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MOTHER'S DAY

May 9, 2010

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Pastor

Lections: <i>The First Letter of John 3:2-6 – Page 215</i> <i>The Gospel According to John 9:39 – 10:10 – Pages 94-95</i>
Readers: Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeters: 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

On this Mother's Day, we rejoice that you've come to worship the One who set us in families. Let this annual remembrance be a day to express our gratitude to God on how mothers establish a set of values that influence our way of life with good living and love. Happy Mother's Day!

Requiem Service (Hokehankid) – Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book

- *For the souls of all deceased mothers*

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are presented to the glory of God by *Violet Koresian* for all deceased mothers as well as living mothers of our parish.

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:

Anthony Acquarulo
Robinson

Shnorik Hitik

Jamie & Jackson

Betty Alberts

George Kazarian

Tracy Russo

David Alloian

Takouhi Kazarian

Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian

Virginia Andrews

Grace Klujian

Alyce Schaffer

Julie Ashikian, Ct.

Benjamin Manoyan

Lisa Schaffer

Margaret Cholakian, CA

Josh Najarian Mendell, CA

Sam Somnese

Eleanor Chavarrio

Virginia Nazlian

Julie Tarpinian

Agnes Eghoian
Jacob Hagopian

Heghna (Helen) Paloian
Marilyn Reibel

Blanche Tyner
Danny Wallace

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 the 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.

Orhnyal eh Haydnootiunn Krisdosee

(Christ is revealed among us.)

(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

Confession Time and Method

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»Ö³Û ²ëïáóíáÛ (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 for the cost of keeping the "Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the month of **May**.

Mother's Day Carnations

All mothers attending church services today will receive a red carnation as a gift from *George and Pauline Nahabedian* in memory of their mothers –

Aspasia Counoupeotis and Rose Nahabedian

Mother's Day Brunch

Following church services, all are invited to the Mother's Day Brunch sponsored by the Parish Council in honor of the mothers of our parish. Special thanks to *Arden Karian and Gregory Tootoian* for coordinating and preparing the brunch. All mothers are complimentary. Donation for other attendees: Adults - \$12.00 – Children under 12 - \$5.00. Children under 5 FREE.

Avon Walk Bake Sale

There will be a very special Bake Sale this afternoon in the Cultural Hall for the **Avon Walk for Breast Cancer**. *Cathy George* will do a 39 mile walk on the week-end of June 5-6 in memory of all deceased St. Gregory women who died of this disease and in honor of all our breast cancer survivors. The monies raised for this cause will go towards breast cancer research. We hope you will give your support by buying home made choregs, paklava, cheese triangles and other homemade bakery items that will be displayed. Or, you can make a donation in lieu of providing baked goods.

Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes

Our Bible Study will continue with the series of "Vocations" on Monday, May 17th at 8:00 p.m. Our next Catechism Class will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 8:00 p.m. 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

The next general meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16th following church services. A report will be given by the delegates who attended the 108 Annual Diocesan Assembly.

2010 Game Night

An evening of fun for all ages has been planned for Friday, June 4 from 6-10 p.m. It's an event 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 Offs, Guitar Hero and much, much more. With burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, beer and wine it's an event not to be missed. Come with your family and friends!

35th Annual Armenian Fest

We're getting ready for the 35th Annual Armenian Fest to be held on August 14-15, 2010. As said, we need the help and support of **ALL** who are able to give of their time. At present, our needs are for a secretary and someone to handle the Silent Auction. If you can help with either of these positions, please call **Craig Koresian, Cell: (312) 208-4526** before the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 8:00 p.m. Co-Chairs for the Fest are Michael Nahabedian and Craig Koresian.

Home Blessings

The pious Armenian tradition of home blessing is a way of having the light of Christ into every individual household. The Rite of Home Blessing is a very meaningful tradition and ancient practice of the Armenian Church. It is customary to have the pastor make home visitations for "***Doon-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>.

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

Tuesday, May 11..... Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 16.....Women's Guild Meeting – following Fellowship Hour

..... ACYOA Seniors Meeting – following Fellowship Hour

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

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

Friday, June 4.....2010 Game Night - 6pm to 10 pm
Sunday, June 13.....Closing of Sunday School Year – Children’s Sermon
Thursday, June 17.....Catechism - Secret (Private) Prayers of the Priest

Church Attendance May 2: 70