

ST. SARKIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST CLASS

LADIES GUILD

RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 16-17 TUES.
WED.

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

ANY ONE HAVING ITEMS TO DONATE
TO THE SALE, PLEASE LEAVE THEM
AT THE CHURCH IN ADVANCE.



May 1978

If not for the feast of Pentecost, no one today would know about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For 40 days after His Resurrection, Christ came to his followers assuring them that he was alive and that death no longer had any power over him and those who are with him. At the end of 40 days he ascended to heaven.

After those events, the followers of Christ still did not go out and preach. Finally, 10 days after Christ's ascension while the believers were in the upper room, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the form of tongues of fire over each of their heads. Christ had promised them that he would send a Comforter to them after he had left. The Holy Spirit is about whom Christ was talking.

Upon receiving the Holy Spirit the followers were inspired and moved to preach of Christ's Resurrection. The Holy Spirit is the person of the Holy Trinity who can guide our words and actions along godly paths, so that we can effectively speak of Christ to the World. In order to effectively preach Christianity, we must have a certain degree of saintliness. The Holy Spirit can make saints out of all of us if we are open. There is beauty, uniqueness and saintliness in all of us. Sometimes, however, these are hidden from other people. The Holy Spirit can guide all of our words and actions so as to bring out the saintliness which is in each of us.

Pentecost was the birth of the fellowship of saints who are followers of Christ. This fellowship is called the "Church". It was the Holy Spirit which made this fellowship possible. The Holy Spirit molded, comforted and guided the followers of Christ so that they could go out into the world and effectively preach of Christ.

Pentecost

**PENTECOSTI
HOKERALOUST**



Holy Etchmiadzin, Easter 1978

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian,
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian
Church of North America

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Dear Serpazan:

We are happy today in bringing you from the Holy Altar of Etchmiadzin and in the name of our resurrected Saviour, the sacred tidings of the miracle of the Holy Resurrection which filled the world and history with life-giving and creative graces, and especially with love and with the spirit of peace.

We believe that in an effort to bring about a harmonious cooperation among nations and to make them arrive at the haven of peace, the crisis-ridden humanity of our times is, more than in the past, thirsty for the redeeming love and graces of Christ.

Today at the dawn of the Holy Easter, let all-conquering graces of the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ be abundantly distributed to the entire world, as well as to our Church and people.

Through the graces of the glorious Resurrection, we wish Your Eminence more light and more vigour, as well as the clergy, and the esteemed members of the Diocesan and Parish Councils of your divinely sustained Diocese, and our entire faithful children.

With Patriarchal Blessings

VASKEN I
CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS

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DEACON VATCHE NALBANDIAN

Deacon Vatche Nalbandian was born in 1954 at Beirut, Lebanon. He received his elementary education there. In 1967 he went to study at the Melkonian Institute in Nicosia, Cyprus. In 1971 he completed his secondary education and entered the Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin in Armenia to pursue his theological education. He finished his studies there in 1974 and went on to attend the University of Yerevan where he enrolled in the Armenian studies curriculum. In May of 1975 he returned to Lebanon where he married Seta Demirdjian who was educated at the Armenian High School of Ashrafieh.

During the civil war Deacon Nalbandian left Lebanon for Paris, France where he served the Armenian Churches there, until Archbishop Torkom Manoogian of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America asked him to come to the United States to further his education and to work amongst the Armenian people here.

Deacon Vatche and his wife, Seta, have been sent to St. Sarkis Parish to serve us as Deacon and teacher while he completes his education and awaits ordination to the Holy Priesthood in the Armenian Apostolic Church.

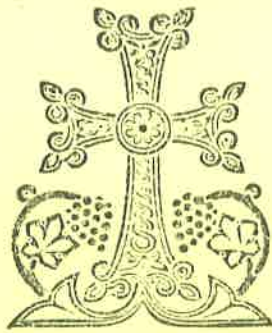
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CHURCH SCHEDULE MAY 1978

- May 14 - 11:00 am to 12:00
- Morning Service - Prayers from the Badarak - Hokehankist will be offered if requested.
- Coffee Hour after services
- May 21 - 10:00 am - Morning Service
- 10:30 Soorp Badarak - Fr. Semerjian
- Special Hokehankist requested by the Ladies Guild for all deceased members.
- Coffee Hour after services
- May 28 - 11:00 am to 12:00
- Morning Service - Prayers from the Badarak.
- Special Memorial Day Hokehankist for all the deceased.
- Welcoming Breakfast for Deacon Vatche and wife, Seta Nalbandian.

Immediately after services Sunday, May 28, there will be a WELCOMING BREAKFAST for our new Deacon, Vatche Nalbandian and his wife Seta. All members of our community are invited to come and meet them and help us to welcome them into our community.

As we welcome our new Deacon let us realize that he has come to help us and our Church. In return we must further strengthen our efforts to help our Deacon and our Church. From now on the Church will be open and there will be a service every Sunday at 11:00 am. PLEASE COME!

Since our new Deacon is ordained "Avak Sargavak" he can offer Hokehankist and can also Bless the graves of our deceased. The Parish Council and Deacon Vatche have agreed that the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend would be one appropriate day on which to Bless graves for families who wish to do so. Please call Deacon Vatche at



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Կիրակի Մայիս 21, 1978

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Սուրբ Պատարագ 10:30ին

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Սուրբ Պատարագէն յետոյ պիտի ունենանք եկեղեցւոյ սրահին մէջ ընկերական մեր հաւաքոյթը սուրճով եւ հաց ու պանիրով:

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Վարդապետ եւ Մխկան Խորհուրդ

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church of the Niagara Falls-Buffalo Area
300 Ninth Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

PENTECOST - Sunday May 21, 1978 -

DIVINE LITURGY

Officiating Priest: the Very Reverend Father Mesrob V. Semerjian, D.D.

Morning service - 10 a.m.

Soorp Badarak (Divine Liturgy: Holy Mass) - 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday being the Seventh Sunday or Fiftieth Day after Easter is the great feast of Pentecost, celebrating the Coming of the Holy Spirit with power upon the Apostles and first Christians and thereby the Birth of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Important notes:- If possible please submit prayer requests for living or deceased loved ones, or for any worthy intention, in advance, by calling chairman Arsen Avdolan: 282-3386.

Those who would like to donate altar flowers for this Sunday or for any other Sunday please notify chairman Arsen Avdolan in advance. Please indicate any special prayer request you may have on that occasion.