04 August 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Fourth Sunday after Transfiguration

Readings
1 Corinthians 12.01–11
Mark 01.35–39

11 August 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Fifth Sunday after Transfiguration
Festival before the Fast for the Holy Mother of God

Readings
1 Corinthians 13.11–14.05
Mark 02.13–17

18 August 2002 Sunday
Assumption
10.30h Parish Mass
12.00h Blessing of Grapes
12.30h – 18.00h Annual Summer Picnic

The Assumption of the Holy Mother of God

In the Armenian church calendar the fourth of five major feast days (vērā-pokhu-mēn, ‘tabernacle feast’) commemorates, on the Sunday closest to 15 August, the miraculous transferral of Mary, the Holy Virgin Mother of God, body and soul into Heaven, where she intercedes for us in the presence of her Divine Son. The great Christian churches celebrate this occasion variously as the Raising up, the Dormition, or the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Armenian church continues this feast over nine days with a rich and highly poetic repertory of beautiful hymns to the Virgin Mary composed mostly by Nerses Shnorhali (1100-1173). In most Armenian communities the church also blesses newly harvested grapes on this day.
We fall down before you, Mother of God, and we beseech you, immaculate Virgin Mary: Intercede for us and beseech your only-begotten Son to deliver us from temptation and from all our tribulations.

25 August 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Eighth Day (Octave) of the Assumption

Readings

2 Corinthians 06.16–07.01
Luke 01.26–38

31 August 2002 Saturday
15.00h Wedding

John Elias Anjim and Jihan Youseff Alkir
Wakefield MA
01 September 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Second Sunday after the Assumption
tone 2a

Readings
2 Corinthians 01.01–11
Mark 04.35–40

08 September 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

11.45h Anniversary requiem service for the victims of 11 September 2001

Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Third Sunday after the Assumption
Festival before the Fast for the Holy Cross
tone 1b

Readings
Galatians 03.24–29
Luke 01.39–56

15 September 2002 Sunday
Exaltation of the Cross
10.30h Parish Mass (Most Rev Manuel Batakian, Exarch)
13.00h Gala Dinner (reservations required) celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the dedication
of our new church building

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tabernacle feast
tone 1a

Readings
2 Corinthians 01.01–11
John 03.13–21

In the Armenian church calendar hravqrgam kbach‘erats’, the fifth of the five major feast
days (hravqrgam da gha var ‘tabernacle feast’) commemorates, on the Sunday closest to 14
September, the glorious restoration, in 0629 AD, of the Holy and True Cross of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ to its place in Jerusalem, from which it had been removed in 0614
AD by the Persians.

According to tradition, Armenian forces assisted the Byzantine Emperor Herakleios in the
struggles to free the Holy and True Cross from captivity, and in its transit to Jerusalem it
passed through Armenia.

On this day the Church also commemorates the dedication (0335 AD) of the basilica of the
Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In the course of the building of that basilica by the Emperor
Constantine, his mother, St Helena, miraculously discovered the relics of the Holy and
True Cross. The Armenian Church now celebrates the Discovery of the True Cross on the
sixth Sunday of the Exaltation.

Most Armenian communities also have a blessing of the fields and of the four corners of the
earth on this day.

By the Holy Cross, let us beseech the Lord
to deliver us thereby from our sins
and to save us by His gracious mercy.
21 September 2002 Saturday
16.00h (4.00pm) Wedding
Edward Ara Kebadjian and Danielle Leigh Marr

22 September 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Second Sunday of the Holy Cross
Festival before the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak, commonly called St George’s Fast
Readings
2 Corinthians 10.18–11.10
Mark 10.01–12

29 September 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Third Sunday of the Holy Cross
Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak
Readings
Galatians 06.14–18
Matthew 24.30–35

05 October 2002 Saturday
16.00h (4.00pm)
Rosary to the Holy Mother of God
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Evening prayer
First Saturday
The seventy–two disciples of Christ
Readings
2 Corinthians 02.14–03.03
Luke 10.01–12

Religious instruction in the parish begins in October
(open also to non–parish members)
Our program includes the following:

— First–communion instruction (apprx age 7+), on Sundays

— ‘Come, follow me’, բիզթ զիմխ հայ եկեղեցի զգեստ եմ,
a program of spiritual and doctrinal development
for high–school and middle–school youth (apprx ages 11–17)

— Evening discussion series on the Holy Gospel,
for college students and adults, on alternate Wednesdays

— First Saturday religious exercises,
especially for families

— Training for altar servers and choristers
Contact Fr Raphael (617/489.2280 or andonr@bellatlantic.net) to express your interest in our religious–educational programs and to let us know of others who might also be interested.

We have also had several requests for Armenian–language instruction and are considering establishment of two courses:
— **Introduction** (alphabet, pronunciation, reading, writing, grammar)
— **Spoken Armenian** (improvement of vocabulary and expression for those who already speak Armenian and have the rudiments of reading and writing)

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### 06 October 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Fourth Sunday of the Holy Cross
Feast of the Holy Cross of Varag
tone 4a

Readings
Galatians 06.14–18
Matthew 24.30–35

### 09 October 2002 Wednesday
19.30h (7.30pm) Nerses Lambronaci Catechetical Institute

Words of faith: The Gospel of John, session 01 (Fr Raphael, Dcn Michael)
Atinizian Hall

Last year’s series examined closely the first eleven chapters (the ‘Book of Signs’) of the Holy Gospel according to John, and in summer sessions we analyzed the beliefs of the Church as summarized in the Creed (տարբերակայից հարաբերություն Հայկական Համալսարան) ։

Now we return to the Holy Gospel according to John and will look at the events surrounding the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as they appear in chapters 12–21, the ‘Book of Glory’.

