

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 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
..... Women’s Guild Meeting
- 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

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Guest Celebrant
Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor
February 28, 2010

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 6:1-7:1</i> – Pages 165-166 <i>The Gospel According to Luke 5:17-48</i> – Pages 71-72
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 joy we welcome your presence as we join together to worship the Lord during this period of Lent. We are in hopes that you are continuing your journey through this holy and spiritual period with reflection, almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Let us joyfully prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter.

Guest Celebrant

We also welcome *Fr. Nersess Jebejian* our guest celebrant for Divine Liturgy... it's always a pleasure to have him with us. By his presence, Fr Aren is being given the opportunity to spend time with the Sunday School students.

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 *third Sunday of Lent* and is called the **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**. Here we learn the necessity of opening our hearts, confessing our sins and knowing that we are truly forgiven and loved by our heavenly Father. Please reflect on Luke 15-1-32.

Hokehankisd – Requiem Service Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book

Special *hokehankisd* service for the repose of soul for:

- *Former Pastor, Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian – 40th Day requested by Yerezgin Shooshan Hazarian and children, Raffi and Tamar.*

Fellowship Hour

Following services, all are invited to attend the *Hokejash* in memory of Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian hosted by *Yerezgin Shooshan, Raffi and Tamar, family friends and members of the St. Gregory Women's Guild.*

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>

Margaret Cholakian, CA
Eleanor Chavarrio
Agnes Eghoian
Jacob Hagopian

Virginia Nazlian
Heghna (Helen) Paloian
Marilyn Reibel
Tracy Russo

Danny Wallace
Nancy Weiss

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.

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family of *Sam Arabshian* who died on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Funeral Services were officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian on Friday, February 26, 2010. Interment: Mt. Olive Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

Lenten Vigil Service:

Evening services will be held on Friday nights (except Friday, February 26^t & March 12th) and on Wednesday night, March 10th, 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 on March 21st following the Fellowship Hour. We are once again reminding members to pay their 2010 dues of \$15.00. The WG is ready for a new season filled with programs of interest to all.--the one-day Mini Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 6th, the Michink Dinner on Wednesday, March 10 and the Regional Sainly Women's Day Luncheon on Saturday, March 13th. All women of the church are welcome to join the Women's Guild and participate in the meetings, and be involved with their functions.

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.