

## **Սուրբ Սարգիս Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական**

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

### **Շաբաթաթերթիկ-Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

### **Bible Reading**

#### **Matthew 5:17-48**

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder,<sup>[a]</sup> and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister<sup>[b][c]</sup> will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’<sup>[d]</sup> is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. <sup>23</sup> “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to

the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup> “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor<sup>[i]</sup> and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that

you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### **Sunday of Expulsion**

The seven weeks preceding Easter is called Great Lent. During the days and weeks of Great Lent, we prepare ourselves spiritually to commemorate the greatest event in the history of mankind. Great Lent is a time to repent, to change our lives and turn to God in faith, prayer, fasting, and deeds of love and mercy. Limiting our intake of food and/or eliminating certain foods and worldly pleasures altogether reminds us to focus on our spiritual nourishment. The Sundays of Lent take us through the entire history of humankind, from creation to the glorious second coming. The hymns and Scripture lessons of each day support the meaning of the Lenten Journey: that through prayer, repentance, fasting and Christian witness, we can draw near to God once again

Lent gives us the opportunity to:

- Renew our commitment to God
- Reflect on our lives and let our path be directed by God
- Respond to Jesus' call for love and mercy toward all of God's children.

The second Sunday of the period of Great lent is called the Sunday of Expulsion. The basis of the mystery of and the name of the day can be found in the Holy Bible, the Book of Genesis: "So the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed" (Genesis 3:23). Prehistory is the following. The human being, listening to the

deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit, As punishment the human being of course, didn't die at once, but was deprived of the eternity granted by God and was cursed. Since then man must work hard and sweat to make the soil produce enough food, and woman will have pain in giving birth to her offspring. And in end God said to the human being: "You were made from soil and you will become soil again" (Genesis 3:19). The church Fathers have given the Sundays of the Period of great lent such names and mysteries which symbolize the mankind's way of life – birth, sinning, regret and repentance. This should serve for the human being as an occasion for thinking of himself/herself and his/her lifer so that the period of great Lent should be fruitful and productive.

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