New attendees are always welcome. Plan on coming regularly in order to follow the programmatic development of this Gospel which ‘soars above all others’.

### 13 October 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Fifth Sunday of the Holy Cross
tone 3a

Readings
Galatians 02.01–10
Mark 12.35–44
20 October 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass

Sixth Sunday of the Holy Cross

tone 2b ..............................................................

Readings
Galatians 04.01–18
Luke 04.14–24

23 October 2002 Wednesday
19.30h (7.30pm) Nerses Lambronac’i Catechetical Institute

Words of faith: The Gospel of John, session 02 (Fr Raphael, Dcn Michael)
Atinizian Hall

27 October 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass (Rev Fr Paul O’Connor AA)

Seventh Sunday of the Holy Cross

Readings
1 Corinthians 01.18–24
Matthew 24.27–36

02 November 2002 Saturday
16.30h (4.30pm)
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Rev Fr Paul O’Connor AA)
Reflections on the Seven Sleepers
Evening prayer

First Saturday
Feast of All Saints
Barlaam of Antioch; The Seven sleepers of Ephesus

tone 1a ..............................................................

Readings
Hebrews 11.32–40(-12.01)
John 16.01–05

03 November 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass (Rev Fr Paul O’Connor AA)

Eighth Sunday of the Holy Cross

tone 1b ..............................................................

Readings
Ephesians 01.01–14
Luke 08.17–21

06 November 2002 Wednesday
19.30h (7.30pm) Nerses Lambronac’i Catechetical Institute

Words of faith: The Gospel of John, session 03 (Fr Raphael, Dcn Michael)
Atinizian Hall
10 November 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Ninth Sunday of the Holy Cross
Readings
Ephesians 05.15–33
Luke 08.49–55(–57)

17 November 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
First Sunday of Advent
Festival before the Advent fast (Paregentan)
Readings
Philippians 04.08–24
Luke 11.01–13

20 November 2002 Wednesday
19.30h (7.30pm) Nerses Lambronac’i Catechetical Institute
Words of faith: The Gospel of John, session 04 (Fr Raphael, Dcn Michael)
Atinizian Hall

21 November 2001 Thursday: Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God

24 November 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Second Sunday of Advent
Readings
1 Thessalonians 01.01–10

01 December 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Third Sunday of Advent
Readings
1 Thessalonians 04.01–13
Luke 13.01–09

04 December 2002 Wednesday
19.30h (7.30pm) Nerses Lambronac’i Catechetical Institute
Words of faith: The Gospel of John, session 05 (Fr Raphael, Dcn Michael)
Atinizian Hall
07 December 2002 Saturday

16.30h (4.30pm)
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Reflections on Saint Nicholas
Evening prayer

17.30h (5.30pm) Children’s St Nicholas Party (Parents Group)
Bring your favorite food to share
and a wrapped gift with your child’s name.

First Saturday

Nicholas of Myra, the Wonder-worker

Readings
2 Timothy 03.10–15
John 10.11–16

08 December 2002 Sunday

10.30h Parish Mass
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Festival before the fast before St James (Paregentan)

Readings
2 Thessalonians 01.01–12

09 December 2002 Monday

The Immaculate Conception of the Holy Mother of God from St Anne

Readings
Galatians 03.24–29
Luke 01.39–56

15 December 2002 Sunday

10.30h Parish Mass
Fifth Sunday of Advent

Readings
Hebrews 01.01–14
Luke 17.01–10

18 December 2002 Wednesday

19.30h (7.30pm) Nerses Lambronac’i Catechetical Institute
Words of faith: The Gospel of John, session 06 (Fr Raphael, Dcn Michael)
Atinizian Hall
22 December 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Sixth Sunday of Advent
Winter solstice

Readings
Hebrews 04.16–05.10
Luke 18.09–14

24 December 2002 Tuesday
Christmas Eve
17.00h (5.00 pm) Evening prayer vigil and readings from the Prophets
18.00h (6.00 pm) Vigil Mass
Vigil of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings
Titus 02.11–15
Matthew 01.18–25

25 December 2002 Wednesday
Christmas Day
10.30h Parish Mass
Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings
Titus 02.11–15
Luke 02.01–07

26 December 2002 Thursday: Saint Stephen, first martyr
28 December 2001 Saturday: Saints Peter and Paul
29 December 2002 Sunday
10.30h Parish Mass
Seventh Sunday of Advent

Readings
Hebrews 07.11–25
Luke 19.11–28

30 December 2002 Monday: Saints John the Evangelist and James the Apostle, the ‘Sons of Thunder’
31 December 2002 Tuesday: Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nyssa, brothers; Sylvester of Rome; Abba Ephrem