

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church

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Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

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

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

Lections: Acts 1:15-26 – Page 108 Mark 16:2-8 – Page 50
Readers: Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeter: Gregory Tootooian
Church Schedule: Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

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

- Reading of 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

It is with great joy that we welcome all who have come to rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Our spiritual journey during this special season of the year, which began on Poon Paregentan, ends today on this Easter Sunday – the feast of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following the sermon, please join in the procession downstairs for the traditional *Armenian Home Blessing*. Also, join in the Fellowship Hour with a friendly competition of egg-cracking and delectable bakery items for sale hosted by the Women's Guild.

Altar Flowers

The Calla Lily Bouquets adorning the altar are presented to the glory of God by *Siva and Mary Martin on this day of Resurrection – Easter.*

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

Let us remember in our prayers 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:

<i>Anthony Acquarulo</i>	<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Betty Alberts</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>David Alloian</i>	<i>Takouhi Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Danny Wallace</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	

Prayer Requests

For those wishing to request prayers or to enter a loved-one's name on the prayer list, please, call the church office by Thursday of that week.

The Nicene Creed

Together, we shall recite the Nicene Creed (The Profession of our Faith) on Pages 18-19 of the Divine Liturgy book placed in the pews.

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

The person giving the greeting says: The person receiving the greeting responds:
 Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav. **Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee.**
 (Christ is revealed among us.) (Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

Confession and Communion

All faithful members of the Armenian Church should consider it a spiritual **MUST** to have confession and receive Communion for the Feast of Resurrection. Those who will receive Holy Communion are asked to remain in their pews and together read the "Confession and Absolution" on Page 48 of the Divine Liturgy Book. When taking Communion, make the sign of the cross and say:

I have sinned against God – Ք»Օ՝Մ շիօ՛ղա՛ւ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

Care, Maintenance and Cost of the "Light of St. Gregory"

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

Special Choir Plate Collection

Today, the first collection plate which will be passed during the *Diptyches* ("Arakelots"....Page 36) will go towards the **Nairi Choir Scholarship Fund** of our Church.

Holy Week Donations

The Pastor and Parish Council gratefully acknowledge and thank all who so generously donated Palms, Flowers for the Altar and Tomb of Jesus, Candles, and Lily Plants to beautify the church for Holy Week (see Easter Lily Plant insert) All those who made donations for Lily Plants may take them home after services.

The beautiful plants placed on and around the Tomb were graciously donated by the ACYOA Seniors for Good Friday commemorating the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope they will continue this beautiful tradition of bringing plants to decorate the Tomb of the Lord.

Colored Easter Eggs

Fr. Aren and the Women's Guild wish to thank all who donated Easter Eggs for the *Havgutakhagh*. They are beautifully colored and are for sale. Of all the symbols associated with Easter, the egg the symbol of fertility and new life is the most identifiable.

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-ornhek" during the fifty days following Easter. Families who wish to have their home blessed, please call the Fr. Aren (773) 457-4122 to make arrangements..

Memorial Day of Easter (Merelotz)

Requests for Requiem Service for loved ones will be fulfilled on Monday, April 5th the day for the remembrance of the dead. Please give the full name of the person(s) you wish to have remembered on the sign-up sheet placed in the vestibule. A donation of \$5 will be appreciated

Summer Camp

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 1-8 – 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>.

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 preparation, in choosing a date and time for Weddings and Baptisms, please, be sure to contact Fr. Aren or the Church Office. 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 5.....Remembrance of the Dead "Merelotz" – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 8..... Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15.....Catechism – Diaconate in the Armenian Church

.....**Women's Guild – Pizza, 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17..... ACYOA Central Council Meeting at St. Gregory

Sunday, April 18.....Ordination of Vahe Caliskan to the Diaconates

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 – Martyrs Day 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

Monday, May 17.....Bible Study "Vocations" *You Can Run, But You Can't Hide*

Thursday, May 20.....Catechism

Thursday, June 17.....Catechism

Saturday, August 14..... 35th Annual Armenian Fest

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Church Grounds

Sunday, August 15