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

***Feast of the Universal Church
of Holy Etchmiadzin***

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Pastor**

June 14, 2009

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

- 1 Reading of the Lections until the Creed is recited**
- 2 During Confession and Communion**
- 3 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 true joy we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. We are pleased to have you with us as the Armenian Church celebrates the **Feast of the Universal Church of Holy *Etchmiadzin*.**

Holy *Etchmiadzin*

Etchmiadzin is the spiritual headquarters of All Armenians since the time of St. Gregory the Illuminator. According to tradition, St. Gregory saw Christ in a vision, coming down from heaven indicating with a golden hammer where Christ wanted a church to be built. He struck the ground three times with the hammer and instantly a mighty golden column rose on the spot and then it was transformed into a magnificent church. From that day on, in 303AD, the **Cathedral of Holy *Etchmiadzin*** has stood on the same place for over 1700 years; in the foothills of the famous biblical mountain Ararat and the Araks river valley.

Hokehankisd – Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book

Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will be offered this morning for the repose of soul for:

- 1 Arthur (Archie) Aznavoorian – 1st Year Anniversary**
requested by Steve and Paula Clare and family,
Laura Aznavoorian Terzich and Sam Terzich

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are presented to the glory of God in memory of *Arthur (Archie) Aznavoorian* by family members.

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

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.

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:	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

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 – Ø»Õ³Ū ²ëĩáôĩáŪ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

“The Light of St. Gregory”

Our thanks to *Jeff Wittmus* for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the “Light of St. Gregory” illuminated for the month of *June*.

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 make arrangements.

Ararat Center Liaison

We asked and we received! We are happy to report that *Linda Zakarian* volunteered her services as St. Gregory liaison for the *Ararat Center*. Thanks, Linda!

Children’s Sermon

It’s the Sunday for Children’s Sermon and the closing of Sunday School! Fr. Aren is all set with his sermon for accomplishments during the summer months that will be of much interest to all.

34th Annual Armenian Fest

Please mark Tuesday, July 7th on your calendar for the next meeting of the 34th Annual Armenian Fest. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER!** Please contact Chairpersons, Craig Koresian 773/631-4786 or Armen Zakarian 847/253-6669. In the meantime, all fest committee members and volunteers are being reminded that Wednesday, June 24 has been designated as a **WORK NIGHT** in preparation for the fest.

Fest Bake Dates

The following dates are scheduled for baking:

June 16th, 11:00 a.m. – Choregs
June 23rd and 24th – Lamajoun – 9:00 a.m.

All volunteers are welcome – men and women.

Women’s Guild

On Thursday, June 25, it will be a “work meeting” at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women’s Guild.

Address Book Form

Did you fill out the Address Book Form sent to you recently? The Women’s Guild has undertaken the project of creating an address book including phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Today, e-mail has become an effective, fast and less expensive way of communicating. Therefore, in our effort to build an address book for parishioners and friends of St. Gregory; we ask that you return the form as soon as

possible. _

Camp Siranoush

Jeff Wittmus will be leaving for Armenia on July 11th. This will be his ninth trip to provide dental care for the orphans of Camp Siranoush. As related in the announcement sent by mail, corporate donations have not been received and the clinic has come close to closing for lack of funds. We have helped Jeff in his mission in the past and ask for your help now so that the children will continue to receive the necessary dental care. Please contact Dr. Wittmus through his website: www.gratefuldental.com or Violet Koresian at St. Gregory Armenian Church.

Summer Camps

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 1-8 and St. Vartan Camp, at Ararat Center, Greenville, NY with 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 contact **Jennifer E. Morris, Youth Outreach Coordinator (212) 686-0710 ext. 118 or jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org.**

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday Reconsecration of Doors and Reopening of Large Hall
June 20-21 **Father’s Day – Divine Liturgy - Guest Celebrant, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)**
 Father’s Day Brunch
Wednesday, June 24 **Work Night for Armenian Fest – 7:00 p.m.**
Thursday, June 25 **Women’s Guild Work Meeting**
Tuesday, June 30..... **Sunday School Fun with Hayr Soorp**
Tuesday, July 7..... **34th Annual Picnic Meeting**
Thursday, July 9 **Sunday School Fun with Hayr Soorp**

Church Attendance June 7 - 55

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS: June 28, 2009 – September 6, 2009
Morning Services – 9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy – 10:00 a.m.