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FEAST OF THE

ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY-MOTHER-OF-GOD

“SOORP ASDVADZADZEEN”

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Sunday, August 16, 2015

Because of her purity and extreme holiness, St. Mary was preserved from corruption after her death and was raised and taken into Heaven. St. Mary was taken up by the power of God, and by the ministry of angels.

NAME DAY: The Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary is considered the NAME DAY for the following: Marie, Mary, Mariam, Maritza, Maro, Pergruhi (Joyce), Dzaghig (Flora), Mayreni, Baydzar (Claire, Clara), Loosin, Lucy, Loosadzine, Loosaper, Khungaper, Arpi, Arpine, Aghavny (Dove), Shooshan (Lily), Antaram, (Hope), Keghetzig, Payloon, Sirarpi, Arshaloos (Dawn), Margarit (Pearl), Angel, Shnorig (Grace), Takoochi (Queenie, Regina), Makroohi, Aroosiag, Srpoohi, Diroohi, Yeranig, Yeranoohi, Goosineh (Virginia).

BLESSING OF THE GRAPES

Why does the Armenian Church bless grapes on the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary you may ask? Why not another fruit?

The answer is as follows. Since the grape is considered the queen of the fruits, and its juice is the symbol of the blood of Christ and Holy Communion, the Church celebrates and gives thanks to God for the blessing He bestows on mankind. Each year the faithful should begin eating grapes only after the “Blessing of the Grapes” during the Feast of the Assumption (Asdvadzadzeen) until the end of the year. Traditionally, the faithful refrain from eating grapes until the grapes are blessed each year.

IN LIEU OF GRAPES DONATIONS

If you would like to make an In Lieu Of Grapes donation on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God & Blessing of the Grapes, please fill out the form below and drop it off at Church or mail to: St. Thomas Armenian Church, P.O. Box 53, Tenafly, NJ 07670; Memo: Grapes

Print Name: _____
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Amount \$: _____
In Memory of : _____

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