

35th Annual Armenian Fest

The support and help of all who are able to give of their time is needed for the 35th Annual Armenian Fest, which will be held on August 15-16, 2010. The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 20th at 8:00 p.m.** Co-chairs of this year's Fest are *Michael Nahabedian and Craig Koresian*.

When the Need Arises - Get in Touch With the Church Office

Before making any preparations, in choosing date and time for Weddings and Baptisms, please be sure to contact our pastor, Fr. Aren Jebejian. All Sacraments must be arranged at least three months ahead. Other church related matters, such as hospital and home visitations and counseling, should also be made first with Fr. Aren. In order to invite clergy from other churches, arrangements must be made through the church office.

Fr. Aren can be reached at the Church Office on Mondays from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, April 19.....Bible Study “Vocations” – The Call to the Priesthood
Tuesday, April 20..... 1st Meeting for the 35th Annual Fest – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 24..... 95th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide - 7:00 p.m.
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
7373 N. Caldwell Avenue, Niles, IL
Guest Homilist - His Eminence Francis Cardinal George
Sunday, April 25.....Divine Liturgy – St. Gregory Martyrs Day Divine Liturgy
and Blessing of Madagh
..... ACYOA Seniors Blood Drive
Thursday, April 29.....108th Diocesan Assembly
thru Host: St. James Armenian Church
Sunday, May 1 Evanston, Illinois
Sunday, May 16.....Women’s Guild Meeting
Monday, May 17.....Bible Study “Vocations” *You Can Run, But You Can’t Hide*
Thursday, May 20.....Catechism - Greek Orthodox Icons
Faye Peponis, Icon Specialist
Saturday, May 22.....Tekeyan Cultural Association Fundraiser for
Teachers in Armenia
Thursday, June 17.....Catechism - Secret (Private) Prayers of the Priest
during the Divine Liturgy

Church Attendance April 11: 60

Midwest Armenian Church Picnics

July 11	Sts. Joachim & Anna, Palos Heights, Illinois
July 25	St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, Wisconsin
August 1	St. Mesrob, Racine, Wisconsin
August 14-15	St. Gregory, Chicago, Illinois
August 22	St. George, Waukegan, Illinois
August 29	St. James, Evanston, Illinois

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Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

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GREEN SUNDAY

Guest Celebrant
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian,
Pastor
April 18, 2010

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Letter of Paul of Peter 2:1-10 Page 209</i> <i>The Gospel According to John 2:23 – 3:12 – Pages 85-86</i>	
Readers:	Epistle: Arnold Koresian	Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeter:	Gregory Tootoian	

We bring attention to our parishioners that it is most inappropriate to enter the Sanctuary during:

- Reading of the Lections until the Creed is recited
- During Confession and Communion
- During the Sermon

Please, wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.

Welcome to Parishioners and Friends

With genuine joy, we welcome all who have come to worship our Lord. This weekend, we are graced with the presence of *His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of America*, for the celebration of Divine Liturgy and to bestow the rank of “sargavak” (Deacon) upon *Sub-deacon Vahe Caliskan*.

We also welcome **Nancy Basmajian, Executive Secretary, ACYOA and members of the ACYOA Central Council** who met together at St. Gregory for a very productive meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

In the afterglow of Easter, our happiness continues from the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Krisdos Haryav ee Merrelotz!
Christ is Risen from the dead!*

*Orhnyal eh Harootiunn Krisdosee!
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!*

Altar Flowers

Today’s flowers adorning the altar are presented to the glory of God in honor of *Vahe Caliskan’s* ordination to the Diaconate of the Armenian Apostolic Church by his parents, **Karajan and Yeranouhi Caliskan and family members.**

Prayers for the Sick (Der Voghormia) – Page 45 of the Divine Liturgy Book

Let us remember and ask God’s Blessings for our parishioners who are ill at home, in a hospital or nursing home. Let us continue with our prayers for:

Anthony Acquarulo
Betty Alberts
David Alloian
Virginia Andrews
Julie Ashikian, Ct.
Margaret Cholakian, CA
Eleanor Chavarrio
Agnes Eghoian
Jacob Hagopian

Shnorik Hitik
George Kazarian
Takouhi Kazarian
Grace Klujian
Benjamin Manoyan
Josh Najarian Mendell, CA
Virginia Nazlian
Heghna (Helen) Paloian
Marilyn Reibel

Tracy Russo
Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian
Alyce Schaffer
Lisa Schaffer
Sam Sommese
Julie Tarpinian
Danny Wallace

Prayer Request

For those wishing to request Requiem Service (Hokehankisd,) special prayers or to enter a loved one’s name on the prayer list, please call the church office by Thursday of that week. Requiem Service may take place during the entire year (including Lent) except for the 5 Tabernacle Feast Days.

Nicene Creed

Together, we shall recite the **Nicene Creed (The Profession of Our Faith)** on pages 18-19 of the Divine Liturgy Book found in the pews.

Kiss of Peace (Pages 26-27 of the Divine Liturgy Book)

The person giving the greeting says: **Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav.**
(Christ is revealed among us.)

The person receiving the greeting responds: **Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee.**
(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

Confession and Communion

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, we ask that they remain in their pews and together read “Confession and Absolution” on pages **48-49 of the Divine Liturgy Book.** When taking communion, make the sign of the cross and say:

I have sinned against God – ՃՊՅՄՅԷՅԻՅՈՒԼԱՄ (Megha Asdoodzo)

Ladies must have a head covering when approaching the Holy Altar.

“The Light of St. Gregory”

Our thanks to *Raelene Ohanesian* for taking the responsibility of the cost of keeping the “**The Light of St. Gregory**” illuminated for the month of *April*.

Ordination of Sub-Deacon

This morning, *His Eminence Khajag Barsamian will* ordain Sub-deacon *Vahe Caliskan* to the Holy Order of Diaconate. Following services a luncheon will be held in honor of Vahe’s ordination by *Dr. & Mrs. Vahe Karachorlu.* Luncheon cost will be a free will offering. Congratulations, Vahe!

Graduates Wanted

Please submit names of graduates from High Schools and Colleges, by calling the church office so that their names may appear in the next issue of the Loosavorich. Deadline is May 3, 2010.

Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes

Our Bible Study will continue with the series of “Vocations” on Monday, April 19 titled “The Call to the Priesthood.” Our next Catechism Class will be held on Thursday, May 20 with *Icon Specialist, Faye Peponis,* giving us the insight of Greek Orthodox Icons. We encourage all parishioners and friends to attend these informative sessions.

Women’s Guild

For the next few months Guild members will be busy preparing for upcoming events. The next business meeting is on Sunday, May 16 following church services. New members are welcome to join and participate in the program and activities of the Women’s Guild.

Home Blessing

The Rite of Home Blessing is a very meaningful tradition and ancient practice of the Armenian Church. It is customary to have the pastor make home visitations for “Door-orhnek” during the fifty days following Easter. Families, who wish to have their home blessed, please call Fr. Aren at the church office to make arrangements.

Summer Camp

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 7-14 – St. Vartan Camp, Greenville, NY has three two-week sessions. Session A: June 28-July 11 - Session B: July 12-25 - Session C: July 26-August 8. There is also staff training from June 24-27. For further information, please visit website:

<http://www.armenianchurch.net/families/programs/camps.html>.