

Bible Study

Bible Study 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 make sure their 2009 membership dues are paid 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

This 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

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| Monday, Sept. 28 | – Bible Study – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 29 | – Nairi Choir Meeting – 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 9 | – Women’s Guild Meeting – 7:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 10 | – Women’s Guild “Hye Tea” – 12:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, Oct. 11 | – Sunday School Fall Harvest
– Children’s Sermon |
| Monday, Oct. 12 | – Bible Study – 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | – Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, Oct. 18 | – 45th Anniversary of the Consecration of
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church |
| Thursday, Oct. 22 | – Catechism - 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, Oct. 25 | – Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross
– 50 th Anniversary of St. George Armenian Church,
Waukegan, IL |
| Monday, Oct. 26 | – Bible Study – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. |

Church Attendance September 20: 55

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Summer Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10.00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Pastor
September 27, 2009

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Second Letter of Paul to the Galatians – 6:14-18 – Page 174</i> <i>The Gospel According to Mathew – 24-30-36 – Page 24</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. Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak which refers to an event that took place in the 3rd century when the nun Hripsime buried a piece of the cross on Mt. Varak in historic Armenia protecting it from the soldiers of Emperor Constantine who were pursuing her. Centuries later, a monk by the name of Todik saw a vision of a church with 12 pillars on the top of Mt. Varak. He saw in the center of the pillars a cross radiating light all around it. This luminous vision descended and stood over the altar of the monastery of Varak, hence the name, the Cross of Varak. This feast is a constant reminder of Our Lord's Sacrifice for our sake. May we be worthy and true follows of the Lord by committing ourselves to attend Badarak regularly and to attend Bible Study to comprehend the true meaning of the cross and what it stands for.

Fellowship Hour

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

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are presented to the glory of God in memory of -

- Charles Moody Hagopian, (4th year anniversary) by Mary Hagopian & Family

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:

Anthony Acquarulo

Betty Alberts

David Alloian

Virginia Andrews

Fran Annoreno

Julie Ashikian, CT

Jim Bottala

Margaret Cholakian, CA

Yn. Patricia Dagley, OH

Eleanor Chavarrio

Agnes Eghoian

Jacob Hagopian

Fr. Vahram Hazarian

Shnorik Hitik

George Kazarian

Grace Klujian

Benjamin Manoyan

Jack Najarian Mendell, CA

Virginia Nazlaian

Harry Paloian

Heghna (Helen) Paloian

Marilyn Reibel

Tracy Russo

Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian

Alyce Schaffer

Lisa Schaffer

Harry Seraydarian

Sister Janet

Mary Sommese

Sam Sommese

Julie Tarpinian

Pam Vilches

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.

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 – Ø»Õ³Ū ²ëĩáóĺáŪ (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

The *45th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Gregory* will be held 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.** Adults: \$25.00 – Children: \$12.00 Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Dorothy Koresian, 773-774-3269 or Pauline Nahabedian, 847-967-5649.

Sunday School

Sunday School is off to a great start. Registration will continue today; so parents who have not registered their children are asked to do so today. St. Gregory's Sunday School offers a program of Armenian religion, cultural events along with arts and crafts. The school is staffed by volunteers from our parish – Guy Adami, Kenarr Chiodo, Charles Demirjian, Talin Hitik and Edie Johns. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach or to be a substitute teacher, please contact Mary Kazarian, Sunday School Superintendent.

The Sunday School "Fall Festival" will take place on Sunday, October 10, 2009. The staff is promising an afternoon of fun and games along with good food and treats for the children.

Women's Guild

Several members of the Women's Guild will be attending the Women's Guild Central Council Symposium in Philadelphia on November 6-7, 2009. They are looking forward to a great weekend which includes 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 Guild will resume with their first meeting of the new year on Friday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. Many new events are being put together for a successful year. Guild members, who have not paid their 2009 dues, are asked to bring them to the meeting. An open invitation is extended to all women in our community to attend scheduled meetings and to be a part of the Women's Guild.