Greetings of Love to You All

The Christian world have already embarked into the somber period of Lent. The 40-day period of Lent is prescribed by Church Fathers primarily for our spiritual growth, with prayers, abstinence, penitence and almsgiving. The Church calls the faithful for spiritual discipline by withdrawing from worldly gaieties and by faithfully observing our Lenten obligations.

The general decor of Lent induces the faithful into the penitential spirit of the Lenten season. During this period, traditionally the altars and religious paintings in the Armenian Churches are veiled in black, as symbol of mourning.

Moreover, the Lenten worship services of "Closed Badarak," "Sunrise" service, vigil with "Peace" and "Rest" hours should help the faithful to strengthen and deepen their spiritual life.

Lent is a spiritual journey which moves through the desert of our life towards Easter, which is the "Promised Land" of our Christian life, as the culmination of the liturgical year.

By faithfully observing our Lenten obligations, we will arrive to the thrilling reality of Christ's Resurrection which is the fulfillment of our Christian joy.

During this Lenten period, let us try our utmost to attend Church more regularly, pray more earnestly and perform charitable deeds more frequently. Thus, we will be able to put into practice our Christian faith, making our lives more vibrant and Christ-like.

May our spiritual journey through Lent be more meaningful this year, and may Easter bring us the redeeming power of Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Lord's Service



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Archpriest
Pastor

HOLY WEEK

1993

APRIL 4TH

PALM SUNDAY (DZAGHGAZART)
(Triumphant Entry of our
Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
10:00 A.M. - SOORP BADARAK
12:00 Noon - "TURUNPATZEK"
(Opening of the Gates Ceremony)

APRIL 8TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY (AVAK HINKSHAPTEE)
(Remembrance of the Last Supper)
7:30 P.M. - "VODNALUVA" (Washing
of the Feet Ceremony) with
participation of Sunday School
students
9:00 P.M. - TENEBRAE (Khavaroum
Vigil)

APRIL 9TH

GOOD FRIDAY (AVAK OORPAT)
(Remembrance of the Betrayal,
Passion, Crucifixion and Burial
of our Lord Jesus Christ)
7:30 P.M. - OFFICE OF THE BURIAL
AND ENTOMBMENT of our Lord
Jesus Christ

APRIL 10TH

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER EVE
7:00 P.M. - Easter Eve Services
(Ceremonial reading of Holy
Scriptures)
7:30 P.M. - CANDLEMASS BADARAK
(JURAKALOOYTZ "Lighting of Candles")

APRIL 11TH

EASTER SUNDAY (SOORP ZADIG)
(Feast of the Glorious Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ)
9:00 A.M. - Morning Service
(Matin - Jamerkoutiun)
10:00 A.M. - SOLEMN DIVINE LITURGY
12:00 Noon - ANTASDAN ("Blessing of
four sides of the World")

APRIL 18TH

SECOND EASTER OF NEW SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. - SOORP BADARAK
Consecration of newly built sanctuary
marble Altars and religious oil
paintings, with participation of
Junior Choir, along with our regular
Church Choir. Officiating:
ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE
Banquet at Nikos Restaurant,
Bridgeview, IL at 1:00 P.M.

Palm Sunday,
Holy Week Services
and
Easter Celebration
will be officiated by:

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN
ARCHPRIEST & PASTOR

with the
participation of
Church Choir,
accompanied
by our Organist,
Deacons
and Acolytes.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving Holy Communion on Easter Sunday is vitally important, particularly for those who seldom receive Holy Communion during the year. In order to receive Holy Communion worthily, one is required to fast from midnight and also be spiritually prepared by making peace with themselves and others, and to be reconciled with God with repentance.

YUGHAKIN OFFERING - The enclosed envelope is for your convenience and to be used for your Easter "Yughakin" offering to Church in order to keep the lights of our Church ever bright. This ancient tradition needs to be kept alive! Please bring your offering to Church or send it by mail. Remember the Scriptural phase: "God loves a cheerful giver."

GIFTS OF FLOWERS - The Church is in need of flowers for Holy Week and Easter: daffodiles for Good Friday and Lilies for Easter. For your Easter Lily donations, please use the form provided in the Feb/March/April 1993 issue of "Ani" or ask for a form from the Church.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - Brunch will be prepared and served following Church services by the fathers of Sunday School students. The entire menu is donated by COUNTRY HOUSE RESTAURANT, 5400 W. 127th Street, Alsip.

BAKE SALE - The Women's Guild will hold their bake sale on Palm Sunday.

HOME BLESSING - Eastertide is traditionally a time for Home Blessing. Der Hayr will be happy to bless your home upon your expressed request.

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Der Hayr and the Parish Council congratulate Parishioners on this Holy Season and wish everyone a renewed life through the power of the Risen Christ.

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.
BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. ALLELUIA!