

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.

Please be generous with your 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 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 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 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  
 Saturday, April 17 ..... ACYOA Central Council Meeting at St. Gregory  
 Sunday, April 18 ..... Ordination of Vahe Caliskan as Deacon  
 Monday, April 19 ..... Bible Study “Vocations” -The Call to the Priesthood  
 Saturday, April 24 ..... Martyrs Day – Guest Homilist, Cardinal George  
 Details will be forthcoming  
 Thursday, April 29 ..... 108<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Assembly  
 thru ..... – Host: St. James Armenian Church,  
 Evanston, Illinois  
 Sunday, May 1st .....  
 Monday, May 17 ..... Bible Study “Vocations” - You can Run,  
 Church Attendance March 7: 70 ..... 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 Judge*

*Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian,  
 Pastor  
 March 14, 2010*

<b>Lections:</b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The Letter of Paul to the Philippians 3:1– 4:9 – Pages 180-181      The Gospel According to Luke 17:20 – 18:14 – Pages 73-74</i>
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Epistle:</b> Arnold 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. In observing the Lenten season, we are entering the *fifth week* of this important period of our Christian life. As a means of strengthening our faith, we hope you are sharing time with Him through prayer or quiet meditation, following the fasting rules of the church, attending Lenten services and continuing to give up something especially enjoyable to you. Let us continue our spiritual journey by preparing ourselves for the glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.

### **Lenten Sundays**

In the Armenian Church all Sundays of Lent have meaningful names, which reminds us to know God’s will for us. Today is the *fifth Sunday of Lent* and is called the **Sunday of the Judge**. In today’s parable Jesus reminds us of the great importance of prayer, keeping the lines of communication open between God and us. We must always pray whether it be through private prayers and in any place or through communal worship but we should never lose heart. He (Jesus) used as an example of an exasperated, self-centered judge who neglects the pleas of a poor widow, the victim of inequity, who asks him to do her justice. The judge finally renders a decision only to be rid of her and sends her away. Reflect on Luke 18: 1-8.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following services, all are invited to attend the Fellowship Hour hosted by the Sunday School parents and staff.

### **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>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Betty Alberts</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>David Alloian</i>	<i>Takouhi Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, Ct.</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Sam Somnese</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlian</i>	<i>Danny Wallace</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Nancy Weiss</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	

### **Birthday Greetings**

We are happy to pass on to our parishioners that *Takouhi Kazarian* is doing well at the Forest Villa, 6840 W. Touhy, Niles, IL 60714. She is in good spirits and will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let’s get those cards in the mail!  
happy, happy birthday

### **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.

Requiem Service may take place during the entire year (including Lent) except for the 5 Tabernacle Feast Days.

### **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.

### **“The Light of St. Gregory”**

Our thanks to *Paul Aznavoorian* for taking the responsibility of the cost of keeping the **“The Light of St. Gregory”** illuminated for the month of March.

### **Condolences**

We extend our sympathies to the family of *James Poladian* who died on Monday, March 8, 2010. Funeral Services were held at St. Gregory Armenian Church on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian and Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian. Interment: Montrose Cemetery.

May God rest his soul in eternal peace and give comfort to the bereaved.

### **Lenten Vigil Services**

Evening services will take place starting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights (except March 12<sup>th</sup>). 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, especially during this season of Lent.

### **Women’s Guild**

The next business meeting of the Women’s Guild will be held on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> following the Fellowship Hour with new activities for discussion. The Michink Dinner last Wednesday overflowed with an assortment of delicious Lenten dishes. and was enjoyed by all who attended. The Sainly Women’s Day was held yesterday and attended by the Clergy and Guild members from the Midwest Churches. Each attendee was presented with a vessel to carry mustard seeds as a reminder of the power of Faith as reflected in Mathew 17-20. The guest speaker was Kathryn E. Nees, Graduate of Western Illinois University and Peace Corp volunteer with some great stories of her assignment in Armenia. It was truly an enjoyable afternoon!

If you have not yet paid your yearly dues of \$15, we ask that you send your check made payable to St Gregory Women’s Guild to: We look forward to seeing new members joining the Guild. Yearly dues are only \$15.

### **Sunday School**

This year’s Diocesan-wide Sunday School 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.