

The Key - 25 December 2011



Jesus asked the Disciples, "Who do YOU say that I am?"
Peter responded "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."
Jesus promised the Keys to the Kingdom for this profession of faith. (Mt 16) At the St. Peter, Glendale Parish, our faith and actions are based on that same profession of faith. It is the Key that opens the doors to our journey as Christians...

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From our Parish Priest...

Today - December 25th is celebrated as Christmas throughout the world. Our Armenian Church celebrates the "Theophany" (Աստուածայայտ-նութիւն) on January 6. It includes the nativity and the celebration of Christ's Baptism, when His Ministry took birth and form.

For an explanation of the reasons why we celebrate on a different date, check out this week's "In Step With Christ" on our Youtube.com/Armodoxy channel. It is not the focus of this day. The date of Christmas, is a secondary issue next to the "message of Christmas." It is that message that we Christians are called to celebrate, today and everyday.

Too many people are consumed with the mundane and secondary issues of Christianity. Many time I hear people bickering over who correctly celebrates the Christmas feast. Is it the Armenians on January 6? Is it the Western world on December 25? Is it the Russians on January 7 or the Jerusalemites on January 19?

Our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the answer plain and simple. He says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (Jn 13)

The message of Love is what it's all about. To correctly celebrate Christmas, you don't need to worry about the date, rather you need to focus on the message. God loved us first. He gave us the gift of Life through Christ. We have an obligation to Love others— on Dec 25, Jan 6, Jul 17, Sep 11 & everyday!

Whether you choose to celebrate Christmas today or on January 6, begin this day by loving. If there are disagreements and difficulties between you and others, resolve them. Celebrate Christmas today and everyday by giving Love. ~Fr. Vazken



Today ~ Celebrant - Fr. Vazken Movsesian

Guest Preacher - Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian

Scriptural Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Reader: Alen Shirvanian

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Today & Everyday may the Blessings of the Christ Child be with you and your family. The greatest GIFT we receive is "Life and Life Abundantly" (John 10)



Please pick up the New Year and Christmas Schedule today for important information about services.

- ◇ January 1—Sunday—Holy Divine Liturgy at 10:30
- ◇ January 5 - Thursday - Eve of Theophany, 6:30 Divine Liturgy
- ◇ January 6 - Friday - Theophany, 10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy and Water Blessing
Godfather of the Cross: Nova Nazarian



Did you miss it???

The St. Peter Annual Christmas Party was such success. A great time was had by all. It was our church family ushering in the Christmas season. Pictures are available on-line at Facebook, on the St. Peter Armenian Church, Glendale, page.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 24/7 - for the kids & family: youtube.com/armodoxy

- ◇ Mondays - 10AM - Bible Study (Armenian) with Mashdots Jobanian
- ◇ Tuesday - Compass with Linda Zadoian
- ◇ Wednesday - 7:30PM - Questions of Faith - Bible Study (English)
- ◇ Thursday - Next Step with Fr. Vazken
- ◇ Friday - In Step with Christ (www.youtube.com/armodoxy)
- ◇ Saturday - Sermons from Glendale
- ◇ Sunday - Recharge with the Divine Liturgy





Wishing everyone a very
Merry Christmas & A Happy
New Year

~Mel & Reggie Agajanian~



Best wishes to everyone for a
Merry Christmas & a Happy New
Year

~Kevork & Sonig Ashkharian
& Family~



Lend a Helping Hand

Last year we collected and donated a great amount of clothing to specifically children in need in many different villages in Armenia. We will be collecting again this year but not only for children but for all ages. The clothing must be new or in good condition. Please help us spread the joy in the hearts of those families once again, by donating!



If you wish to place your New Year greetings in the Key newsletter please email lilo@inhisshoes.org or call 818-244-9696

Hold these dates OPEN in January!

January 6 - Archbishop's Christmas Party at the Western Diocesan Headquarters—3325 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank.

January 14 - Team In Her Shoes Fund Raiser

January 15 & 16 - In His Shoes Annual MLK Event

January 30 (Monday) - Parish Assembly of the St. Peter parish

Watch for details in the mail, email and in the "Key"



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Business cards? Or just write it up. It's a way of getting message out and supporting this publication. The "Key" is distributed at church on Sundays and to thousands on the Internet via email, our website and Facebook.

Day After Christmas

The pastor was looking over the crèche the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus. He walked up to the boy and said, "Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?"

The boy answered honestly, "In the church."

"Why did you take him?" the pastor asked.

"Well," said the boy, "I prayed to the Lord Jesus and asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I'd take Him for a ride in it."



Prayer Requests : Prayer is not only a conversation with God, but a conversation with the self. Remember to put in your prayer request in the front lobby prayer box.



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