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## Christ Centered Expectation

*We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever.*

*Մենք ունինք զայն որպէս ապահով եւ հաստատ  
խարիսխ մեր անձին. ան կը մտնէ վարագոյրին  
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յաւիտենական Քահանայապետ եղած՝  
Մելքիսեդեկի կարգին համեմատ:*

(Hebrews 6:19-20)

**W**hen I was eating lunch at my seminary cafeteria, I had high expectations that the burrito I was about to devour would taste amazing. The burrito smelled and looked good, but it tasted awful. It was so bad that it made me lose my appetite. My friend Ryan, who witnessed the

whole scene, told me that I need to set my bar low. He went on to discuss his set-the-bar-low life philosophy, which is to not have high expectations. Whether it is seeing a new movie, going out on a date, or eating a meal, you need to have low expectations in order to secure your happiness. For example, if I set the bar low for the burrito, I would have not been as upset about the nasty taste. On the flip side, if the burrito were delicious, I would have been especially happy because it surpassed my expectations.

Christmas is when God sets the bar high for His creation. Jesus Christ reveals God to us and the standard by which we are to live. The bad news is that the bar is set so high that it is impossible for us to attain it on our own. The Good News, however, is that Jesus Christ is our savior who imparts his righteousness to us. In Jesus Christ, we have already met God's expectations for us! This is called the gift of grace. Christ Jesus gives it freely to us; we in turn live for Him and place our ultimate hope solely in Him.

Christian hope is having proper expectations in the promises of God, promises that are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. When our ultimate hope rests in our Savior King, we will become realists. We will not be overly optimistic because we will not be surprised by the chaotic effects of sin and death. We will not be pessimistic either because we will be aware of God's forgiveness and the victory we have over the grave. Hoping in Jesus Christ gives us proper perspective. It helps us see what is true and enables us to endure through any hardship. Again, as Christians, we do not have our heads buried in the sand. Rather, our hope in Christ causes us to be more in touch with reality.

What is the difference between regular hope and ultimate hope? There is nothing wrong in hoping to have good things like a family, a good career, and health. However, when anything earthly becomes our ultimate hope, the thing without which we cannot be happy, we commit the sin of idolatry. Having our ultimate hope in Jesus Christ will purge the idols that lay

dormant within our hearts. Hoping in our risen Savior will align us with God's will. Only when our ultimate hope is found in Jesus Christ can we hold onto something that will last in this life and the one that is to come. Only when we find ourselves in Jesus Christ can we meet God's standards of living.

Christmas is a time to remember the one in whom we have our ultimate hope. Jesus is the one who can forgive our past, give our present purpose, and secure our future. Christian hope entails completely depending on Christ: He is worthy of our hope!

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Haig Kherlopian*

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Ձեզի, մեզի մեծ աւետիս:



*Christ is born and revealed!  
This is great news for you and for me!*



**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

**I wish to donate poinsettias to beautify the altar  
for the holiday season.**

*In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or*

*In honor of \_\_\_\_\_*

*Enclosed is my Poinsettia Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 min.)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return to the church by mail as soon as possible)*



**TERTIG DONATION**

**I wish to donate towards my yearly subscription  
of AECNY's monthly bulletin.**

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## Fellowship Hour

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



*Michael Vartanian  
Dolly Tharp*



*We also wish to thank the Boyajian Family, Jennifer Telfeyan, Peggy Dingilian, Dolly Tharp, Ruby Kherlopian, Nancy Guetssoyan, Lara Ahad, Karine Tonyan and Seza Momjian for preparing for our 120th Anniversary November Celebration & Luncheon.*

### GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH GRATITUDE

We wish to extend our most sincere gratitude to those who have contributed towards our wall project. *We have raised 5,200* towards this urgent and crucial project.

Our wall has been successfully repaired. All loose materials were removed, and all gaps were patched with grout. Weatherproofing paper was put over the wall, and a corrugated aluminum wall over that to ensure church is protected from all the elements.

*Towards the Wall Project:  
Hrant & Alidz Agbabian, and Shushan Teager.*

We also wish to thank the **AECNYC Tuesday Night Bible Study group** for donating new energy-saving LED lights for the Church office.

## Chancel Flowers Presented

November 6 - In loving memory of mother, **Olivera Zonich**, by Ivanka Petkovic.

November 13 - In honor of, **Armine Mardiguan**, for her 102nd birthday, & in honor of all the **veterans** from this church, by The Armenian Evangelical Church of New York.

November 20 - Presented in loving memory of, **Arthur, Gloria, and Robert Teager**, by Dolly Tharp.



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

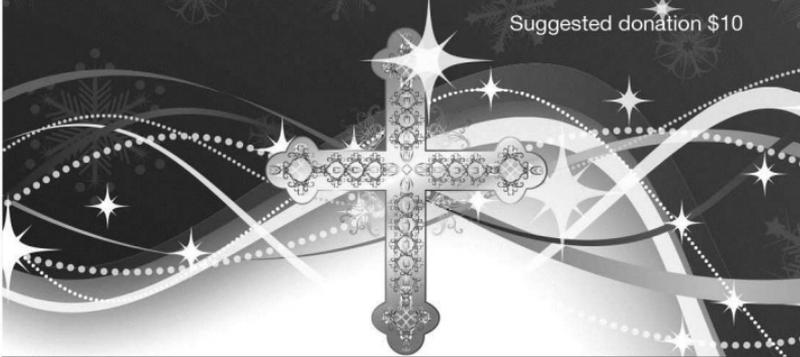
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**Armenian Christmas Party!**  
Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

Come and enjoy a festive evening dancing  
together in the church hall on from 7pm to 11pm

Suggested donation \$10



**Armenian Christmas Luncheon!**

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

We cordially invite you to join us for a  
morning of worship together and our

**Armenian Christmas Fundraiser Luncheon**

on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

Worship Service at 11am | Luncheon at 12.30pm

Suggested donation \$20



**AEUNA**  
Celebrating 170 years  
of the Armenian  
Evangelical Church



**AECNYC**  
Celebrating 120 years of  
the Armenian Evangelical  
Church of New York

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

### Join us for:

*Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 AM*

*Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM*

**Dec 4** Sunday Worship Service (Gal. 3:10-14)

*Faith*

\*Communion will be served

**Dec 11** Sunday Worship Service (Heb. 6:13-20)

*Hope*

**December Fundraiser Christmas Luncheon**

**Dec 18** Sunday Worship Service (1 Jn. 4:7-21)

*Love*

**Dec 25** Sunday Worship Service (Luke 2:1-20)

**Christmas Sunday**

*Don't Be Afraid, I Bring You Good News*

**Jan 1** Sunday Worship Service (Mat. 15:1-20)

**New Years Sunday**

*New Heart Resolutions*

**June 10** **120th Anniversary Banquet**

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