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Meditate on Love

“Do everything in love.”

“Զեր բոլոր բաները սիրո՛ւ վ ըլլան:”

(1 Corinthians 16:14)

It is our God-given responsibility to do everything in love. Not only some things, not only a couple of things, but all things! Loving others isn't an option, it is a command. We must give without expecting anything in return. Whether it is to love God, our neighbors, our friends, or even our enemies, we must always choose to love. It is our sacred duty.

However, the word 'love' has turned into a cliché. When one hears the word 'love' one often thinks of a fleeting feeling. Our culture has reduced love to three-minute pop songs and ninety-minute romantic comedies rather than the foun-

dational truth of the universe. God is Love and our definition of love should come from knowing who God is (1 John 4:7-21). Emotions are good, but love is not only a feeling, it is continual action that demands our mind, body, emotions, and strength (Matthew 22:36-40).

Pride, which is the antithesis of love, was destroying the early church in Corinth. The Apostle Paul wrote the letter of first Corinthians to remind believers that love is the most important thing and that love will build the church. The climax of the letter is Paul's great love hymn (1 Corinthians 13). It is a song that answers the question: what is love? In the verses, Paul tells us that love is patient, kind, and rejoices with what is true. He reminds us that love isn't envious, rude, or arrogant; love never delights in injustice. He tells us that love can endure all things. Love will therefore be victorious in this life and the life to come.

The Good News is that Jesus Christ reveals love to us. When we look to Jesus and understand what Christ has accomplished, love becomes

more than an abstraction. Christ is love personified. He is patient and kind. He rejoices with what is right. Jesus isn't envious, rude, or arrogant. Jesus Christ is the one who has endured all things for our sake. Christ said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Jesus laid down his life for us. Through His sacrificial love, Jesus achieved victory over sin and death. Like love, Jesus Christ's reign will have no end.

It is essential for us to meditate on love, especially when we do not feel loved or do not feel like loving others. As an exercise, I urge you the reader to write your own love meditation answering the question what is love? Using Jesus as your example, meditate and write out what love is. In addition, read 1st Corinthians 13 and do your best to memorize the chapter. The passage is not just meant to be read at weddings, but is a reminder of the loving lifestyle all Christians are called to live.

Love You All,
Rev. Haig Kherlopian

A Plea To Reinforce Our Wall

We wish to extend our most sincere gratitude to those who have contributed towards our wall project. We have raised \$3,075 towards this urgent and crucial project.

However, for this project to be covered, we still must raise \$13,925. If you have not yet had a chance to donate and wish to do so, it will be greatly appreciated and helpful in our time of need.

The following page contains a photo of our exterior left side wall, which can only be seen through our neighboring hospital's windows. As seen, there are many large and small cracks spanning a large portion of the wall, which have allowed water to seep in and damage the interior walls and ceiling that were recently repaired and painted. Please consider donating what you are able to keep our walls from crumbling. Your donation will be directly and fully applied towards the repair of our cracking and crumbling wall. Thank you!

WALL PROJECT DONATION

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please make your check out to the Armenian Evangelical Church, with "Wall Project" in the memo. ~Thank you!



Chancel Flowers Presented

September 4 - With his five great-grandchildren, six grandchildren, and four children, we celebrate the life of a long time friend of our church, **Jack Dokouzian**, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on September 6th!

September 25 - In memory of sister **Grace**, on her birthday of September 8th, and of mother **Yevnige**, on her birthday of September 24th, from Anoush Haig.



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.

Fellowship Hour

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



*Dolly Tharp
Peggy Dingilian
Ruby Kherlopian*



We also wish to thank David Boyajian & Family for providing a delicious home-cooked kebab meal, and Jennifer Telfeyan for providing an array sweets, for our 120th Anniversary September Kickoff Luncheon!

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Towards the Wall Project: Mossig Makhouljian Family, Steve & Dolly Tharp, Aaron & Christina Santana-Smith, Louise Tezel, Anahid Iskian, Margaret Cherkezian, Charles Ajamian, Jack Dokouzian, Anoush Haig, Hrant & Alidz Agbabian, Hasmieg Yankelovich.

We also would like to thank The Telfeyan Evangelical Fund for their generous donation towards our ministry and evangelical efforts.

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120th ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER CELEBRATION & LUNCHEON

Sunday
November 13th
12.30pm

Suggested donation: \$20

In November 1896 the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York held its first official service.

To celebrate this special occasion, we cordially invite you to join us at a celebration fundraiser luncheon at The Armenian Evangelical Church of New York.



Celebrating 170 years
of the Armenian
Evangelical Church

Come and enjoy
Armenian kebabs and
assorted desserts.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Join us for:

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 AM

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

New Jersey Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Oct 2 Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 4:1-15)
Enemies

*Communion will be served

Oct 9 Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 5:1-15)
Taking Care of The Poor

Oct 16 **Lahmajun Luncheon**
Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 6:15-7:7)
Out of Exile

Oct 23 Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 8:1-2)
Better Know Your Bible

Oct 30 Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 9:1-6)
Confessing Your Sins

Nov 13 **120th Anniversary November Celebration
& Luncheon**

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