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## The Singing Savior

*“The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: ‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ... The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”*

*“Տէրը իմ զօրութիւնս ու սաղմոսըս է ու իմ փրկութիւնս եղաւ: Արդարներուն բնակարաններուն մէջ ջնծութեան ու փրկութեան ձայն կայ: Տէրոջը աջ ձեռքը զօրութիւն կը գործէ: Տէրոջը աջ ձեռքը բարձր է: Տէրոջը աջ ձեռքը զօրութիւն կը գործէ: Պիտի չմեռնիմ, հապա պիտի*

ապրիս, որ Տէրոջ գործերը պատմեմ: Տէրը  
զիս շատ խրատէց,  
բայց մահուան շմատնեց զիս: Այն քարը,  
որ շինողները անարգեցին, անկիւնին  
գլուխը եղաւ:”  
(Psalm 118:14-18, 22)

“When they had sung a hymn, they went out to  
the Mount of Olives.”

“Օրհնութիւն մը երգելէ յետոյ Չիթենեաց  
լեռը ելան:”  
(Mark 14:26)

**W**henever I hear Michael Jack-  
son’s “Billy Jean,” I have the  
temptation to start stretching.  
One would think if I listened  
to the words of the hit song, I would be won-  
dering whether or not Billie Jean is indeed the  
lover of the Pop King, but I don’t. I rather  
have an urge, like one of Pavlov’s dogs, to  
start stretching my body down to my right leg.

I developed this habit in elementary school, where at the start of gym class, the teacher would play a cassette tape of stretching instructions over the top hits of the 80s. “Billie Jean” was the first song on the tape and the first instruction was to “stretch down to the right.” Music is powerful trigger. It can remind a first grader the importance of stretching, it can remind us of certain places, people, and time periods, and music can even remind us of our salvation.

Jesus sang a hymn with his disciples at the Last Supper. It was the last thing he did with them. I wonder what kind of hymn it was...

Was it considered contemporary or traditional? Was it sung in Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek? Was it done acapella and did Peter ‘The Rock’ Son of Jonah have a solo? Or was there instrumentation? Maybe James and John are called the ‘Sons of Thunder’ because they can play a mean harp. (“Sons of Thunder” is the name of an 80s Christian rock band. I

Googled it. Check it out; actually, please don't.)

Because the song was after a Passover meal, it was most likely one of these Psalms: 113-118. If I were to pick one, I would go with Psalm 118, which is often quoted in the New Testament. Plus, it is a victory song speaking about the day when God becomes our salvation. However, the truth is no one knows for sure what was sung that night, but I am certain the disciples sang that song again and again and when they did, it reminded them of their friend Jesus and what he did for them on the night of his betrayal.

I love the Armenian instrument of the duduk because of its range of emotion. It can produce the saddest noise imaginable but it can also get people celebrating on the dance floor. I imagine the hymn the disciples sang with Jesus probably had the emotional range of a duduk, where it started on the low note of Good Friday but ended with the high note of Easter.

The hymn sung at the Last Supper was the first of many hymns that would remind disciples throughout history of Jesus' victory over the grave. Thousands of songs have been written in various periods and languages since that night, praising Jesus Christ for his sacrificial love and the salvation he brings.

Church, let us sing and be grateful for our Singing savior!

*Serving the Risen Lord,*

*Rev. Haig Kherlopian*

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS PRESENTED**

**March 20** - Palm Sunday Palms were donated in loving memory of most extraordinary and imaginative mother, **Marie Tevonian**, who started this tradition, by Stephanie Tevonian



*Altar Flowers may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one, for a holiday, birthday, graduation, or another special occasion.*

*Please sign up for a Sunday of your choice by calling the church office at 212-685-3177.*

**EASTER SUNDAY SPRING FLOWERS PRESENTED:**

*In loving memory of **Zaven Megerditchian**, by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Picone.*

*In loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Hamparian**, by Marianna Hamparian.*

