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Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

*Krisdos Haryav ee Merrelotz!
Christ is risen from the dead!*

*Orhnyal eh Harootiunn Krisdosee!
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!*

Lections: Acts 1:15-26 – Page 108 Mark 16:2-8 – Page 50
Readers: Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeter: Gregory Tootooian
Church Schedule: Morning Service – 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

We bring attention to our parishioners that it is most inappropriate to enter the Sanctuary during:

- Reading of 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 rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Our spiritual journey during this special season of the year, which began on Poon Paregentan, ends today on this Easter Sunday – the feast of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us heartily join together to celebrate and rejoice. Following the sermon, please join in the procession downstairs to our refurbished hall for the traditional Armenian Home Blessing. Also, join in the Fellowship Hour with a friendly competition of egg-cracking and delectable bakery items for sale hosted by the Women's Guild.

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 ill at home, in a hospital or nursing home. Let us continue with our prayers for:

Fran Annoreno

Julie Ashikian

Jim Bottala

Margaret Cholakian, CA

Eleanor Chavarrio

Yn. Patricia Dagley

Agnes Eghoian

Edward Fromm

Jacob Hagopian

Fr. Vahram Hazarian

George Kazarian

Grace Klujian

Dorothy Koresian

Benjamin Manoyan

Josh Najarian Mendell, CA

Virginia Nazlaian

Raelene Ohanesian

Harry Paloian

Tracy Russo

Lisa Schaffer

Alyce Schaffer

Harry Seraydarian

Sister Janet

Sam Sommese

Julie Tarpinian

Doug Zoerhoff

Prayer Requests

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

The Nicene Creed

Together, we shall recite the Nicene Creed (The Profession of our Faith) on Pages 18-19 of the Divine Liturgy book placed in the pews.

Kiss of Peace (Page 26-27 of the Divine Liturgy Book)

The person giving the greeting says: The person receiving the greeting responds:
Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav. **Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee.**
(Christ is revealed among us.) (Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

Confession and Communion

All faithful members of the Armenian Church should consider it a spiritual **MUST** to have confession and receive Communion for the Feast of Resurrection. Those who will receive Holy Communion are asked to remain in their pews and together read the "Confession and Absolution" on Page 48 of the Divine Liturgy Book. When taking Communion, make the sign of the cross and say:

I have sinned against God – Ք»ՕՅՄ ԶԵՐԱՕԼԱՍ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

Care, Maintenance and Cost of the "Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to *M/M Paul M. Aznavoorian* for taking responsibility for the cost of keeping the "Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the month of April.

Baptism

Our congratulations to **Sam Haroutiun Malak** on his baptism and confirmation on Saturday, April 11, 2009

Appreciation

Fr. Aren and the Parish Council would like to thank Jirayr Balian for his help in preparing the Holy Altar for Palm Sunday; Mark Berberian for his help preparing the Holy Altar for the Feet Washing Service; Talin Hazarian for decorating the flowers on Christ's Tomb and to Jirayr Balian, Mark Berberian and Nora Dulkadir for their help in preparing the Holy Altar for Easter .

Special Choir Plate Collection

Today, the first collection plate which will be passed during the *Diptyches* ("Arakelots....Page 36,) will be for the **Nairi Choir** of our Church.

Memorial Day of Easter (Merelotz)

Requests for Requiem Service for loved ones will be fulfilled on Monday, April 13th the day for the remembrance of the dead. Please give the full name of the person(s) you wish to have remembered on the sign-up sheet placed in the vestibule.

Holy Week Donations

The Pastor and Parish Council wish to thank all who so kindly and generously donated Palms, Flowers for the Altar, and Tomb of Jesus, Candles/ Incense/ Charcoal and Lily Plants to decorate the church for Holy Week (see enclosed insert) All those who made donations for Lily Plants may take them home after services.

Colored Easter Eggs

Fr. Aren and the Women's Guild wish to thank all who donated Easter Eggs for the *Havgutakhagh*. They are beautifully colored and are for sale. Of all the symbols associated with Easter, the egg the symbol of fertility and new life is the most identifiable.

34th Annual Armenian Fest

The support and help of all who are able to give of their time is needed for the 34th Annual Armenian Fest, which will be held on August 15-16, 2009. The next meeting will be held on April 21st at 8:00 p.m. Chairpersons of this year's Fest, Craig Koresian and Armen Zakarian expect all to be present at the meeting.

Daughters of Vartan Fundraiser

Mark your Calendars! On Sunday, April 19th following church services, you are invited to attend a Soup Kitchen Fundraiser. Suggested Donation: Adults \$10.00 – Children under 10 \$5.00

Instructed Divine Liturgy

Not to be missed! For the first time, you will be presented with an opportunity to understand more fully the meaning of *Badarak*, the Divine Liturgy, as it is celebrated every week. Fr. Aren will celebrate an instructed Divine Liturgy with narrations of each major portion of the service in English. To gain the fullest benefit from this service, please arrive for the beginning of *Badarak* at **10:30 am sharp** when the first of four narrations will start.

Summer Camp

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 1-8 – 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>.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) is planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from New York, July 24 to August 2, 2009. For complete information, flyers are placed in the church vestibule.

When the Need Arises – Get in Touch with the Church Office

Before making any preparation, in choosing a date and time for Weddings and Baptisms, please, be sure to contact Fr. Aren or the Church Office. 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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| Thursday, April 16 | - Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, April 19 | - Instructed Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. Sharp! |
| | - Daughters of Vartan – Soup Kitchen Fundraiser |
| Tuesday, April 21 | - 34 th Annual Armenian Fest Meeting – 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday, April 24 | - 94 th Commemoration of Martyrs Day –
Host: St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church,
Chicago, IL |
| Sunday, April 26 | - Divine Liturgy - Martyrs Day and Blessing of Madagh |
| Sunday, May 10 | - Mother's Day Brunch |
| Thursday, May 14 | - Women's Guild Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |

April 5 Attendance: 110