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## Genuine Friendship With Jesus

*“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”*

*(John 15:12-15)*

**C**an one be buddies with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords? Can one call the Prince of Peace a pal? Can one be amigos with the Alpha and the Omega? The answer, according to the Risen Savior himself, is yes! We can be friends with Jesus.

To enter into a friendship with Christ, we must first trust him. We must trust everything he has said and accomplished on our behalf. Another way to speak of trusting Jesus is having faith. When we have faith in Christ, we trust him to connect us with God. When we have faith in Christ, we allow God to guide and lead our lives. The Good News is that Jesus is trustworthy. His love is the only constant in this world

and his love is for everybody. But the love will not be given, if there is no trust on our end.

It is said that you are the reflection of your three closest friends. When we have Jesus as our closest friend, our character begins to change. We become more like Jesus when we obey his teachings. The greatest of Jesus' commands is to love others as he loved us. The ultimate example of this love is the willingness to die for another person. Jesus Christ is a trustworthy friend who died for us. His death on the cross has given us forgiveness of sins and access to God the Father. He gives us this gift freely, as to friends. But Jesus will never force a friendship with himself.

How can we be friends with someone we cannot see? Also, how can Jesus be friends with so many people? The Holy Spirit is the answer to these conundrums. Jesus told us before he went to the cross that it was good for him to go back to the Father because the Holy Spirit will then come (John 14). It is by receiving the Holy Spirit that we become friends with Jesus Christ. It is through the Holy Spirit's work in our lives that we understand the plans of God the Father. It is through the Holy Spirit that we become more like Jesus. So, how does one get the Holy Spirit? By trusting in Jesus Christ and asking

God the Father for his presence. It is by making our relationship with Jesus the ultimate priority.

To be friends with Jesus we must live life with God the Holy Spirit. We must not get into the mindset of doing things for Jesus but rather with Jesus. We also must not do things for Jesus in order to get things from him either. This isn't true friendship, it called using someone. Our motives for our friendship with Christ must be pure. We want the friendship because Jesus is good.

Authentic Christianity is simply a genuine friendship with Jesus Christ. It is trusting in the one who is trustworthy and true. Faith is obeying what Jesus teaches because he knows what is best for us and for the world. The Christian faith is living life with Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior, and most importantly, our friend.

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Haig Kherlopian*

*Քրիստոս յարեալ ի մեռելոց :  
Օրհնեալ է յարութիւնն Քրիստոսի :*

*Christ is risen from the dead!  
Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!*

**LILIES FOR EASTER**

*If you wish to donate flowers for Easter Sunday  
in loving memory or in honor of a loved one  
please send your donation to the church office  
as soon as possible.*

*Any donation over \$20.00 is appreciated*



**I wish to donate lilies to beautify the altar  
for Easter Sunday.**

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

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

**By** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

## CHANCEL FLOWERS PRESENTED

**January 14** - In loving memory of **Lena Vartanian** on the 40 month anniversary of her passing, by Michael Vartanian.

**February 11** - In loving memory of **Arpine Aynilian**, by Nicholas Aynilian, Jr..

**February 11** - In loving memory of **Nazaret Cherkezian**, by wife, Margaret, children, Michael, Donna, Deborah and Larry, grandchildren, Megan, David, and Stephanie, great-grandchildren, Lena and David, and sister, RoseMarie.

**February 18** - In loving memory of dear sister, **Victoria**, on her birthday, February 22nd, by Anoush Haig.

## CHRISTMAS SUNDAY POINSETTIAS PRESENTED:

(CONTINUED)

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



## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

We wish to express our gratitude to the following for their generous contribution towards Fellowship Hour in the months of January & February:

*Ruby Kherlopian, Nancy Kherlopian,  
Seza Momjian, Jon Brothers,  
Vicky Devany, Susan Secunda,  
James Wordsworth, Jennifer Telfeyan,  
Nora Telfeyan, Talin Borekjian,  
Peggy Dingilian, Obed Bazikian,  
Nick Aynilian, Jr., Jon Baboian*

*We also would like to thank the Boyajian Family, for preparing the meals for our Armenian Christmas Celebration and Luncheon on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th.*

## **GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH GRATITUDE**

For Christmas and Tertig (cont.):  
*Ankine Dadian, Anahid Iskian, and Yvonne Shakarian*

*Thank  
You*





*Join us*  
**FOR HOLY WEEK**



## **PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 25, 2018**

Service 11am

Lunch 12.30pm

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**MARCH 29, 2018**

Dinner 7pm



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 1, 2018**

Service 11am

Lunch 12.30pm



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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

### Join us for:

*Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 AM*

*Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM*

**March 4** Sunday Worship Service  
*What is an Evangelical? (Acts 4:1-23)*  
**Communion Sunday**

**March 11** Sunday Worship Service  
*Bold Christianity (Acts 4:23-32)*

**March 18** Sunday Worship Service  
*Koinónia (Acts 4:32-37)*

**March 25** Palm Sunday Service & Luncheon  
*The Crying King (Luke 19:28-44)*

**March 29** Maundy Thursday Communion Service  
*Friend Jesus (John 15:15)*

**April 1** Easter Sunday Service  
*Wondering What Happened (Luke 24:1-12)*

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