

**ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH**

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**Summer Worship Hours**

**Morning Service – 9:30 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.**

***FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION  
OF OUR LORD***

**Women's Guild**

Although a break of two months or so is being taken, it doesn't mean that members are not planning programs and activities for the fall season. In the meantime, Guild members are helping with the preparation of food items and those good things that draw the crowds to our "fest." The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, a safe and happy summer is wished for everyone.

**Address Book Form**

Remember! The deadline for the Address Book Form is September 8, 2009. This is a project that Diane Abezetian of the Women's Guild has undertaken (on behalf of the Parish Council) and she would like to get started creating an address book including phone numbers and e-mail addresses for use by parishioners and friends of St. Gregory. In today's world, e-mail has become an effective, fast and less expensive way of communicating. So, we ask for your cooperation by filling out the form and returning it as soon as possible. Extra forms are placed in the church vestibule. Don't be left out!

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Fest**

The dates of August 15 & 16 are slowly approaching and we are looking forward to another successful fest. We are still in need of soft drinks and items for the Silent Auction. The next together meeting is for "**Work Night**" scheduled for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. All unsold **Really Big Raffle** tickets are to be turned in on this night.

**Fest Bake Dates**

***Lamajoun – To Be Announced***

All female and male volunteers are welcome. Remember, many hands make light work! Please call Helen Babikian at 847-715-9402 for additional information.

**Hye Camp 2009**

Under the leadership of Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Hye Camp will be held on August 2-August 9, 2009 at Camp Hickory, 26201 West Nippersink Road, Ingleside, Illinois. All children are invited to experience a program filled with a blend of Religion, Armenian language, culture, history, dance, music, arts and crafts, and fellowship, along with a full sports program. On opening day, Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, all former and future Hye Campers, staff members, interested parents and friends of Hye Camp are invited to "Open House" with the following schedule: **2:00 p.m.** Arrival of 2009 Hye Campers, Counselors, parents and guests. Tour of facilities. **4:30 p.m.** Opening prayers and introductions in the Soorp Haroutiun Chapel – Dinner (Free-will offering) - **6:30 p.m.** Parents and guests depart.

**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.**

*Guest Celebrant*

*Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Tsaturyan*

*July 19, 2009*

**Lections:** The Epistle Reading:  
*The Letter of Paul of John 1:1-17 – Pages – 214-215*  
*The Gospel According to Mathew – 16:13-17:13 – Pages 16-17*

**Readers:** Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian

**Greeter:** Gregory Tootoian and Harry Paloian

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**

We rejoice in the presence of all who have come to worship the Lord. Today we are celebrating the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ**, one of the five major feast days of the Armenian Church. This day is also sometimes referred to “**Vartavar**” (**Festival of Roses**) after an old pagan feast which it replaced. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome you and hope you will be with us on most Sundays for worship services during the summer months.

**Guest Celebrant**

We welcome our **Guest Celebrant, Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Tsaturyan**. Fr. Dajad was our interim pastor while Fr. Aren was on a one year leave in Armenia. We congratulate Fr. Dajad on receiving his Masters Degree from the John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. He will return to Armenia on August 4, 2009. We are most happy to have this opportunity of seeing him before he leaves, and offer our prayers for a safe journey.

**Special Hokehankisd (Requiem Service)**

This morning a **special hokehankisd** service will be held for the repose of the souls of the victims of Caspian Airlines Flight 7908. Let us all offer our prayers for all the victims and ask God to rest their souls in peace and console and strengthen their loved ones.

**Fellowship Hour**

Following church services, all are invited to attend the Fellowship Hour *hosted by the members of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in honor of our Guest Celebrant, Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Tsaturyan.*

**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 at home, in a hospital or nursing home. Let us continue with our prayers for the following:

<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>
<i>Fran Annoreno</i>	<i>Fr. Vahram Hazarian</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Dr. Hovanes Sahagian</i>
<i>Jim Bottala</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Marge Kazarian</i>	<i>Harry Seraydarian</i>
<i>Yn. Patricia Dagley, OH</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Sister Janet</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Levon Demerdjian</i>	<i>Isabell Nahabedian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Pam Vilches</i>
<i>Edward Fromm</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	
<i>Paul Gerlach</i>	<i>Harry Paloian</i>	

**Special Prayers**

Our prayers are requested by **Helen and Mark Nahabedian, Marco Island, FL** for a speedy recovery to good health of their friend, **Anthony Acquarulo**.

**Requiem Service/Special Prayers**

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.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar are presented to the glory of God on the occasion of the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ and in memory of the crash victims of Flight 7908.**

**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 – Օ՞՞՞՞՞՞ ՚ե՛ի՛՛՛՛՛՛՛ (Megha Asdoodzo)**

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

**Special Choir Plate Collection**

Today, being the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the first plate passed during the *Diptychs* (“Arakelots”...Page 36) will be for the Nairi Choir.

**“The Light of St. Gregory”**

Our thanks to the **Abezetian Family** for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the “Light of St. Gregory” illuminated for the month of **July in loving memory of Zabelle Abezetian.**

**Home Blessings**

Home Blessing is a meaningful religious service that brings the entire family together in oneness and holiness, and blesses them. Through this ceremony everyone’s faith is replenished and strengthened and the Lord’s presence is felt. Usually homes are blessed during the days right after Christmas and Easter but can be blessed at any other time during the year. Parishioners who wish to have their homes blessed, bringing the light of Christ into your home, please call Fr. Aren to schedule a Home Blessing.

**Nanny**

We have been approached to announce that a nanny is looking for a permanent job caring for children from infancy to young children. If any family is interested, please contact **Benjamin Manoyan** or **Sam Sommese**.  
 Fr. Aren.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, August 2  
through..... Hye Camp 2009 – Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL  
Sunday, August 9

Saturday, August 15..... 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Fest – Church Grounds  
&

Sunday, August 16 ..... FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY  
MOTHER-OF-GOD (Blessing of Grapes)  
Divine Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.

**FEST WORK SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, August 4 ..... Work Night – 7::00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12-13 ..... Skewering of Meat and Chicken – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 14 .....Set-up – 7:00 p.m.

**MIDWEST ARMENIAN CHURCH PICNICS**

Sunday, July 26.....St. John, Greenfield, Wisconsin

Sunday, August 2 .....St. Mesrob, Racine, Wisconsin

Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16.....St. Gregory, Chicago, Illinois

Sunday, August 23.....St. George, Waukegan, Illinois

Sunday, August 30 .... St. James, Evanston, Illinois

