

**St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church**

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***Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009***

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***Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor***

<b><u>Lections</u></b>	Letter of Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7 - Pages 180-181
	The Gospel According to Matthew 20:29 – 21:17 - Page 20
	Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Gregory Tootooian
<b>Church Schedule: Morning Service – 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.</b>	

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

You are to wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the sanctuary.

**Welcome to Parishioners and Friends**

On this joyous Palm Sunday, we happily welcome each worshipper. As we emerge from the long penitential period of Great Lent, we now begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday, commemorating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a colt (Matthew 21:1-11) over 2000 years ago. The multitudes of the city came out to welcome Him waving palms and olive branches and spreading their cloaks and branches in front of the colt as it passed before them and cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Blessed palms will be distributed to the congregation leading to a procession outside the front door.

**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	Fr. Vahram Hazarian	Tracy Russo
Julie Ashikian	George Kazarian	Lisa Schaffer
Jim Bottala	Grace Klujian	Alyce Schaffer
Margaret Cholakian, CA	Dorothy Koresian	Harry Seraydarian
Eleanor Chavarrio	Benjamin Manoyan	Sister Janet
Yn. Patricia Dagley	Josh Najarian Mendell, CA	Sam Sommese
Agnes Eghoian	Virginia Nazlaian	Julie Tarpinian
Edward Fromm	Raelene Ohanesian	Doug Zoerhoff
Jacob Hagopian	Harry Paloian	

**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.

### **Donation of Altar Flowers/Palms/Candles**

See insert listing donors.

### **Altar Curtains Closed**

During the period of Great Lent, the Altar Curtain of the Sanctuary is closed and opened

again after the “Opening of the Door” (Trunpatzek) Service. Fr. Aren and the faithful will return to church following the Palm Sunday Luncheon for this brief but very impressive service offering their prayers for entry once again into God’s glorious Kingdom. Then the Altar Curtain is again closed for Holy Week and reopened on Easter Eve when the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection is proclaimed:

**“KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELTZ.”**

### **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.

### **Confession and Communion**

Those who wish to 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. Ladies must have a head covering when approaching the Holy Altar.

### **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.**

(Christ is revealed among us.)

**Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee.**

(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

### **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.

### **Women’s Guild Palm Sunday Luncheon**

Following church services, the Women’s Guild cordially invite you to attend their Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon. Adults \$20.00 – Children \$5.00. A mini bake sale will be held on Easter Sunday, April 15, 2009.

### **Sunday School**

This is a reminder to all parents and Sunday School students that regularly scheduled classes will not meet on Easter Sunday; instead all will worship in church as a family.

Please, let us open our hearts and donate to the 2009 Sunday School Lenten Drive that will benefit two important causes. 1. Project Smile – 2. Anti-Malaria Bed Nets.

### **34th Annual Armenian Fest**

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

### **Memorial Day of Easter (Merrelotz)**

Requiem Service will not be offered during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday. Requests for Requiem Service for loved ones will be fulfilled on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Daughters of Vartan Fundraiser**

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

### **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. The pilgrimage will be led by Rev. Fr. Mardiros

Chevian, dean of St. Vartan Cathedral, New York, NY. All young adults, ages 18 to 28, are invited to join this unique pilgrimage. Guided tours will include Jerusalem, the Armenian Patriarchate, Jericho, The Jordan River, Nazareth and Cana, Gethsemane, The Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, *and* Celebrate the Feast of The Transfiguration / *Vartavar*. Space is limited, so start planning to see the land of our Lord and walk in His footsteps for a journey you will not forget. If interested, please call Fr. Mardiros Chevian at (212) 686-0710 ext. 153 or Nadia Charchyan at (863) 648-0383 ext. 287. **SIGN UP BY MAY 22.**

### **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. Dajad. 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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| <b>Sunday, April 19</b>  | - <b>Instructed Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. Sharp!</b><br>- <b>Daughters of Vartan – Soup Kitchen Fundraiser</b>                                  |
| <b>Tuesday, April 21</b> | - <b>34<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Fest Meeting – 8:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Friday, April 24</b>  | - <b>94<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Martyrs Day –</b><br><b>Host: St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church,</b><br><b>Chicago. IL</b> |
| <b>Sunday, April 26</b>  | - <b>Divine Liturgy - Martyrs Day and Blessing of Madagh</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, May 10</b>    | - <b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, May 14</b>  | - <b>Women's Guild Meeting – 7:00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, June 14</b>   | - <b>Father's Day Brunch</b>   |

**March 29 Attendance: 39**

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE  
2009

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian  
Celebrant

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

*Triumphant Entry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem*

Morning Service

10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m.

Following Services, Palm Sunday Luncheon will be hosted  
by the Women's Guild

12:30

p.m.

Service of Opening of the Doors "*Trunpatzek*."

2:30 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Service of "Remembrance of the Ten Virgins"

7:00

p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

*Remembrance of the Last Supper and Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

Divine Liturgy (Remembrance of the Last Supper)

10:00

a.m.

Washing of the Feet "*Vodunluva*"

7:00 p.m.

Service of Darkness "*Khavaroom*" (Betrayal and Passion of our Lord)

8:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

*Remembrance of the Crucifixion and Burial of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

The Church will be open from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. for  
Prayer and Contemplation.

12:00

Noon

Commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion '*Khachelootiun*'  
and Burial "*Tagboom*"

Service of Commemoration of Christ's Burial "*Tagboom*"

7:00

p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER EVE "Jurakalouytz" APRIL 11

Traditional Armenian Easter Eve Scripture Readings

6:00 p.m.

Easter Eve Divine Liturgy "*Jurakalouytz*"

6:45 p.m.

Following Services, Light refreshment will be served by the Women's Guild

**FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Morning Service

10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m.

Following Services, Festive Home Blessing

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

Remembrance of the Dead "*Merrelotz*"

Requiem Service - "*Hokebankisd*"

11:00 a.m.