

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, February 23 ..... Midwest Clergy Lenten Retreat  
to  
University of Saint Mary of the Lake  
Thursday, February 25 ..... Mundelein, IL
- Friday, February 26 ..... Wisconsin/Illinois Regional  
to  
ACYOA Jrs. Retreat  
Sunday, February 28 ..... Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL
- Sunday, February 28..... Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
..... *Hokehankisd* service for the repose of soul for  
Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of  
his death.
- Monday, March 1 ..... Bible Study “Vocations” – Here I am Lord
- Friday, March 5 ..... Lenten Service – 7:30 pm  
..... Lecture: I am the light of the world and I am the door.”
- Saturday, March 6..... Women’s Guild Lenten Retreat – St. Gregory, Chicago
- Sunday, March 7 ..... Sunday of the Steward
- Wednesday, March 10..... Lenten Michink Potluck Dinner – 6:30 pm  
..... Lenten Service – 7:30 pm  
..... Lecture: “I am the good shepherd.”
- Saturday, March 13..... Sainly Women’s Day  
..... Host: St. Gregory Women’s Guild
- Sunday, March 14 ..... Sunday of the Judge
- Monday, March 15 ..... Bible Study “Vocations” – Follow Me
- Friday, March 19..... Lenten Service – 7:30 pm  
..... Lecture: “I am the resurrection and the life  
I am the way, the truth and the life”
- Sunday, March 21 ..... Sunday of the Advent
- Friday, March 26..... Lenten Service – 7:30 pm  
..... Lecture: “I am the true vine”
- Sunday, March 28 ..... PALM SUNDAY  
..... Women’s Guild Palm Sunday Dinner
- Tuesday, March 30..... Service of “Remembrance of the Ten Virgins”
- Thursday, April 1 ..... MAUNDY THURSDAY – “Washing of the Feet”
- Friday, April 2 ..... HOLY FRIDAY
- Saturday, April 3 ..... HOLY SATURDAY  
Easter Eve Services & Jurakalouytz
- SUNDAY, April 4..... EASTER  
Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ
- Monday, April 5..... Remembrance of the Dead “Merelotz”
- Thursday, April 15 ..... Catechism
- Monday, April 19..... Bible Study “Vocations” -The Call to the Priesthood
- Monday, May 17 ..... Bible Study “Vocations: - You can Run,  
But You Can’t Hide

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### Worship Hours

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

## Sunday of the Expulsion Sunday

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Pastor

February 21, 2010

<b>Lections:</b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The Letter of Paul to the Romans</i> 12:1-13:10 – Pages 147-148 <i>The Gospel According to Mathew</i> 5:17-48 – Pages 4-5
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Epistle:</b> Craig Koresian <b>Gospel:</b> Michelle Babikian
<b>Greeter:</b>	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 joy we welcome your presence as we join together to worship the Lord on this second Sunday of Lent. As we enter the church, we note that the curtain is closed. This means that we need to sense God's presence through greater reflection and faith. Lent is a time for us to think about the quality of our spiritual life. We should commit ourselves to more about the Bible and continue our spiritual journey joyfully with emphasis on fasting, prayers, meditation and reflection and preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ.

### **Lenten Sundays**

In the Armenian Church all Sundays of Lent have meaningful names, which reminds us of the various basic Christian truths to meditate upon during that Sunday and the whole week following. Today is the second Sunday of Lent and is called the **Sunday of Expulsion**. It reminds us of the sad consequences of sin just as Adam and Eve suffered when they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. It is we who expel ourselves from God's presence by our action. Please reflect on Genesis 3:1-24.

### **Hokehankisd - Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

Requiem Services have been requested by *Robert and Victoria Kaprelian* for the repose of the souls of

- Pana Khouri – 7<sup>th</sup> year
- Armenouhi Kaprelian – 11<sup>th</sup> year
- Magar Kaprelian – 14<sup>th</sup> year

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following services, all are invited to attend the *Fellowship Hour hosted by Victoria and Robert Kaprelian*.

### **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:

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

### **Special Prayers**

- Our prayers are requested for *Sam Sommese* who is hospitalized at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60634.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Communion Note**

Even though Holy Communion is not openly offered during Great Lent, communion may be received by making special arrangements with Fr. Aren.

### **Lenten Vigil Service:**

Evening services will be held on Friday nights (except Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup>) and on Wednesday night, March 10<sup>th</sup>, following the Michink Dinner. During these services, 24 prayers of St. Nersess Shnorhali are recited. This is done by taking turns individually when each side of the church takes a turn reading.

### **Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes**

Bible study classes and the Catechism Series will take place on designated dates (see Calendar of Events.) We encourage all parishioners and friends to attend these informative sessions.

### **Women's Guild**

The next business meeting of the Women's Guild will be held this afternoon following the Fellowship Hour. Members who have not paid their 2010 dues are being reminded that dues of \$15.00 are to be paid at today's meeting. The WG is off to a new and exciting season – Michink Dinner, one-day Lenten retreat, Sainly Women's Day and Palm Sunday Dinner. Can you knit or would you like to learn how to knit? Join for a **Knitting Bee** sponsored by the Women's Guilds of St. Gregory and St. James on Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. If interested, please call Raelene Ohanesian (224-764-2016) for further information. All women of the church are welcome to join the Women's Guild and participate in the meetings.

### **Sunday School**

This year's Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive will benefit two worthwhile programs:

1. **The Children of Haiti.** With the death toll over 200,000, recovery in Haiti will take far longer than the decades during which aid for the 1988 poured into Armenia. Children are affected with thousands left orphaned.
2. **Gavar School, Armenia.** This is the only school in all Armenia completely devoted to the education of children aged 6-18 with mental and physical disabilities. Gavar School was established in 1976 and has a current enrollment of 90 children with challenges ranging from autism to Down's Syndrome.

Once again, we ask that we open our hearts and be generous with our Lenten gift for these two causes.

### **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 this week at the Church Office on Monday from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday will attend the Midwest Clergy Lenten Retreat.**