

Nairi Choir Gift and Booktique

This is your last chance to get that special gift you need, and what's good about it is, that you don't have to go very far to get it. 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 today and every Sunday following church services in the large hall.

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry

All items for the Food Pantry will be picked up tomorrow. If you would like 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. We thank all parishioners who helped needy families to have a Merry Christmas.

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 by telephone (773-457-4122) and will not hold office hours.

Calendar of Events

- Friday, December 25** – Western Christmas Day – Office closed
- Sunday, December 27** – Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, December 29** – Annual Armenian Winter Party Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 2010**
- Tuesday, January 5** – Eve of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Wednesday, January 6** – Armenian Christmas Day - Feast of the Nativity and Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Sunday, January 10** – Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ
– Sunday School Christmas Pageant
– Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner
- Monday, January 11** – Remembrance of the Deceased "Merelotz"
- Saturday, January 16** – First Annual Winter Party 2010
- Saturday, January 30** – Regional Sunday School Teachers Conference
- Sunday, January 31** – Annual Parish Assembly
- Saturday, February 13** – Poon Parigentan Dance

Church Attendance December 13: 68

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Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday Of ADVENT

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Pastor
December 20, 2009

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Letter to the Hebrews 4:16 5:10</i> – Pages 197-198 <i>The Gospel According to Luke 15:9-14</i> – Page 74
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 gladly welcome all worshippers on this *Fifth Sunday of Advent* which still falls within the 50-day period prior to Christmas. During this period of Advent, let us continue to spiritually prepare ourselves with fasting, prayer, scripture reading and 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

Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will be offered this morning for the repose of souls for:

- *Garabed Bicakci*
- *Krikor Isiktel*
- *Sarkis Isiktel*

requested by Vartouhi Manoyan and Margarite Bicakci

Fellowship Hour

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the Fellowship Hour *hosted by Vartouhi Manoyan and Margarite Bicakci in memory of their loved ones.*

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers adorning the altar today are donated to the glory of God by *Cathy George* in honor of her husband, *Parris A. George*, receiving his Bachelor’s Degree from Lewis University on Sunday, December 20, 2009.

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 Walsdorf</i>
		<i>Nancy Weiss</i>

Special Prayers

Our prayers are requested by Mary Hagopian for the good health of her neighbor Jerry Walsdorf.

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	Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee
(Christ is revealed among us.)	(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 – Ք»ՕՅՄ շօյնո՞ւնն իմ (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.*

Announcement

Our congratulations to Parris A. George upon receiving a Bachelor’s Degree from Lewis University with honors on Sunday, December 20, 2009.

Women’s Guild

Today, following the Fellowship Hour, the Women’s Guild will meet for their monthly meeting and will participate in a *Christmas Cookie Exchange.*

All women of the church are invited to attend Guild meetings and participate in the programs offered.

ACYOA Senior Meeting

Following the Fellowship Hour, the ACYOA Seniors will hold their monthly meeting.

Winter Party Meeting

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next meeting of the Armenian Winter Party 2009 which will be held on Tuesday, December 29th at 7:30 p.m. This event promises to be a family fun night for all. Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the event, so sign up today.

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.

Through this Christmas card the following extend the good news of Christ's birth to members of the St. Gregory family of worshippers. May the New Year and Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts With joy and grant peace, love and blessings to each one of us.

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

St. Gregory Sunday School Students and Staff

Charlotte Markarian Bader

Philip and Mary Battle, Cary, N. C.

Kay Berberian

Nick, Nancy & Mark Berberian

Mike & Sandy Bower

Jack & Glenna Cholakian

Annette & Chuck Frankian

Ray & Rita Gallivan

Jacob & Louis Hagopian

Ida C. Hesotian

Robert & Victoria Kaprelian

Rhonda Kodjayan

Craig Koresian

Violet Koresian

Charles & Janet Paloian

Harry & Shirley Paloian

Marty & Geri Paloian

Alyce, Bert, Lisa & Michael Schaffer

Lincoln and Grace Tamraz

Rose Tootooian

Michael Tootooian

Gregory Tootooian

Agnes Vartabedian

Armen & Linda Zakarian

