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As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us

*“But if you do not forgive others their sins,
your Father will not forgive your sins.”*

-Matthew 6:15

Forgiveness is not a feeling, it is a Christian duty. No one ever feels like forgiving those who wronged them. But luckily, forgiveness is a choice. It is an act of the will that decides not to hold onto bitterness, but rather chooses to love those who do not deserve it.

When you forgive, it is important to be specific about who wronged you and how you were sinned against. Just as it is important when you confess specific sins, it is important to not hide the details of why you are forgiving another person or people group. The more specific you are when you forgive, the more the anger from your soul will get drained. The bigger the grievance, the longer the process of forgiveness will take. But the process will never get started until you choose to forgive.

Forgiveness is a one way interaction, while reconciliation is a two way interaction. This means you can forgive those who have passed away, and

you can forgive those who will not admit they are at fault. However, you should create a boundary around someone who does not admit that they have wronged you, especially if the pattern of being sinned against continues. But you can still forgive someone who does think they need to be forgiven.

Forgiveness does not always lead to reconciliation, but forgiveness is needed for reconciliation to take place. For example, Jesus Christ forgives everyone, however not everyone will be reconciled to God unless they repent of their sins and want to have a relationship with God.

When we forgive, we let go of the role of being The Judge over others. Our job is not to play God and judge other people, but rather to be obedient to what Jesus commands us to do, which is to pray for those who persecute us, to love our enemies, and to bless those who curse us. These statements aren't just nice thing to believe, but they are commands from the true Judge, Jesus Christ. Our christian duty is to forgive and let Christ be the judge. If we do not forgive, Christ will not forgive us (Matthew 6:15).

- Rev. Haig Kherlopian

EASTER SUNDAY SPRING FLOWERS PRESENTED

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

*In loving memory of **Mihran & Lucy Cherkezian**,
by Ms. Rosanne Cherkezian.*

*In loving memory of **Serpouhi Topalian Mardirossian**,
by Viken Mardirossian.*

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

*In loving memory of **Dr. Jirayr Tezel**, by Louise Tezel.*

*In honor of **Christine Tezel Haines** on her birthday,
by Louise Tezel.*

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

*In loving memory of **Mr. Hamo Darmanian**,
by Mrs. Darmanian.*

*In loving memory of **Erol Fisekci** & in honor of the **Armenian
Evangelical Church**, by Rose Fisekci.*

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

*In honor of **Jesus Christ**, our lord and savior,
by Stephen Philibosian.*

*In loving memory of **Gary Telfeyan**,
by Peggy Dingilian.*

*In loving memory of **Matilda Larchian**,
by Maida Artinian.*

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In loving memory of **Carolyn Nahabedian**,
by Nicholas & Elizabeth Aynilian.

CHANCEL FLOWERS PRESENTED

March 24 - In loving memory of **Estelle Dogramajian**. With love, always & forever, by Pearl, Raina, Steve, & Sage.

Palm Sunday Palms

Presented in loving memory of most extraordinary mother, **Marie Tevonian**, who started this tradition,
by Stephanie Tevonian.

April 21 - In loving memory of **Jack Dokouzian** (1926-2019), by his children Karen, Joanne, Michael and Robert.
A memorial luncheon will be held on Sunday 6/23 following the church service.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We wish to express our gratitude to the following for their generous contribution towards Fellowship Hour in the months of
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UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Join us for:

Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 AM

Tuesday Night Bible Study at 7:30 PM

Thursday Night Zumba Fitness at 7:30 PM

Apr 16- Bible Study Series: Worship

May 7 *All you need to know about Worshiping!
All are welcome!*

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