

Please remember to bring in your donation of dry goods (cereal, pasta, etc.) and canned goods and toiletries to support the **St. Cyprian's Food Pantry** for the Christmas holidays. This year the Food Drive is sponsored by the ACYOA Seniors and their **cut-off date is Wednesday December, 16, 2009**. Tables are set up in the large hall for your donation. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "St. Cyprian's Food Pantry" and drop it in the mailbox just outside the Church Office. Let us show our giving through the Christmas season by helping others.

**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 – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

***Calendar of Events***

- Monday, December 14** – Bible Study – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 15** – Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 20** – Women's Guild Monthly Meeting – Cookie Exchange
- Tuesday, December 29** – Annual Armenian Winter Party Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

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- Sunday, January 10** – Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner
- Saturday, January 16** – First Annual Winter Party 2010
- Sunday, January 31** – Annual Parish Assembly
- Saturday, February 13** – Poon Parigentan Dance

**Church Attendance December 6: 65**

**ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH**

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**Worship Hours**

**Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.**

**Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian**

**Pastor**

**December 13, 2009**

<b><u>Lections:</u></b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-14</i> – Page 196 <i>The Gospel According to Luke 17:1-10</i> – Page 73
<b><u>Readers:</u></b>	<b>Epistle: Arnold Koresian</b> <b>Gospel: Michelle Babikian</b>
<b><u>Greeter:</u></b>	<b>Harry Paloian and Gregory Tootooian</b>

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 on this *fourth Sunday of Advent* which is within the 50-day period prior to Christmas. We have faith in that all parishioners are preparing themselves for the great event by fasting, prayer, scripture reading and most of all church attendance – all intended to help us understand the full meaning of Christ’s coming into the world and in our hearts.

### **Hokehankisd – Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

- Charles, Shnorik & Anita Cholakian, Armav, Moore, Betty, Ovagheim & Michael Fundukian, Joseph Finkiewicz and Elsie San Filip, requested by Jack and Glenna Cholakian.
- Vartan & Saroog Paloian, requested by Martin & Garabet Paloian, Margaret Sarkesian and their families.
- Misak, Elizabeth & Michael Sarkesian, requested by Hugo & Margaret Sarkesian.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the Fellowship Hour *hosted by Glenna & Jack Cholakian, Hugo and Marge Sarkesian and the Paloian Families* in memory of their loved ones.

The *Panther Family* will also participate in hosting the Fellowship Hour celebrating *Alisha’s 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday*. “Happy Birthday” from your immediate & church 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:

<i>Anthony Acquarulo</i>	<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Betty Alberts</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>David Alloian</i>	<i>Takouhi Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Harry Seraydarian</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Jack Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Harry Paloian</i>	<i>Hovsep Utas</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Pam Vilches</i>
<i>Fr. Vahram Hazarian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	<i>Jerry Wiesdorf</i>
		<i>Nancy Weiss</i>

### **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:

**Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav**  
(Christ is revealed among us.)

The person receiving the greeting responds.

**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»Ö³Ü ²ëiáóíáÛ (Megha Asdoodzo)**

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

### **“The Light of St. Gregory”**

Our thanks to **Hugo & Margaret Sarkesian** for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the “Light of St. Gregory” illuminated for the month of *December in memory of Jacob, Michael & Glenn Paloian and Michel Sarkesian*.

### **Children’s Sermon**

It’s Fr. Aren’s last Children’s Sermon for 2009! Today the children will take an active role in the ceremonial activities of the Divine Liturgy which includes, reading of the lections, serving on the altar, singing with the choir, passing the collection plates and distributing mas. Each month, several of the service assignments will rotate to allow all children the opportunity to participate. This Sunday, in addition to their lessons, the children will create ornaments and add to the decorations on the Christmas tree in the church hall.

### **Women’s Guild**

The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with a COOKIE EXCHANGE. All participants are to bring 4 dozen cookies of one sort and return home with an assortment of 4 dozen cookies – by exchanging. Any questions, call Raelene Ohanesian – 563-505-0534. All women of the church are invited to attend Guild meetings and participate in the programs offered.

### **Bible Study**

The next Bible Study is scheduled for *Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.* Classes are led by **Fr. Aren Jebejian**. All are welcome to attend.

### **Winter Party Meeting**

All is going well for the **Armenian Winter Party 2009**. It promises to be a family fun night for all. Mark your calendar and join us for the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We need volunteers to help with various aspects of the event so if you haven’t participated before, we kindly ask that you do so now!

### **Membership Dues for the Year 2009**

In order to be eligible to be a voting member of the Annual Parish Assembly of 2010 of our church, the 2009 membership dues of all registered members of St. Gregory must be paid by December 31, 2009. New members must register and pay their dues by June 30, 2010. Dues are \$125.00 for members 65 and under and \$75 for senior citizens and full-time college students.

### **Nairi Choir Gift and Booktique**

You don’t have to go very far to find a gift for *any* occasion. Our **Booktique** has it all. Whether it’s a CD, cassette, video, music tapes, and books for young and old as well as beautiful assorted gifts. The **Booktique** is open every Sunday following church services in the large hall.

### **St. Cyprian’s Food Pantry**