

Home Blessing

The Rite of Home Blessing is a very meaningful tradition and an ancient practice of the Armenian Church. It is customary to have the pastor make home visitations for “Door-orhnek” during the fifty days following Easter. Families, who wish to have their home blessed, please call Fr. Aren at the church office to make arrangements.

Summer Camps

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 7-14 – St. Vartan Camp, Greenville, NY has 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 visit website:

<http://www.armenianchurch.net/families/programs/camps.html>.

35th Annual Armenian Fest

We’re getting ready for the 35th Annual Armenian Fest, the most important event of the year, to be held on August 14-15, 2010. As we have been saying, we need the help and support of ALL who are able to give of their time. At present, we are in need of someone to handle the **Silent Auction**. If you can be of help for this most important position, please call **Craig Koresian, Cell: (312) 208-4526** before the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 8 pm. **Co-chairs for the Fest are Michael Nahabedian and Craig Koresian.**

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.

**This Monday Fr. Aren can be reached at the Church Office from 2– 5:00 pm
On Wednesday, he will be in New York attending a Diocesan Council Meeting.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 17.....Bible Study “Vocations” *You Can Run, But You Can’t Hide*

Thursday, May 20.....Catechism - Greek Orthodox Icons

Faye Peponis, Icon Specialist

Saturday, May 22.....Tekeyan Cultural Association Fundraiser for
Teachers in Armenia

Sunday, May 23.....PENTECOST

Tuesday, May 25.....35th Annual Armenian Fest Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 30Deacon’s Services:

Morning Service: 10:30 am. – Deacon’s Service: 11:00 am

Friday, June 4.....2010 Game Night - 6pm to 10 pm

Sunday, June 6.....FEAST OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

Thursday, June 17..... Catechism - Secret (Private) Prayers of the Priest

Sunday, June 20.....FATHER’S DAY – Divine Liturgy

Guest Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian

Church Attendance June 9: 80

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Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Second Palm Sunday

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Pastor

May 16, 2010

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The First Letter of John 5:13--21 – Page 88</i> <i>The Gospel According to John 12:12-23 – Pages 97-98</i>
Readers:	Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeter:	Gregory Tootooian

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

It is with great joy that we welcome all who have come to worship. From Easter to the Sunday of Pentecost is a 50-day period called Eastertide. The first 40 days of Eastertide culminated with the Feast of Ascension, which commemorated the ascent of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. Today we are observing the **Seventh Sunday of Eastertide**. It is also known as the **Second Palm Sunday** because the gospel readings recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Fellowship Hour

Following services, you are all invited to today's 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>Betty Alberts</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Jamie & Jackson Robinson</i>
<i>David Alloian</i>	<i>Takouhi Kazarian</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Ron McClintock</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Blanche Tyner</i>
<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	<i>Danny Wallace</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.

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. (Christ is revealed among us.)	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 -- Չ»Օ՛Ս Դճիձձիձձ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

"The Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to **Harry & Shirley Paloian** for taking the responsibility of the cost of keeping the **"The Light of St. Gregory"** illuminated for the month of **May**.

Resting In The Lord

Our deepest condolences to the Dulkadir Family and Norayr Tapucu on the death of their Nephew, Murat Kilic on June 27 in Istanbul, Turkey. May God rest his soul in His heavenly kingdom and comfort those who mourn him.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Hosep & Gayane Utas, on the baptism of their son, **Sarkis Frederick Utas** on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Celebrant: Fr. Aren Jebajian, assisted by Deacon Vahe Caliskan and Hagop Dirilen. Congratulations also to Godparents, Kevork Utas and Kimberly Mason and also Grandmother Takouhi Utas. We wish Sarkis Frederick all the blessings of God's love.

Children's Sermon

It's time for **Children's Sermon!** We're certain Fr. Aren's words will be of interest to all.

Called to Armenia

Fr. Aren has been called by His Holiness Karekin II to Holy Etchmiadzin I for a meeting of all members of the Brotherhood of Holy Etchmiadzin. He will leave on Friday, May 28 and return on Friday, June 11.

Summer Worship Hours

Beginning June 20 through September 5 our summer worship hours will be:

Morning Service: 9:30 am. – Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Beginning on Sunday, September 12, we will revert back to the regular hours.

Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes

Our Bible Study will finish **Vocations** with "You Can Run, But You Can't Hide" on Monday, May 17 at 8 – 9:30 pm Our next Catechism Class will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 8 pm with **Icon Specialist, Faye Peponis**, giving us the insight of Greek Orthodox Icons. We encourage all parishioners and friends to attend these informative sessions.

Women's Guild

Following the Fellowship Hour, the Women's Guild will have their monthly meeting. A report of the Women's Guild Meeting at the Diocesan Assembly will be given by delegates. There will also be many new events for discussion. All women of the church are welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women's Guild.

2010 Game Night

Remember the date -- **Friday, June 4 from 6-10 pm.** What's planned is an evening of fun for all ages. This event is sponsored by the Parish Council and will be held in the Cultural Hall. You can participate in the Bags Tournament, or the Video Game Face-Office, Guitar Hero and much, much more. With burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, beer and wine you can count on having a great evening.