

## **Սուրբ Սարգիս Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական**

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### **St. Sarkis Armenian Church Santa Clarita**

### **Շաբաթաթերթիկ-Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

### **Bible Reading**

#### **Hebrews 7:11-25**

**11** If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? **12** For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. **13** He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. **14** For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. **15** And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, **16** one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. **17** For it is declared: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

**18** The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless **19** (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. **20** And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, **21** but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

‘You are a priest forever.’

**22** Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. **23** Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; **24** but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. **25** Therefore he is able to save completely<sup>[c]</sup> those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

#### **Luke 19:12-28**

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**12** He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. **13** So he called ten of his servants and

gave them ten minas.<sup>[a]</sup> ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’ **14** “But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’”

**15** “He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. **16** “The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ **17** “‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’ **18** “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ **19** “His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’ **20** “Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. **21** I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’ **22** “His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? **23** Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’ **24** “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’ **25** “‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’ **26** “He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. **27** But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’” **28** After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

#### **Pastoral Thoughts**

The year 2025 is almost over. One more year has passed and now we think about all the activities that we organized within this year. Lots of people have worked diligently to make our programs successful and I think this is an appropriate moment to thank them all and to raise our prayers, in front of God, to keep all our people healthy and successful in their mission and in their family life. Dear parishioners, our cooperative works are the most precious accomplishments which we reach due to our faith, respect to each other and mutual confidence. These are values which we need to preserve and convey to our children. Church can bring together souls and glorify them in God’s presence.

Working for our church we clean our souls from sins. It helps us to bring satisfaction for our innermost existence. When you do work

like this you feel involved among people, and through your devotion to God's people you cooperate in His creation. With this kind of feelings we need to close every year and start the New Year with a new strength and with a new hope. The end of the old year and the beginning of the New Year is a period which is a wonderful chance for us to practice our spiritual preparation. This is the appropriate time for us to be accountable in front of God. Our feelings and our emotions remind us about our responsibilities, when we say farewell to the old year and we celebrate the beginning of the New Year. Unfortunately, the majority of people celebrate the New Year event as a secular celebration, but of course it contains great celestial happiness.

For us as human beings, to enjoy and to be part of this heavenly celebration there are certain things that we need to overcome at the beginning. Confession, communion and renewal are very important circumstances which gain more importance every year when we celebrate the New Year event. I am confident that we all have this consciousness and God will consider us worthy children to help all of us to succeed in our spiritual journey which starts with the New Year.

Every year during this period we also live with a wonderful mood of Christmas. Every time when we celebrate Christmas we receive God's blessing to renew our covenant with Him, with newborn Jesus. As a Christian we need to focus on this mission. Otherwise we will have a celebration which is empty from spiritual and religious realities. Christmas brings us peace fixed with new thoughts which can establish among people new understanding, new attitude, new hope and new love toward God's creation. We are a major part of this creation as human beings and this understanding should come from us. May God forgive us for our sins and may He consider us worthy children to enjoy the above mentioned heavenly goodness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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