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Bible Reading

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman,^[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[b] ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him

1 Timothy 1:1-11

² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer ⁴ or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. ⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. ⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

⁸ We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. ⁹ We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine ¹¹ that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

Dear members of the St. Sarkis Armenian Church:

We just started a new year with the celebration of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. I am sure that everyone tried to leave all bad and unworthy thoughts and deeds in the past year. I am sure that everyone tried to renew his life with the divine and irreplaceable sacrament of God's incarnation. We need to preserve all blessing, peace, hope and new spiritual innermost joy which were conveyed to us from the Revelation of our Lord. Of course, the most difficult part

is to preserve values, especially in spiritual life when it is not possible to continuously preserve these values.

God commands us to pray all the time. If we stop to pray at any time we lose our contact with those around us. How can we then undertake to pray all the time? It seems impossible. Anyone can ask this question. To pray all the time with words is, of course, impossible. We need to put prayer in our deeds and our attitudes. We need to live the status of prayer, which should reflect our honest and sincere feelings toward God and His creatures.

In creating the world God also created a system of very important values; those of faith, love, hope, humility, humbleness etc. Eventually all these values should be fulfilled with God-pleasing deeds. Along with assigning these values, God let us know all Divine stories about His Begotten Son.

We need to think that we are very lucky that God's account includes us as a part of His Holy Family. Therefore, we need to pay attention to these Divine events. These events are a good opportunity to involve ourselves in the church environment that leads to God's Spirit and the salvation of our souls. Our main concern should be to lead our spirits to God in the right way. We just started this New Year. This is a very good opportunity to review our deeds and thoughts made during the past year. We need to correct those mistakes of the past year as much as possible.

Jesus Christ's birth and Baptism come to help us to renew our spiritual situation. It tells us to exult and share God's annunciation with the faithful. It is not accidental that a new year starts with sharing good news. Good news sharing is a joy and we need to make every effort to join the faithful and sincerely enjoy our Savior's coming with blessings. This is a real challenge to ready our souls and bodies for the New Year. How great is God. At the beginnings of a

new year He prepared a good and desirable event to gather people together to worship and praise our Savior's Birth and Revelation.

Fr. Zaven Markosyan

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Primate

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