

Sunday School

Opening Day Classes included returning students as well as new students. Registration will continue today, so we ask parents to make sure to register their children. The Sunday School Staff is prepared to educate our young people with Armenian religion and culture along with arts and crafts for the new school year. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach or to be a substitute teacher, please contact Mary Kazarian, Sunday School Superintendent.

Women's Guild

Many members of the Women's Guild are looking forward to the Women's Guild Central Council Symposium in Philadelphia on November 6-7, 2009. Included in the weekend activities, is a guided tour of the Arshile Gorky Exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. If anyone is interested in attending this Symposium, please call Ralene Ohanesian at 224-764-2016 for details. The next Guild meeting will be on Friday, October 9th at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome to join and be a part of the Women's Guild.

Bible Study Classes

Bible Study Classes will start on Monday, September 28, 2009 – 8:00 – 9:30 pm. Classes will be led by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian. All are welcome to attend.

Membership Dues for the Year 2009

All registered members of St. Gregory are reminded to pay their 2009 membership dues before the end of the year. Dues are \$125.00 for members 65 and under and \$75 for senior citizens and full-time college students.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Here is your chance to celebrate Armenian Christmas in Jerusalem (January 18 -19 Old Calendar) and meet with *His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem*. An all-inclusive Armenian Christmas Pilgrimage has been organized by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) from Newark, NJ – January 15-24, 2010 – for \$2,300 per person (double occupancy). Space is limited – final registration deadline is November 5, 2009. For additional information, flyers are placed in the church vestibule.

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, Sept. 22 – CHEF CARRIE NAHABEDIAN DAY IN CHICAGO

Sunday, Sept. 27 – Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

Monday, Sept. 28 – Bible Study – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 45th Anniversary of the Consecration of
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church

Sunday, Oct. 25 – Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross
– 50th Anniversary of St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, IL

Church Attendance September 13: 75

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Summer Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10.00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

*First Sunday after the
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross*

Guest Celebrant

Rev. Fr. Hrach Sarkisyan

St. John's Church of Greater Detroit

September 20, 2009

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians – 10:18-11:10 – Page 168</i> <i>The Gospel According to Mark – 10:1-1:12 – Page 42</i>
Readers:	Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeter:	Harry Paloian and 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

We rejoice in having you with us today worshipping the Lord together as we continue to celebrate the feasts of the Cross. The Cross is the most sacred symbol of Christianity. When reflecting upon the significance and importance of the Cross, let us acknowledge that the cross is a symbol of God's love. Christ died on the cross to unite us sinners with God. He allowed His body to be nailed to the cross and died so that we would have eternal life. As Armenian Christians we should renew our dedication to Christ for His great sacrifice and never forget the powerful meaning of the Cross.

Guest Celebrant

We welcome our Guest Celebrant, *Rev. Fr. Hrach Sarkisyan*, who is young intern from Armenia based out of St. John's Church of Greater Detroit, Southfield, MI.

Fellowship Hour

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the *Fellowship Hour hosted by Diane Abezetian on behalf of the Women's Guild.*

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are presented to the glory of God in celebration of *Harry Paloian's 75th Birthday* by Shirley Paloian. *Happy 75th Harry!*

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>Anthony Acquarulo</i>	<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Fr. Vahram Hazarian</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Fran Annoreno</i>	<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Jim Bottala</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Harry Seraydarian</i>
<i>Yn. Patricia Dagley, OH</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Sister Janet</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Levon Demerdjian</i>	<i>Harry Paloian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Pam Vilches</i>

Get Well

Let us also offer our prayers for the good health of the following parishioners:

Betty Alberts, WI

David Alloian, Waukegan, IL

Mary Sommese who is hospitalized at Our Lady of Resurrection Med. Ctr., Chicago, IL.

Prayer Request

For those wishing to request special prayers or to enter a loved one's name on the prayer list, please call the church office by Thursday of that week.

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family of *Levon Bayindiryan* who died on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Funeral Services were held at St. James Armenian Church, Evanston, officiated by Rev. Fr. Paren Galustyan. Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. May his soul rest in eternal peace and may the Holy Spirit send His healing comfort to the bereaved.

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»ՕՅՍ շօ՛րհմանում (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

"The Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to *Mary Kazarian* for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the "Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the month of **September in loving memory of deceased members of the Kazarian & Arakelian Families.**

45th Anniversary

We will be celebrating *the 45th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Gregory* on Sunday, October 18, 2009 following church services. On this joyous occasion, we are pleased to have an "Autumn Luncheon" prepared by **Carrie & Michael Nahabedian of NAHA RESTAURANT.** Details are in the mail.

CARRIE NAHABEDIAN DAY

It will be a day of celebration! The Chicago Culinary Museum and Chefs Hall of Fame are honoring *Carrie Nahabedian, Chef Proprietor of NAHA Restaurant, as the 2009 inductee into the Chefs Hall of Fame on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at the Union League Club.* **Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago is proclaiming this day to be**

CHEF CARRIE NAHABEDIAN DAY IN CHICAGO

and encourages all Chicagoans to recognize her culinary skills and contributions by making our city as one of the world's premiere dining destinations.