

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
Chicago, Illinois

Sunday, January 10, 2010

## FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND BAPTISM OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

FIFTH DAY OF NATIVITY

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor

*Krisdos dzunav yev haydnetzav*  
*+Christ is born and revealed+*

*Orhnyal eh haydnootiunun Krisdosi*  
*+Blessed is the revelation of Christ+*

**Lections:** *The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Page 186*  
*The Gospel According to John 11:1-46 – Pages 96-97*  
**Readers:** Epistle – Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian  
**Greeter:** Gregory Tootooian  
**Schedule of Services:** 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

With open hearts we welcome all who have come to worship God as we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity and Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all and may all the wonderful blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year. The *Sunday School* will present its Christmas Pageant in church, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

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

Remember in your prayers and ask God's Blessings for our parishioners who are ill, in a hospital, nursing home or recuperating at 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*

*Fr. Vahram Hazarian*

*Shnorik Hitik*

*George Kazarian*

*Takouhi Kazarian*

*Grace Klujian*

*Benjamin Manoyan*

*Jack Najarian Mendell, CA*

*Virginia Nazlaian*

*Heghna (Helen) Paloian*

*Marilyn Reibel*

*Tracy Russo*

*Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian*

*Alyce Schaffer*

*Lisa Schaffer*

*Harry Seraydarian*

*Sam Sommese*

*Julie Tarpinian*

*Hovsep Utas*

*Danny Wallace*

*Nancy Weiss*

### Prayer Request

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.

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### Godfather of the Cross

The Blessing of Water Service (*Churorhnek*) symbolizing the Baptism of Christ will follow Divine Liturgy. As Godfather of the Lord's Baptism, *Mason Karian*, will hold the Holy Cross during the service and represent John the Baptist. Please use the paper cups to consume the blessed water in church and then discard them in the designated receptacle. These paper cups will be burned. Please use the plastic containers only if you wish to take some home to the sick or elderly. We ask that you return these plastic vessels to church since they cannot go into the "regular" trash due to traces of Holy Muron (Chrism) still being in them. They should also not be "rinsed-out" in a sink, since this water goes into the sewer system.

### The 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:

**Orhnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee**

**(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)**

### Confession Time and Method

For those wish 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 – 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 the *Babikian Family* for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the "Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the *month of January in memory of Garabed and*

*Vartouhi DerMinassian and Hampartzoum and Begheghia Babikian.*

### Special Choir Plate Collection

Today, the first collection plate which will be passed during the *Dypticks* ("*Arakelotz*"...*Page 36*) will be for the *St. Gregory Nairi Choir.*

### "Year of Vocations"

Fr. Aren will deliver a sermon to inaugurate this year's Diocesan theme of "Vocations: The Call to Serve." A special DVD video will be screened during the Christmas Luncheon on the important role parishioners can take to help strengthen the ranks of the priesthood in the Armenian Church.

### Women's Guild

Following church services, you are invited to attend the Armenian Christmas Family Luncheon hosted by the Women's Guild. Donation: Adults - \$15.00; Juniors 12-16 \$5.00; Children 11 and under FREE.

### Winter Party

On Saturday, January 16 from 3-11pm our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Fest** will be held. There will be lamb or chicken shish-kebobs with delicious Armenian pilaf and salad. Our Sweet Table will have many Armenian delicacies and music will be

All in all, it promises to be a real fun evening for everybody. Admission is FREE!

### Home Blessing

Every Armenian family is encouraged to have their home blessed. . In the Armenian Church, is customary to have the pastor make home visitations during the 40 days after

Christmas and Easter. If you wish to have your home blessed during Christmastide or at a later date, please call Fr. Aren to make arrangements.

**Poinsettia Plants**

Fr. Aren and the Parish Council thank all who made donations of poinsettia plants to enhance the Holy Altar and Sanctuary during this Holy Season. See insert for a list of donors. Parishioners who donated poinsettias may take them home following the Divine Liturgy

**Remembrance of the Dead - Merelotz**

*Hokehankisd*, Requiem Service, for the repose of the souls of the departed, will be offered tomorrow, Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Those who wish to have Requiem Service for their loved one(s) please place the name(s) on the Sign-Up Sheet in the church vestibule. A \$5.00 offering is suggested per family.

**Ecumenical Celebration**

In observance of the 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicagoland Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, January 24 at 4:00pm at the Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, IL. A reception will follow the service. All are invited to attend.

**Poon Parigentan**

Mark this date on your calendar! **FEBRUARY 13 2010** – It's the date for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Poon Parigentan sponsored by the Armenian Churches: St. Gregory the Illuminator, Chicago, St. James, Evanston and Sts. Joachim & Anne, Palos Heights. It will be held at the Crystal Palace Banquets in Mt. Prospect, IL featuring the Aravod Ensemble with Steve Vosbikian from Philadelphia and Khatchig Jingirian from San Francisco. Flyers will be forthcoming.

**Annual Parish Assembly**

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2010. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting by the Nairi Choir. In order to be eligible to be a voting member, dues were to be paid by December 31, 2009.

**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 Jebejian 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 – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Monday, January 12** – Remembrance of the Deceased “Merelotz
- Saturday, January 16** – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Fest – 3-11pm
- Sunday, January 18** – Children’s Sermon
- Sunday, January 24** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
4:00 p.m. – Church of Wilmette  
1020 Forest Avenue  
Wilmette, IL 60091
- Sunday, January 31** – Annual Parish Assembly following Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, February 13** – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Poon Parigentan Dinner & Dance  
Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 S. Elmhurst Rd.