

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, March 10.....Lenten Michink Potluck Dinner – 6:30 pm
.....Lenten Service – 7:30 pm
.....Lecture: “I am the good shepherd.”
- Saturday, March 13.....Saintly Women’s Day
.....Host: St. Gregory Women’s Guild
- Sunday, March 14Sunday of the Judge
.....DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
- 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 21Sunday of the Advent
.....Women’s Guild Meeting
- Friday, March 26.....Lenten Service – 7:30 pm
.....Lecture: “I am the true vine”
- Sunday, March 28PALM SUNDAY DINNER
- Tuesday, March 30.....Service of “Remembrance of the Ten Virgins”
- Thursday, April 1.....MAUNDY THURSDAY – “Washing of the Feet”
- Friday, April 2HOLY FRIDAY
- Saturday, April 3HOLY 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

Church Attendance February 28: 55

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

Sunday of the Steward

*Very Rev. Fr. Aren Tebejian,
Pastor
March 7, 2010*

<u>Lections:</u>	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 4:17-5:14 – Pages 176-177</i> <i>The Gospel According to Luke 16:1-31 – Pages 72-73</i>
<u>Readers:</u>	Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
<u>Greeter:</u>	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 fourth week of this important period of our Christian life. As a means of strengthening our faith, we are in hopes that you are continuing your journey with reflection, almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Let our journey prepare joyfully 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 of the various basic Christian truths to meditate upon during that Sunday and the whole week following. Today is the *fourth Sunday of Lent* and is called the **Sunday of the Steward**. This parable pertains to the dishonest steward who sought to cover up his misdeed with further injustices rather than confessing his mistake. It is telling us to our lives in a way that pleases God. One day, we will be called to give an accounting of our selves and our life to Almighty God. Please reflect on Luke 16:1-31.

Fellowship Hour

Following services, all are invited to attend the Fellowship Hour *hosted by Helen and Michelle Babikian on behalf of the 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>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 Sommese</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>	

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.

Lenten Vigil Services

Evening services will take place starting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights (except March 12th) and on Wednesday night, March 10th following the Lenten Michink Potluck. 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 21st following the Fellowship Hour. Having had a successful Mini-Retreat yesterday, the WG will continue with their planned March events.

Wednesday, March 10–Lenten (Michink) Potluck 6:30pm - Free Will Offering

This is a “Middle of Lent” Potluck with a variety of traditional Armenian Lenten foods. At 7:30pm Lenten Services will be held with the continuation of lecture of the 7 “I AM”s of Jesus presented by Fr. Aren..

Saturday, March 13 – Sainly Women's Day: Service - 11:00am - followed by a Lenten Luncheon & Program -- Guest Speaker, Kathryn E. Nees, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer - Armenia. Donation: Adults \$12 – Children under 12 are FREE RSVP by March 10 to Church Office or e-mail raelene.ohanesian@gmail.com

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 Sunday School 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.

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.