*In loving memory of **Mrs. Dikranouhi Arukian**, by Hratch S. Arukian.*

*In loving memory of **Shnork and Taline Dadian**, by Ankiné Dadian.*

*In loving memory of **Armen Tartanian**, by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tartanian.*

*In loving memory of **Aram Tavetian**, by Esther Tavetian.*

*In loving memory of **Arpen and Albert Abrahamian**, by Carolana & George Najarian.*

*In loving memory of **Lucy Kambourian**, by Armine Mardiguian.*

*In loving memory of **John Douthitt and Joan Smith**, by Aaron & Christina Santana-Smith.*

*In loving memory of **George Mazmanian**, by Merze Mazmanian.*

*In loving memory of **Krikor and Anoush Keyishian**, by Richard Keyishian.*

*In loving memory of **Estelle and Luther Dogramajian**, by Pearl Vazeos.*

*In honor of the **Armenian Evangelical Church of NY** and your heart for the Risen Lord, by Pastor Mary Brown.*

*In loving memory of **Archie & Olga Cherkejian**, by Edward & Arpy Cherkejian.*

*In loving memory of **George & Mary Salibian**, by Harry & Zaro Salibian.*

*In loving memory of **Melcon G. Melconian**, by Hilda Melconian.*

*In loving memory of **Gloria Bedikian Ayvazian**, by Leslie Ayvazian & Sam Anderson.*



*In loving memory of parents **Mihran & Mary**, wife **Doris**, and sister **Sarah**, by Jack Dokouzian.*

*In loving honor of grandson **Simon Dokouzian**, by Jack Dokouzian.*

*In honor of a great American and son of Armenian Congregationalism, **Ben Bagdikian**, by Willaim Nye.*

*In loving memory of **Ruth Philibosian**, by The Stephen Philibosian Foundation, and Joyce and Joe Stein.*

*In honor of **Rev. Haig Kherlopian**, by Nevart Darmanian.*

*In loving memory of **John W. Margosian**, by Mrs. John (Alice) Margosian and Family.*

### **GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH GRATITUDE**

We wish to thank the following for their generous donation to the church for Easter:

*Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Picone, Alice Philibosian,  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tartanian, Esther Tavetian,  
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Kamal Batarseh, Nevart Darmanian, Virginia Arpiararian,  
Nurhan & Victoria Becidyan, and Charles Ajamian.*

*Thank  
You*

## **New Office Administrator**

*We welcome Mr. Mesrop Paul Borekjian of Bergen County, New Jersey back as Office Administrator of the Armenian Evangelical Church of NY on a part-time basis.*

*Having previously served our community as Office Administrator from September '13 to August '14, he has settled back in very quickly.*

*We also would like to thank our previous Office Administrator, Mr. Obed Bazikian, for his service here at the Church.*

*Please call the Church Office for office hours at (212) 685-3177.*

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

We want to express our gratitude to the following for their generous contribution towards Fellowship Hour in the month of March & April:

*Jonathan Baboian*

*Dolly Tharp*

*Ruby Kherlopian*

*Jon Brothers*

*Karine Tonyan*

*Peggy Dingilian*

*Dolly Tharp*



We also extend our thanks to:

*The Boyadjian & Kilicarslan*

*Families for our Palm Sunday luncheon.*

*&*

*Peggy Dingilian, Vanouhi & Lara Ahad, and Ruby Kherlopian for our Maundy Thursday supper.*

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

### Join us for:

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 AM

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

New Jersey Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

**June 5** Sunday Worship Service (1st Cor. 11:17-33)

*The Lord's Table*

\*Communion will be served

**June 12** Sunday Worship Service (1st Cor. 12:1-11)

*The Spiritual Gifts That Keep On Giving*

**June 19** Sunday Worship Service (1st Cor. 12:12-31)

*Church Martial Arts*

**June 26** Sunday Worship Service (1st Cor. 13:1-13)

*Love Hymn*

\*Happy Father's Day

**June 23- 26** AEUNA / AEYF - Biennial Convention -

Skokie, IL - (Sign up by June 1st)

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